

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 9th

Start time: 6:15 PM

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

Number of attendees: 36

New Reps: 5 forms received

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.*

Chairperson, Deb M. Good evening everyone. My name is Deb and I am acting as the interim Chair for this meeting this month and next. Tonight, we are starting elections for the committee chair positions. We will forego committee reports to save time, but please make sure that you get them to Libby for inclusion in the minutes. It is hoped that many of you have reviewed the bylaws regarding the positions and are ready to step up. Intergroup and AA need active participation in these committees to renew our strength in this organization. The rotation for the positions will begin in May. Reminder: If you have held your current position for less than one year, you may continue in that position if you choose. Thank you in advance for your service.

However, before we begin the elections, I would like to revisit the issue discussed last month regarding whether or not we should bring back the Old Timers' Social this year. I will ask that you voice any feedback or reports you have regarding a sense of the AA community whether or not it is prudent to do the event this year. This event typically occurs in April, so a decision should be made tonight so that Cindy and Tracy know how to proceed. And we can postpone a month or two if that is what is felt by the body.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. Again, thank you to Deb M. for continuing to chair this Intergroup meeting until we select a new Chair. I urge someone with experience to volunteer for this position since to my knowledge, Deb is not going to be in South Florida for much longer.

Old Timer's Event – inquired with several “old timers” about their thoughts about attending/speaking at this event (in the near future) and the results were 50/50. Some said they would, but, wanted us to serve food and others indicated they were not willing at this time due to their age and covid.

Due to me not having a vote for the After Hours Group as the Alternate Chair for the Intergroup, we have recruited Emily N. as our new representative who has over 5 years of sobriety and looks forward to being of service.

Would like to remind everyone again about the 65th Florida State Convention being held in Fort Lauderdale (Harbor Beach Marriott) August 3-7, 2022. If you haven't registered yet, I strongly suggest you go to <https://65.floridastateconvention.com/> and register (\$40 for weekend package) as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the Hotel is already sold out for rooms but I believe they have alternate hotels in the area. Check the website.

Treasurer, Glenn B. *See attached reports.*

Secretary, Libby B. Please be sure to send in written reports wherever possible to ensure as much accuracy in the Minutes as possible.

Registrar, Heather K. The minutes and treasurer information from February were sent out as was the March agenda. If you are not receiving emails, please email me at pbcregistrar@gmail.com.

Office Manager, Tracy D. We received our back ordered hard covers from World Services however there are several other literature and book items on back order.

Intergroup is looking to get a sense for our annual “Old Timers” get together.

If you or someone from your group has 35 years or more and would like to speak at this event for 7 to 10 minutes, please call us 561-655-5700.

We have not scheduled a date or location but are looking to see if this event is something our "Old Timers" would be interested in attending.

Intergroup is looking for a volunteer to fill our Thursday and Friday morning slot from 9:00am to 12:00pm. If you have a year or more and are interested, please contact the office at 561-655-5700.

The 65th Florida State Convention will take place Aug 3 – 7, 2022 at the Harbor Beach Marriott in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Please go to their web site - <https://65.floridastateconvention.com> – for more information.

GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S. We finished District inventory and will review it at the next Business MEeting. I will report on it next month following our meeting on the 13th.

On Feb-19 2022, District 8 hosted changes in AA at Delray Central House. Our area 15 delegate Tom W. addressed the body on 10 agenda items for the 72nd conference this coming April. We had a large turnout. The background on each item can be found at <https://district8area15aa.org/calendar/area-15-quarterly-5/>

District 8 is hosting the area Quarterly Assembly April 8-10. Volunteers are needed. A link can be found at District8area15aa.org and there is no length of sobriety required.

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Iris

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R *No new report.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Not read during the meeting; Including what written reports were received.

- **Public Information:** Vacant
- **12 Step List:** Vacant
- **Phone Volunteer Committee:** **Cortney D.** *No new report.*
- **TODAY, Mike H.** No new report.
- **Birthday Club, Bonnie C.** Hello you fabulous Alcoholics! My name is Bonnie & I am your alcoholic Birthday Club Chair. For March, we have sent out 11 handwritten cards with the Bob & Bill Medallion totalling 272 years of continuous sobriety! Until now, promoting this donation/celebration has been discouraged, but we now have flyers available. Tracey has drafted a copy for group approval! If approved, please take a few copies or take a picture to let your groups know about this special recognition.
- **Website Committee, Troy C.** If anyone in any of your groups happens to be experienced with SQL databases and/or Wordpress, please ask them to email me at webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org.
- **Group Contact Committee, Paula** Will be attending more meetings over the coming months, with John's support. Please email nursepaula@bellsouth.net with communications.
- **Bridging the Gap Committee, Richard R.** *No new report.*
- **Institutions Committee, Mark H.** The Institutions Committee is functioning well. We carry 95 meetings a week into 28 facilities including halfway houses, treatment centers, jails, and prisons. Many of our facilities are open and we are carrying into them as allowed. Additional facilities are opening up regularly.

We currently have 25 vacancies and are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in getting involved, please come to our orientation which we do on the first Sunday of the month in the big room in the Triangle Club at 4:30 pm. The orientation process is simple and easy. If anyone wants more information call me 561 596 1196

Old Business: Old-Timer's Social

Summary: *Will we be moving forward with the event? Unanimously passed as a yes.*

Action Item: *Tracy will be contacting the Old Timers on her list, and we'll be coming up with a date at the next meeting. Proposed location is the Triangle Club lot.*

New Business: Elections for Officers and Committee Chairs

Summary for Officer commitment: *2 year Commitment; 3 years of continuous sobriety; 1 year as a Committee Chair in Palm Beach County Intergroup; 1 year as Intergroup Representative in Palm Beach County Intergroup*

Intergroup Chairperson: Vacant; No nominations as of yet.

1. Chair all Intergroup meetings as non-voting, non-verbal member.
2. Chair all Advisory Committee meetings as non-voting, non-verbal member.
3. Attend and participate in all Intergroup events.
4. Serve as ex-officio member for all Intergroup committees.
5. Directly supervise Intergroup Office Manager.
6. Listed as secondary signer on all Intergroup accounts and operational documentation.

Summary for Committee commitment: *1 year Commitment, 2 years of continuous sobriety, 1 year as Intergroup Representative in Palm Beach County Intergroup.*

Bridge the Gap: Ken stood, passed unanimously.

1. This is a transitional program directed towards people who want to continue their sobriety after leaving a treatment or correctional facility.
2. Suggested attendance at Institutions Committee meeting quarterly.
3. Suggested reading – A.A. pamphlet – “Bridging the Gap”.
4. The Chair of this committee (and its members) are “temporary contacts”.
5. Attend Intergroup meetings.

Public Information: Debbie stood, passed unanimously.

1. Committee (and its Chair) informs the public about our A.A. program.
2. Coordinate committee volunteers to supply information to local schools, businesses, civic groups and arrange to staff health fair booths.
3. Suggested reading – A.A. pamphlet – “Public Information”. 4. Attend Intergroup meetings.

Phone List: Courtney will continue the position.

1. Maintain a system of answering after-hours calls to Intergroup by local A.A. members.
2. Attend Intergroup meetings.

12-Step Committee: Vacant

Maintain 12-Step volunteer list with ongoing updates. 2. Attend Intergroup meetings.

TODAY Editor: Niko stood, passed unanimously.

1. Committee (and its Chair) assembles, edits and prints our monthly newsletter.
2. The suggested content will be: H&I and Intergroup financials, group changes, group events, Intergroup activities, Intergroup Minutes, General Service events and other A.A. events.
3. 250 copies ordered from printing company, to be delivered by next Intergroup meeting.
4. Attend monthly meetings with rough draft of newsletter. 5. Give monthly report to Intergroup Secretary.

Intergroup Website: Tory will continue the position.

1. Knowledge of html code and/or website design software program[s]. Computer background.
2. Update website on monthly basis.
3. Give monthly report to Intergroup.

Institutions: Mark will continue the position.

1. Compile listing of meetings for jails, detox centers and treatment facilities committee verifies as qualified for meeting coverage.
2. Organize listing of volunteers to cover such meetings.
3. Prepare monthly financial statement to be included with all other Intergroup financial activity. Copy of bank statement(s) to be included with report for Intergroup permanent records.
4. Prepare annual financial report on or before January 31 to cover prior year reporting period January 1- December 31 to be integrated with all other Intergroup financial activity for Form 5500 reporting.
5. Attend Intergroup meetings.

Birthday Club: Bonnie may want to continue; Tabled to next meeting.

1. Maintain Birthday Club database.
2. Provide "Today" newsletter with posting of monthly birthday celebrants.
3. Coordinate with Office Manager receipts of new "Today" subscriptions and new Birthday Club Members.
4. Provide ideas and new themes to keep AA members informed of the benefits of becoming Birthday Club members or of subscribing to the "Today" newsletter.
5. Mail Birthday Club recipients' card and medallion.
6. Maintain "Today" newsletter subscription list.
7. Mail "TODAY" to all subscribers.
8. Mail out renewals.

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Lynn will continue the position.

1. The Liaison is our direct link to General Service, District 8 of A.A.
2. Attend District 8 Business meetings and bring back information.
3. Give reports at monthly Intergroup meeting.

Group Contact Committee: Paula may want to continue; Tabled until next meeting.

1. Attend AA meetings in the North Palm Beach County, as listed in our Where & When.
2. Obtain a group contact name, phone # and e-mail address.
3. Forward the contacts to the registrar so that the contacts can be added to the database.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Jeff stood, passed unanimously.

1. Attend South County Intergroup Association Business meetings.
2. Report back to Palm Beach County Intergroup the results of the meeting.

Archives Liaison: Kevin will continue the position.

1. Available to assist the General Service Archives Chair at AA functions with display set-up and removal.
2. Attend monthly Intergroup meeting and provide any information
3. A passion for history

Action Items: Need to revisit the positions currently being held to partial term and confirm committee members want to retain their position. Follow up next meeting to fill remaining open positions.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 PM