

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 12th, 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: 32

New Reps:

- Bob- Comfort Zone
- Julie- Virtual Sunrise Sobriety
- Cindy D.- Cardinal Lane
- Meg- Tiki Hut Beach Group

Chairperson: Libby B. Intergroup Chair Report for 07/12/2023 Hello all, and thank you for allowing me to serve as your chair person. It has been a quiet month, and not much to report in the vein of "new and exciting;" This is partially due to a hold on developing a maintenance plan with the Triangle Club management. The new manager has been addressing personal matters, so the action item list that Tracy and I have been discussing for the Intergroup office will need to await review. Cyndi is gearing up for the Gratitude Dinner and will be telling us more about how to get donations submitted (reminder, these donations will be to cover the expenses of the dinner itself.) We have successfully filled all but two open committee chair positions! Public Information and the 12-Step committee are vacant. The 12-Step committee is supported by Mike and the Phone Volunteer committee at this time, The Public Information position is an incredible opportunity to spread awareness of our Program through presence at health fairs and recovery events. Libby B.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. A few words.. **Palm Beach Gratitude Dinner** is confirmed. Saturday, October 21st at the St. Catherine's Church Banquet Hall located at 110 Southern Blvd. in WPB. Doors open at 5 pm and dinner will be served 6 pm. We will have a MC and Speaker for this awesome event. As previously mentioned, we were unable to secure the venue in November which is Gratitude Month so October 21st will work as an opportunity for all groups in PBC to get together. Flyers are available to take back to your Group. We will have tickets for sale at the August meeting and Tracy will also have some available for purchase as of 8/1/2023. Ticket price is \$45/each. Cash/check only. There has not been a Gratitude Dinner since 2019 and this event has been in existence for the past 57 years. Please know the ticket price will not cover the expenses of the venue, food, renting of tables/chairs, etc. so we need your Group's help. Please request your Group to consider donating to this special event. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Rob Ball, Chairman of the PBC Gratitude Dinner is available to meet with your Group at one of your Business Meetings if so desired. Otherwise, you may bring a check to me made out to PBC Gratitude Dinner to our next InterGroup meeting or mail to address on the flyer. If you are interested in helping on this event, the next Gratitude Dinner Committee Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd at 4 pm in the Small Room at Club Oasis. Anyone can attend if interested in service work. Thanking you in advance for your consideration. **Annual Picnic:** Tracy and I are in the beginning stages of planning the Annual Intergroup Picnic hopefully on October 14th, 2023. More will be revealed as soon as we secure the venue at Okeeheellee Park.

Treasurer, Heather K.

Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition.

The net revenue for June was \$6,023.16 and the total expenses were \$7,167.50, resulting in a net deficit of \$1,144.34. Group contributions were more than the prior month at \$4,269.94. The opening balance for checking was \$13,659.20 and we closed with \$16,008.48. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,653.68 which includes \$.16 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.- No digital report

Office Manager, Tracy D.- Good Evening and Welcome, World is working on a “Young People’s Video Project” and are looking for submissions from A.A. members. This is to carry A.A.’s message to young people in high school and college settings. Share your Experience! Please go to www.aa.org for more information. The General Service office is open for visitors Monday through Friday, from 9am to 3pm. Tours are scheduled at 10am, 11am and 2pm lasting about 45 minutes. On Fridays, GSO hosts an open A.A. meeting at 11am, followed by a guided tour offered after the meeting at 12:15PM. For more info, please go to www.aa.org. Intergroup is gearing up for our yearly picnic on October 14th, 2023. We are hoping for the same pavilion at Okeeheelee Park. (More will be revealed). The kindness and support from our groups throughout the year, is 2nd to none. To show our appreciation, this will be a free event. If your higher power moves you to bring goodies, all the better! We will be serving dogs, burgers, sides and sodas. Please remember, fur babies are welcome but must be leashed at all times. Please remember, Intergroup’ new hours are from 8:45am to 4:45pm, Monday through Friday. Much Love, Tracy

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray Hi, my name is Ray Rodriguez and I am a recovered alcoholic. I am the liaison between North Palm Beach Intergroup, and GSR. last Sunday, there was a delegate’s report, followed by a district 8 business meeting. The delegate reported the following. She had an amazing experience at conference. She met and chatted with each one of our trustees. They are extraordinary people. We worked with several staff members that work at our general service office. As busy as they were, they all enjoyed stopping to talk and getting to know us, we had guests from Mexico, Poland and Peru. I got to read the draft of the plain and simple language translation of the big book up through chapter 6 and I was very impressed with the message. I felt when reading it. It is made clear that this is not intended to replace the big book, and with some suggested edits, we approved the committee to continue with the project at the general service office, we had a language department that works with translations. We have technology and communications department that work works with our digital services and the website as well as communicating with the fellowship. We have a location plus committee that works with the feasibility of possibly moving to general service office last year. The general service office answered about 15,000 calls and almost 30,000 emails, the MeetingGuide app is a huge success with 630,000 users, and a very successful resource to our members. Finances: we are in good shape for the first quarter of this year. Contributions are still strong at 2.5 million and cash flow was sufficient that we did not need to draw from the reserve fund this year. We spent \$500,000 on the development of the Grapevine app, which is expected to launch in September, and generate profits back of 1 million in five years not to worry though the magazine is not going away. We change that we find a great fun subscription liability fund and freed up 573,000 literature sales are over budget at 4.3 million probably two to anticipating the price increase in April and gross profit is over budget and up over the last

year. Total operating expense of 3.7 million which is slightly under budget they have been many factors that contributed to the reporting being difficult to track since Covid and since changing how we do reporting but now the first quarter results look like everything is stabilizing and hit in the right direction. She asked that we please visit our website area15 aa.org for supplemental documents with more details. The district 8 business meeting was status quo and not too much to report. Although I did bring up the gratitude dinner, and that that committee was looking for donations from groups and individuals to keep the cost of the tickets down, I also announced that I was working on an exchange meeting and that I would have for the details next month. Thank you for letting me serve. In love and service, Ray.

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff – No Digital Report

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R - Hello District 8, I am happy to inform everyone that we are still underway in converting speaker tapes from our storage into mp3 files that will be uploaded to the district's website for everyone to be able to listen to. These tapes are of AA members from Palm Beach County who have passed away throughout the years with 20, 30, and even 40 years of sobriety.

Since it is July, it brings to mind in our history of something I enjoyed reading about that took place back in July of 1970 in AA. It was the 4th of July weekend, all those years ago in Miami Beach where the AA 35th anniversary International Convention took place. This was where Bill W's last public appearance was before he passed away roughly 6 months later. This was a sight to see based on information I had read, given by how many people from all over the world had come together for this convention. Here 11,000 members in attendance made a pledge of Unity in 11 different languages at once which was:

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I would also like to give a very special thank you to our treasurer Judy, who was able to straighten out the financial issue we had with the storage unit where district 8 archives items are stored.

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 one Saturday morning shift and some night shifts. It would be appreciated if the group representatives could relay this message to their groups. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. 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 totaling over 151 years of sobriety.

Website Committee, Susie- Anticipated new website through Wordpress should be available in October.

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 it is my 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 August 6nd. **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 to fill our H&I vacancies. 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.

Sober Through Service, Gregg Backemeyer Institutions Committee 314-651-2884

Old Business- Fill committee chair positions

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

New Business: None at the time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM with the Lords Prayer.