

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Wednesday, June 14th, 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: 34**

**New Reps: 6**

- Tommy- Firing Line
- Ed- Happy Hour
- David-Monday Night Men's
- TJW- Hump Day
- Davon- Third Tradition

**Chairperson: Libby B.**

Hello all, and thank you for allowing me to serve as your chair person. I have been meeting with Tracy weekly in order to keep up to date with what's going on around the Intergroup office.

I am also meeting regularly with the new Triangle Club manager, Kathy Romeo, in an effort to stay up to date on the happenings within that world. There is an action item list that Tracy and I have been discussing for the Intergroup office that we're hoping to start addressing in the coming months with the new Triangle Club management.

A humble reminder to please remind your groups of the new Intergroup office hours, 8:45 am - 4:45 pm.

Finally, we still have open committee chair positions open: Public Information, 12-Step committee, and Website. While the 12-Step committee is supported by Mike and the Phone Volunteer committee, and the Website is being maintained, we would love to see all positions filled. The Public Information position in particular is one that we gained a lot of traction with while Deborah held the position, and she stated that the opportunity to spread awareness of our Program through presence at health fairs and recovery symposia, and distribution of relevant AA pamphlets at various other venues has been a singularly rewarding experience.

I am grateful to Deb and Roger for being incredibly supportive and for setting a great example of what it means to uphold the AA Traditions and to be of service. A special thank you also to Cindy, Tracy, Glenn, and Heather for being supportive during this transition. It has truly been a pleasure working with this team, and I look forward to seeing what this new team of officers and committee leads are capable of in the upcoming year.

**Alternate Chair, Cyndi M.** PALM BEACH COUNTY GRATITUDE DINNER, Saturday, October 21, 2023

Palm Beach County will be hosting a Gratitude Dinner on Saturday, October 21st at the St. Catherine's Church Banquet Hall located at 110 Southern Blvd. in WPB.

November is Gratitude Month, but, unfortunately, we were unable to secure the venue on a Saturday during the month of November.

This event is currently in the planning stages and more details will follow in the coming months. Right now, the Gratitude Committee is requesting donations from the PBC AA Groups to help support this event. 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.

Any proceeds from this event are donated to the InterGroup. It was suggested by InterGroup to keep the money they were going to donate and apply it towards this year's event.

Just want to thank everyone who have volunteered for the Committee positions of the PBC InterGroup and know we could not be successful without your participation.

**Treasurer, Heather K.**

Baskets were passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. Please see attachment for full breakdown.

**Secretary, Cecilia B.**

Please continue to send digital reports! I would like to thank Libby for all her help during the transition into this position. 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](mailto:secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

**Registrar, Nancy.**

The May minutes along with the amended minutes were sent out, as were the financials and the Today. The May agenda was disseminated as well. If you are not receiving the information, please email [pbcregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pbcregistrar@gmail.com) to update/confirm your information.

**Office Manager, Tracy D.** Good Evening and Welcome. Intergroup is looking for a Tuesday volunteer from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. If you have 1 year or more, are retired or looking for a way to give back what was so freely given to you, this is your chance! Please contact the office at 561-655-5700.

It's getting pretty close to a World Services order. Please, if you need literature of any kind, get it before the prices go up.

We're in the office Monday through Friday from 8:45am to 4:45pm for your shopping pleasure.

District 8 will be hosting a Founders Day potluck dinner on June 17th, 2023 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

The Finland House is located at 301 W. Central Blvd. Lantana, FL 33462

Please bring a dish to share if you are able and beverages will be available for sale.

Intergroup is still in need of relay volunteers for our phones. If you can spare a few hours from your home, Please contact our office at 561-655-5700.

If you have group changes, times, dates, formats or any other information we need to know.

We Will Not Accept Changes Over The Phone. We have to have it in writing and include your name, phone number, name of the meeting and address. Please email, pbciaa@bellsouth.net. Intergroup will be closed Tuesday July 4th, 2023 and reopen Wednesday July 5th, 2023 at 8:24am. With Love, Tracy D

### **GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Ray**

No Digital Report.

### **North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff**

This is a brief summary of the Intergroup Business Meeting highlighting important information to be shared with your homegroup. All other information will be in the upcoming SCAAN.

The first Intergroup Anniversary celebration "Unity Event" will be held at the Lion's club on Sunday, July 16, 2023. The planning meeting is on June 5th. All are welcome to attend. 2. The new prices for AAWS literature sold at the office goes into effect June 1st. Traditions workshop will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at Central House, 2-4pm. Discussion will be on Traditions 4-7. The District 8 Founder's Day dinner will be held on Saturday, June 17th at the Finland House from 7-10pm. There are open Intergroup committee chair positions. SCAAN and General Service Liaison chairs. If interested come to the next Business meeting. No experience required.

**Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R** - Hello, I'm Kevin and I'm an alcoholic. I am also your new Archives committee chair for district 8. I'm glad to now have the privilege of holding this position and being able to give reports of various projects that district 8 Archives is working on. Also, I'll be able to have the privilege of sharing bits of AA's history with both General Service and Intergroup In District 8. It's my hope and prayer I will do my absolute best in being able to serve in this position, and that it may be an experience of growth and learning in my personal recovery, as well as for those I get the honor of giving my report to.

Currently in Archives, a friend of mine on the committee, Sherwin is working on taking an assortment of speaker tapes from over the years, and converting them to digital mp3 files that will be uploaded onto the archives computer. These are a collection of speaker tapes of many AA old timers here in Palm Beach county who have passed away sober with 30, 40, and even 50 years of sobriety! We plan on having these files uploaded onto the District 8 website for anyone to be able to listen to them share their experience, strength, and hope. It's our hope they may be honored and remembered by others in AA by listening to them share their experience in their alcoholism and their recovery from alcoholism through these recordings.

Given the fact that it is June, we as members of Alcoholics Anonymous get to celebrate our founders day that took place on June 10th 1935. It was on this day that William G. Wilson, a New York stockbroker met Dr. Robert Smith, an Akron Physician. In this first contact that Bill carried a message of recovery to Dr. Bob, it was an event of one drunk helping another that would end up becoming a society of Alcoholic men and women helping each other stay sober by the means of a spiritual and altruistic program of action. Over the years, the fellowship of AA has spread to over 180 countries, that make up more than 123,000 AA groups worldwide.

From what we started as in AA to what we've become 88 years later, to me is an act of providence of a loving God. I know for myself early in my sobriety I felt that no matter what I did to try to stay sober and change my life for the better, it wouldn't make much difference to anyone in my life including myself. Looking back on my experience, I can see many examples over the years that God has used me in many ways that have positively impacted the lives of others. I like to think about how early on Bill W had no idea what him getting sober would do in his life and the lives of others that would come to AA in the years to follow. I take away from this, that I can never doubt the power of God and what his plans for my life could

mean. I know that life in sobriety has taken on real meaning for me to a far greater extent than I've ever know. It brings to mind a quote from Bill many years ago:

"True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the profound desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God."

This month here in district 8 we get to celebrate the founders day of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Finland house on June 17th.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Public Information, vacant**

**Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.** – The Intergroup telephone relay needs volunteers to fill some positions. Most of these are evening and night shifts. It would be appreciated if all group representatives could relay this message to their groups. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700.

**TODAY, Niko** - Please send service opportunities, events etc. to [nikodoggett@gmail.com](mailto:nikodoggett@gmail.com).

**Birthday Club, Sherry** - No digital report

**Website Committee, vacant - Filled by Troy C.** No major updates to report regarding the website. We could use assistance with anyone that knows WordPress or SQL.

**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 July 2nd. 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 word your groups.

If you have any questions about service with the committee, please see me after the meeting or feel free to 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](mailto:institutioncommittee@gmail.com).

### **Old Business-** Fill committee chair positions

- Public Information- Remained vacant
- 12 Step Committee – Remained vacant
- Website Committee – Susie stood for position and passed unanimously by the group.

**New Business:** None at the time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM with the Lords Prayer.