

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 9th, 2023

Declaration of Unity: This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives; and the lives of those to come.

The meeting began promptly at 6:15 P.M.

Attendees: 29

New Reps:

- Lynn- In Love and Service
- Jonathan- Days End Group
- Chad- Days End Group

Chairperson: Libby B. Intergroup Chair Report for 08/09/2023 Hello all, and thank you for allowing me to serve as your chair person. The annual Intergroup Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 14th. Cyndi and Tracy will have more information on this, please bring this back to your groups to promote! We still have open committee chair positions: Public Information and 12-Step committee. Thank you to Niko for including this in the Today! While the 12-Step committee is supported by Mike and the Phone Volunteer committee, we would love to see all positions filled. The 12-step committee position has gone unfilled for several years now, and could use growth. We are in a new age of 12-stepping, where there are many more tools and teams available for collaboration. Connections to other committees could really strengthen outreach. The Public Information position would benefit greatly from someone who is passionate about reaching out to the community and ensuring AA's presence in the world while following the 11th tradition. The attraction to this program for me was exemplified in the way those around me lived the principles of AA in their everyday life, and the Public Information position is a great opportunity to strengthen awareness of this way of life. Libby B.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. -A FEW WORDS – CYNDI M. **Annual InterGroup Picnic** to be held Saturday, October 14th at Okeeheelee Park off Forest Hill Blvd. in West Palm Beach. 11:00 am til 4:00 pm. Event is free. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs / Water & Soda Provided. Please feel free to bring your signature side dish or dessert. More information to follow at next meeting. Tickets are now available for the **Gratitude Dinner** to be held on Saturday, October 21st at the St. Catherine's Church Banquet Hall located at 110 Southern Blvd. in WPB. Doors open at 5 pm. The cost is \$45/each. You may purchase a table of 8 at the total cost of \$400. Please reach out to Sean H. #646-376-9788 for table availability. Tracy and myself will have tickets to purchase. Must be purchased by cash or check. Dinner catered by Carmines, there will be Raffles, Bookmarks for sale as well as several Speakers. Beautiful get-together to celebrate sobriety. Please request your Group to consider donating to this special event. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, the ticket cost will not cover all expenses to hold this event. Rob Ball, Chairman of the PBC Gratitude Dinner is available to meet with your Group at one of your Business Meetings if so desired.

Treasurer, Heather K. Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. The net revenue for July was \$7,760.87 and the total expenses were \$7,399.78, resulting in a net surplus of \$361.09. Group contributions were more than the prior month at \$5,890.99. The opening balance for checking was \$16,008.48 and we closed with \$20,199.21. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,653.85

which includes \$.17 of interest. We wish to thank the Groups and AA members of Palm Beach County for their generous support. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Heather – PBC Intergroup Treasurer

Secretary, Cecilia B.- Please continue to send digital reports! If you are not receiving a REMINDER for your digital report, please let the Secretary know you would like to be added to the list. Please note the email is secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

Registrar, Nancy.- Four new intergroup members joined last month. Please reach out if you are not receiving emails from the Registrar.

Office Manager, Tracy D.- Office Managers Report: Good Evening and Welcome, Intergroup is looking for reliable members for volunteer positions. 1 year of continuous sobriety is requested. Please call the office at 561-655-5700, between 8:45 am and 4:45pm. Picnic time is just around the corner! This is a free event and all are welcome. Please join us October 14th 2023, at Okeeheelee Park. We will be back in the Osceola pavilion across from Shark Park. We ask you bring your favorite goodies to share as Intergroup will be providing Hot Dogs, Burgers and fixings! Along with water and sodas. Fur babies are welcome however must be leashed at ALL times. We are looking for people with vehicles large enough to help with coolers, set up and break down. If you are available, please contact us at 561-655-5700. Intergroup will be closed Monday September 4th, 2023 in honor of Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday September 5th at 8:45am. With Love, Tracy

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray - I recently attended the quarterly meeting in Tampa on July 14 15th and 16th. It was a great time and a lot of fun and very cool. The business meeting was rather short and they passed three motions. The motions dealt with increasing funding for certain positions, restructuring a committee and notifying the body when you're using the AA South Florida area Website that you must notify everyone as to when you're doing so. There was an email survey of the last quarterly and this fact jumped out at me. I learned that the Area is not getting true group conscience, and representation because only 9.1% of the groups are represented by GSR's. Personally, I came away with a couple of really nice gifts. It kind of simplify things for me when we are talking about the 12 12 and 12. Steps, traditions ,concepts. It was simply put this way 12 steps are how we get sober, 12 traditions , how we stay together , 12 concepts, how we do business. I also learned something very interesting about our seventh tradition, thinking it was always about the money I came away with the true principle of the seventh tradition which is participation. Yes, money is part of the seventh tradition, but we need you more than we need your money. Thank you for letting me serve. In love and service Ray

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Noelle –We have Serenity Scramble coming up at Westchester Country Club on September 19th.

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R - Hello District 8, Hope everyone has been having a good summer. To report for the month of August I would like to share that District 8 has received a donation of items to the "vault". I received a handful of speaker tapes, various AA literature, and a variety of other items from a gentleman named Bill who is moving out of state soon and wanted to give them to district 8, as some of the items in there pertain to AA in Palm Beach County. I also recently had a woman reach out to me whose mother recently passed away with 44 years of sobriety, who had a variety of items she would like to donate to District 8 archives. She informed me they were passed on to her mother from her grandmother who was also a member of AA who a long time ago, served in the central office in New York. Some of the items she told me about include letters her a Bill W had written to each other as well as a variety of other things. I will make it a project of mine to go through every item we have received and to log them and give a receipt to the individuals who gave them to us. With love and service, Kevin R

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information, vacant

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H. – Hello Friends, The Intergroup telephone relay still needs volunteers to fill some positions. We have some night shifts available and some backup volunteers would be helpful. It would be appreciated if the group representatives could relay this message to their groups. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. We like to welcome our new volunteers, Gina L, William H, Chad M and Chloe M. Thank You. Yours in service-Mike Herbig

TODAY, Niko - Please send service opportunities, events etc. to nikodoggett@gmail.com.

Birthday Club, Sherry –6 medallions were sent out this past month. Totaling 215 years in sobriety.

Website Committee, Susie- This is the Webmaster's Report for August 2023. My name is Susie. I am still working on the new website, and I hope to have it completed by the end of the month. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

Group Contact Committee, Robyn- No digital report.

Bridging the Gap Committee, Erica- No digital report.

Institutions Committee, Gregg- Greetings, I am an alcoholic named Gregg Backemeyer and I have the privilege to serve on the Institutions Committee. The Institutions Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 3rd (yes, we meet on holidays and holiday weekends). **Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm** followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm. If you have 6 months or more of continuous sobriety and have ever considered picking up an H&I commitment, come check us out! We're always seeking new volunteers 😊 The Committee serves Treatment, Detox, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. **Please spread the word at your groups!** If you have any questions about service with the committee, please reach out to me at your convenience. My phone number is included in my report. You can also email the committee at institutioncommittee@gmail.com. Loving H&I, Gregg Backemeyer Institutions Committee 314-651-2884.

Old Business- Fill committee chair positions

- Public Information- Remained vacant
- 12 Step Committee – Remained vacant

New Business: Group concerned with deficit in Intergroup, was explained that groups donate quarterly and big book expenses from the Intergroup office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM with the Lords Prayer.