

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 13th, 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: 30

New Reps:

- Mike- Sunrise Group
- Sean- Leaves of Gold
- David- Firing Line
- Heather- Lantana
- Faith- Another Miracle

Chairperson: Libby B. - For those that are unaware, due to the sudden change of management with our landlord, the Triangle Club, earlier this year, we have been waiting here at Intergroup for a newly executed lease for several months.

I will be meeting with a few of their board members, as well as our office manager, and the former chair of intergroup that negotiated the lease tomorrow (Thursday) to establish a mutual understanding on the terms of the lease as it needs to be executed. Once we have the lease officially in writing, I will call a meeting with the Intergroup committee to review the language and ensure we are happy with everything as it's written. I will sign the lease if and when approved by our committee, and this should cover the next 3 years out of the four previously agreed to.

A reminder that our Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Alcathons are right around the corner. Please refer to the today for the time slots for all of our groups. I will be covering Christmas Eve in Cyndi's place while she is traveling this year, and Cyndi will have New Year's Eve covered. If there are any questions as to how the Alcathon works, please let us know. Please also be sure to bring the information back to your groups and promote, especially for those early morning hours. We want to be sure we support our AA fellowship.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. - My apologies for missing last month. I was crossing the Atlantic Ocean on a cruise ship and wasn't able to send Report or attend the November meeting. **Annual Picnic:** Annual Intergroup Picnic held Saturday, October 14th at Okeeheelee Park at the Osceola Pavilion. I would like to personally thank everyone who helped make this event a success! Special kudos to our Grill Chefs. **Gratitude Dinner:** Event was held on Saturday, October 21st at the St. Catherine's Church Banquet Hall located at 110 Southern Blvd. in WPB. This event was sold out and was another success. Thank you for all who attended and the groups who donated to help with this event. Greatly appreciated.

Alcathons Time Slots were chosen for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day events as well as New Year's Eve/New Year's Day Alcathons at the November meeting. If you are unable to fulfill the Group's time commitment, please let us know asap. We are looking for volunteers for the Alcathons to clean, restock and assist any guests in need during these events. If you are available for service, please see Tracy or myself after the meeting.

Treasurer, Heather K. - Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. The net revenue for November was \$6,855.26 and the total expenses were \$6,608.44, resulting in a net income of \$246.82. Group contributions were \$4,969.48, which was more than the prior month. The opening balance for checking was \$14,948.12 and we closed with \$14,774.14. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,654.51 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. - 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, Our Christmas Alcothon will be held at Triangle Club starting with the Lunch Bunch at 12:00pm Christmas Eve Day. Intergroup will provide coffee and goodies and you are welcome to bring dishes as well. Please keep in mind, contributions collected during the Alcothons are put in the envelopes labeled with your groups name. Please follow the directions that will be on the desk regarding the placement of the envelopes. We ask your groups to please clean up after your meeting and make sure the tables are free of cups, plates, napkins and any other garbage. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday, Tracy

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R. - Hello District 8, As the holidays approach I hope everyone is doing well and has had a great year. I'm happy to announce that this past month I have managed to print out hard copies of all of the District 8 General Service business meetings minutes. I was able to then organize them and file them and have them put in our storage unit. On my committee we exchanged ideas of setting up an archives display for the upcoming Christmas Alcothon, but unfortunately my committee members including myself will be out of town for the Holidays. We have discussed having a committee meeting shortly after the new year to discuss ideas and projects for 2024. AA History in the month of December - December 6th 1939 Bert the tailor lends works publishing \$1000 dollars to publish the 1st edition of our Big Book. Not only was Bert known as an early AA who made an amazing fiscal sacrifice in our early days, he was also an instrument in the start of AA's first clubhouse in New York. Bert initially used his tailoring shop in Manhattan to hold meetings for the Manhattan group up until he and some other group members were able to sign a lease at "The 24th Street Club". This building had served many purposes for artists and illustrators over the years prior going all the way back to colonial times where it originally was a barn. This was used as an AA clubhouse all the way up until 1960 when it was closed to make way for a housing project where on the eve of its closure Lois Wilson gave a final farewell to the AA members who had a home in that long cherished landmark of Alcoholics Anonymous. With love and service, Kevin R

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray – Please consider contributing to General Services in NY, they have recently stated that they need assistance and are in the negative.

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, – Vacant

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- Vacant

12 Step List, Kim- No Digital Report

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H. – Hello Friends, The Intergroup telephone relay still needs volunteers to fill some positions. We do have night and weekend shifts available, and some backup volunteers would be helpful. Interested people can call Intergroup on 561 655 5700. I would like to welcome Victoria S to our relay. In love and service, Mike Herbig-561 252 1080

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

Birthday Club, Sherry – HI EVERYONE BEEN WORKING BUT EVERYTHING IS GOOD. I SENT OUT 9 CARDS TOTALING (212) YEARS OF SOBRIETY! HOPEFULLY ILL BE SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR IF THE SCHEDULE PERMITS, FOR NOW EVERYONE HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON- MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR MAY YOU ALL BE HEALTHY AND RICHLI BLESSED, YOUR BIRTHDAY GIRL- SHERRY!

Website Committee, Susie- No Digital Report

Group Contact Committee, Robyn- No Digital Report

Bridging the Gap Committee, Bonnie- No Digital Report

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, January 7th. **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 **Please spread the word at your groups and all meeting you attend!** 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, fun and sober fellowship. More information can be found on the Intergroup website and in the Today publication. The Committee serves Treatment, Detox, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. If you have any questions about service with the committee or the Big Book Ball, 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

Old Business- Discussed open positions available at Intergroup. (Public Information) (South Palm Beach County Intergroup Liaison)

New Business: Just another thank you for all the support during the gratitude dinner. Jonathan B. passed away last week, please keep his family in your prayers and we are all thankful for all of his service to the Big Book Ball.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.