

Lake Sumter Central Office Representative Committee
Minutes of the Representative Committee
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
6:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

Cottom Plaza
2113 Citrus Blvd (Hwy 27/441)
Suite A
Leesburg, FL 34748
Zoom Meeting ID: 828 5511 5636 Password: 560854

Present at Meeting:

Rhonda (Chairperson)
Rusty (Vice Chair)
Jeanne (Secretary)
Jim L.(Member at Large)
Ted F (No Name Big Book)
Mark (Treasurer)
Thom W (Serentiy Seekers)
Chad (Primary Purpose)
John O.
Teresa
Jim O.
Deb
Lisa (Corrections)
Jim (Corrections)
Paul (Happy Hour)
Lynn (Step Sisters)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There was a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Chairperson thanked everyone who showed up to support the Lake Sumter Central Office.

I. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 11, 2025, Representatives Committee meeting were read.

Motion: To accept the minutes of June 11, 2025, Representatives Committee by Jim, seconded by Rhonda.

Action: Approved unanimously.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark reported on the income and expenses from the bank accounts for the month of June 2025. The cost of the utilities was normal. The computer costs were high due to the cost of Host Gator, who does the website. We were down about \$3,500 for the month due to the double hit of the

rent, the Host Gator and the Masquerade Ball costs. Someone asked why we have so much money in the accounts. The \$34,000 came from the Prudent Reserve Account which was the Vanguard Account. The \$34,000 was 6 months of operating expenses. The \$34,000 will be put in CDs as an investment. The rent was paid twice due to auto pay so June and July were paid for. The new rent will be \$1,275 for the month of August.

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report upon audit by Rusty, seconded by Thom.

Action: Approved unanimously.

III. OFFICE REPORT

Office Report – Russ – no report

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Our rent is going up August 1st to \$1,275 and in January 2026, we must sign a lease, and the rent will go up 3%.
2. We need front desk help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 10-2pm. Rusty will help on Tuesdays from 10-2pm.
3. September is the Board members election: Jim will be Vice Chair, Jeanne will be Secretary, Andy will be Treasurer, Alicia and Kathy will both be Member's at Large. We need one more person to be a Member at Large.
4. Rusty asked for a job description for Member At Large. The sobriety requirement is 2 years for the position. Rhonda will work on the job descriptions. August will be the nominations, and September will be the voting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rhonda has put all reports and minutes on the website.
2. Rhonda passed out the Inter Group pamphlets. These pamphlets describe what duties are going on at Inter Group. We still need reps for more groups. If you have changes in your information, please let the Inter Group know.

VI. COMMITTEES

- **EVENTS:** The tickets for the Masquerade Ball are \$25 each. Teresa has bundles of 10 tickets for us to sell for the Ball. You need 8 people to purchase tickets to reserve a table. The Step Workshop 6,7,8,9 is still a go on July 12th. The next event will be the Christmas Gala.
- **MERCHANDISE:** No Report
- **NEWSLETTER:** Teresa has an article in the Newsletter about the declining membership in AA. She has a lot of information for this newsletter. Teresa would like us to send her any information we would like to share such as our story, send a joke, send a poem, etc.
- **HOT LINE:** Ted – Finally has the new book out for volunteers for the Hotline. It has a map on it to show the geographical areas for the 12-step zones. The book has all the instructions for any calls. Ted has new cards just to put out to doctors' offices and anyone who could use them. Right now, there are 12 people who are on the Hot line. We have 2 openings for the Hot line - Monday and Thursday daytime 8:00 am – 8:00pm. We would like to have the Hot-Line phone number advertised better on the website.

- **GROUP LIASON:** Bernie – Is retiring from this job. If anyone wants to go to different meetings to connect with the contact people for each group, please let us know. Usually, it's the treasurer who is used as a contact number because of the tremendous turnover of people who run the meetings. It's easy and fun to be the Group Liaison.
- **WEBSITE:** Rhonda has been doing the technology.
- **CORRECTIONS:** Lisa reported that we had 220 inmates (men/women) that met last month in Tavares and Sumter. We need more volunteers for the Correctional Facilities. Tavares had a lockdown on June 27th so there was no meeting. A suggestion was made that if you send the Pink can around with the regular collection basket, we tend to get more money. The June donations were \$789 from 6 groups which is not many groups. Our expenses were \$287.00, and our closing balance was \$4,633. We are having a corrections meeting with all the leads on August 7th. Jim (the key lead for Tavares Corrections) reported that they have been trying to get into the Coleman Corrections center for 2 years and finally got into it last week. We had 16 guys attend the meeting and it went well. Because it's required to have an escort to get us into the facility it's been hard to get in the Center's. We are still trying to get into medium- security and maximum-security areas. Right now, we're trying to get into the Florida State Penitentiary facility.

Motion: To adjourn by Ted, seconded by Jim at 7:00 pm.

Action: Approved unanimously.

The next Hybrid SC meeting will be held Wednesday, August 13, at 6:30pm (on Zoom & at the Office).