

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 11th 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: 37

New Reps:

- Cathy M.- Step Forward
- Cindy G.- Women Suffer too
- Jannette H.- Good Housekeeping
- Phil W.- Palm Beach Young People
- Mike O.- 3rd Step Expect a Miracle

Chairperson: Libby B. - Hello Everyone, The Advisory Committee as per the bylaws is subject to meeting once a quarter. We discussed a few key items, and minutes from the meeting will be included in this week's distribution. Tracy has raised concerns regarding a mildew issue. The Advisory Committee has voted to schedule an inspection to assess if there are underlying issues that we'll need to take up with our landlord, the Triangle Club. Recently, the Triangle Club underwent a change of management. They're planning a series of repairs throughout the grounds, and the Intergroup building will be included in this process. This includes replacing the front door, repairing portions of the roof, and more items to be provided in detail in the near future. Lastly, there is an Advisory Committee position open. We will discuss this further in New Business.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. - A FEW WORDS – OCTOBER- **Annual Picnic:** Annual Intergroup Picnic scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at Okeehetee Park at the Osceola Pavilion. (Across from Shark Park) 7715 Forest Hill Blvd. in WPB. Event is Free! Food will be served from 12 noon until 2:30 pm. Hot Dog & Hamburgers will be provided by Intergroup as well as Water and Soda. We ask that you bring either your favorite side dish or dessert. Please bring your family to this annual event. You are welcome to bring your dog, but must be on a leash. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! See me or Tracy if you would like to be of service. We are meeting at Intergroup Sat am to pack up everything and drive over to the Park to set up. You can meet us at Intergroup or at the Park to help. **Gratitude Dinner – SOLD OUT!** Event 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. Dinner will be 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 since the ticket cost will not cover all expenses to hold this event. Meetings are held every Sunday at 4 pm at Club Oasis (small room) if you are interested in service work. Any questions, let me know.

Treasurer, Heather K. - *Baskets passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition.* The net revenue for September was \$6,596.07 and the total expenses were \$7,202.63, resulting in a net deficit of \$606.56.

Group contributions were more than the prior month at \$4,910.73. The opening balance for checking was \$16,042.76 and we closed with \$16,353.22. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,654.18 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

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.- Hello, Welcome new intergroup reps. Please make sure to fill out the new intergroup rep form (located in the center of the table).If you are not receiving emails please fill out a new rep form and write LEGIBLE. See you tonight. With love and service, Nancy D

Office Manager, Tracy D- Good Evening and Welcome. It was brought to our attention the “The No Matter What Club” in Jupiter has had to close their doors. We have groups in need of new homes and ask if anyone knows of a space or place willing to help, please let Intergroup know, so we can pass it on to any groups calling for that information. The Intergroup picnic will be this Saturday at Okeeheelee Park, the pavilion is just across from Shark Park. We will be raffling the “Book that Started it All” and have 4 of them this year! Please bring your appetite and a goodie to share! We will be serving lunch from 12:00pm to 2:30pm. All are Welcome! Intergroup is open from 8:45am to 4:45pm, Monday through Friday for your shopping convenience. With Love, Tracy D.

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray - Intergroup Report October 11, 2023 Hi, my name is Ray Rodriguez and I am a recovered alcoholic. I am the liaison between North Palm Beach County into Group and GSR. I attended the quarterly meeting last Sunday at Boca Raton. There was the regular business meeting, where we were given the 2024 proposed budget and we voted on 10 different motions . It was a long day. Not much that has affected Intergroup. The January quarterly will be held January 5 through the seventh 2024 in Sarasota, Florida. Thank you for letting me serve and loving service Ray.

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

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R - Hello district 8, Glad to see everyone here again after having a great quarterly last weekend. My report this month is fairly brief as I don't have too many things taking place in Archives. First I wanted to give a shout out to a friend of mine: Ally who I have recently added to my committee who is eager to learn and serve in Archives as she has a fascination with AA history. I know it will be great as we take up opportunities in the future setting up displays, receiving new items to our vault, and working on various other projects. Right now I'm thinking it would be a good idea to do a bit of organizing of the unit. As it is October (a great month to be sober) I have important events that happened in AA in the month of October you can check out in the minutes. With love and service, Kevin R

	Bill C. a Canadian alkie staying at Bill's house, committed suicide using a gas stove.
Oct 1939	1st central committee formed in Cleveland; 1st example A.A. rotation.
Oct 1942	1st issue of Cleveland Central Bulletin is published.
Oct 1944	First non American branch started in Sydney, Australia by Father T V Dunlea & Rex.
Oct 1951	Lasker Award given to AA by American Public Health Assoc.
Oct 1951	Sister Ignatia wrote “Care of Alcoholics ? St.Thomas Hospital & A.A. Started Movement Which Swept Country” article in “Hospital Progress,” the journal of Catholic Hospital Association.
Oct 1954	The “Alcoholic Foundation” renamed the “General Service Board of A.A.”
Oct 1958	Playhouse 90 TV airs “The Days of Wine and Roses”.
Oct 1, 1941	Local news reports 1st AA Group in New Haven, CT.

Oct 1, 1957	Book "A.A. Comes of Age" published.
Oct 2, 1944	Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism, later became National Council on Alcoholism.
Oct 3, 1945	AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.
Oct 5-7, 1972	2nd World Service meeting held in New York.
Oct 5, 1988	Lois Burnam Wilson died.
Oct 6, 1941	900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Dr. Bob.
Oct 8, 1988	Memorial Service for Lois W at Stepping Stones, NY.
Oct. 9-11, 1969	1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.
Oct 10, 1943	6 of 1st 9 AA's attend clubhouse anniv. in Toledo.
Oct 10, 1970	Lois reads "Bills Last Message" at annual dinner in NY.
Oct 10, 1988	Lois is buried next to Bill in Manchester, Vermont.
Oct 13, 1947	"The Melbourne Group" held its first meeting in Australia.
Oct 14, 1939	Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.
Oct 15, 1904	Marty M, early AA woman, is born in Chicago.
Oct 17, 1935	Ebby T, Bills sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois.
Oct 20, 1928	Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.
Oct 21, 1939	Cleveland Plain Dealer begins series of articles on AA of by Elrick Davis.
Oct 22, 1963	E M Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.
Oct 24, 1942	L.A. Times reports AA groups in 14 California cities.
Oct 24, 1943	Wilson's start 1st major A.A. tour, returned Jan 19, 1944.
Oct 24, 1973	Trustee's Archives Committee of AA has its 1st meeting.
Oct 28, 1994	National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence celebrates 50 years.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- No Digital Report

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H. – Hello Friends, The Intergroup telephone relay still needs volunteers to fill some positions. We have some night and weekend shifts available, and some backup volunteers would be helpful. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. The remote call forwarding system was down for about two weeks on and off. After a joint effort of Tracy and myself talking with the AT&T agent I'm hoping this situation has been resolved. I would also like to welcome two new people, Pat D and Stephen W, to our list of volunteers. Thanks. Love and Service, Mike Herbig

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

Birthday Club, Sherry – No Digital Report

Website Committee, Susie- I am an alcoholic, my name is Susie, and this is the webmaster report for October, 2023. The new website is complete. I just have to finish downloading the archived meeting documents from the current site before I point our domain name to the new site to make sure we don't lose anything. I will also be contacting Niko about posting the Today newsletter. As soon as I have these things completed, you will see a new website for Palm Beach County Intergroup. It is my pleasure to be of service. Thank you for the opportunity.

Group Contact Committee, Robyn- I cannot be there in person this evening. I have visited some newly formed meetings to encourage them to assign an Intergroup rep and gave them info on how to do so. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Robyn Trainor

Bridging the Gap Committee, Erica- I will be stepping down from this position. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Institutions Committee, Gregg- Greetings, I'm 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, November 5th. **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 carry the message 😊 The Big Book Ball is back for 2023! New Year's Eve at the Triangle Club with doors opening at 7:30pm. Tickets and contributions can be made at bigbookball.org. All funds received are used to purchase Big Books that Committee volunteers take into and leave behind at their H&I commitments. Come join us for music, food and sober fun. Flyers should be in your seats. The Committee serves Treatment, Detox, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. **Please spread the word at your groups and all meeting you attend!** 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.

Old Business- None

New Business: We have three open positions: Public information, no one stood for the position. Advisory committee position, Joe stood for the position and it passed unanimously. Bridging the Gap, Bonnie stood and it passed unanimously.

Discussed dates of upcoming Alchothon and members must be present next month to place their groups name in the hat.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM with the Lord's Prayer.