

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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: 26

New Reps:

- Jenny- Sisters in Sobriety
- Tyler- Central Group
- Amy- Women's Fourth Dimension
- Kevin- Lake Worth Group
- Jake- Friends of Bill
- Patti- Women in Sobriety
- Matthew-River Bottom

Chairperson: Libby B. - Hello everyone, I am out of town this month and I'm eternally grateful to Cecelia and Tracy for helping me out while I'm gone! A reminder that elections for Advisory Committee members will start next month in March, and elected officers will begin duties at the next May Intergroup meeting.

Qualifications and Terms of Office – Officers, Committee Chairs and Advisory Committee Officers qualifications:

- 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

Committee Chairperson qualifications:

- 1 year Commitment
- 2 years of continuous sobriety
- 1 year as Intergroup Representative in Palm Beach County Intergroup

Please bring these opportunities back to your groups and spread the word, we could use the assistance and new faces are always welcome. Thank you all, and see you in a few weeks!

Alternate Chair, - OPEN

Treasurer, Heather K. - Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. The net revenue for November was \$8,330.08 and the total expenses were \$7,128.42 resulting in a net income of \$1,201.66. Group contributions were \$6,430.55, which was less than the prior month. The opening balance for checking was \$19,684.60 and we closed with \$18,424.06. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,654.85 which includes \$.17 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. With love and service Nancy D. Palm Beach County Intergroup Registrar

Office Manager, Tracy D. Good Evening and Welcome, Intergroup is asking for updates on the brick and mortar / online meetings. Many groups have not updated their times, locations and formats. There have been several calls regarding incorrect passwords and pass codes. Many have not been updated since covid and we need to provide current information. Should you have any changes we need to made aware of, email your name, phone #, group name and information to be updated to pbciaa@bellsouth.net. World Service books orders are coming on pallets and we are doing the best we can to keep the office stocked. If you need 2 or more cases of books at 1 time, please give us notice. Palm Beach County Intergroup cannot provide free books. Please keep in mind our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:45am to 4:45pm. Intergroup will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024 and reopen Tuesday, February 20th at 8:45am. With Love, Tracy

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R.- Hello District 8, I Hope everyone is having a great February so far. I wanted to share a little bit of what the Archives committee is up to in lately. We have some new “group history” forms we are going to be handing out to our DCM’s and ACM’s that are questionnaires for different groups in District 8 that will allow us the opportunity to find out more about their histories along the lines of: when the group started, how many founding members there were, and when the day the first meeting was held were some of the examples of questions.

We’re hoping this will allow our committee to better document the origins of different groups in district 8.

In AA history in the month of February, please see attached in the minutes:

Feb 1908	Bill made boomerang.
Feb 1916	Hazing incident Norwich University, Bill & sophomore class suspended
Feb 1938	Rockefeller gives \$5,000 to AA. Saves AA from professionalization.
Feb 1939	Dr Harry Tiebout, 1st Psychiatrist to endorse AA and use it in his practice.
Feb 1939	Dr Howard of Montclair, NJ suggests swapping “you musts” for “we ought” in the Big Book.
Feb 1940	1st AA clubhouse opens at 334-1/2 West 24th Street, NYC.
Feb 1951	Fortune magazine article about AA. New York reprints in pamphlet form for many years.
Feb 1963	Harpers carries article critical of AA.
Feb 1981	1st issue of “Markings” AA Archives Newsletter is published.
Feb 1 or 2, 1942	Ruth Hock, AA’s 1st paid secretary, resigns to get married.
Feb 8, 1940	Rockefeller dinner.

Feb 8, 1940	Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on AA by Larry J.
Feb 9, 2002	Sue Smith Windows, Dr Bob's daughter died.
Feb 11, 1937	First New Jersey meeting was held at the home of Hank P ("The Unbeliever" in the 1st edition). Some sources report this as happening Feb 13, 1937
Feb 11, 1938	Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" 1st-3rd edition) sobriety date.
Feb 14, 1971	AA groups worldwide hold memorial service for Bill W.
Feb 14, 2000	William Y., "California Bill" dies in Winston Salem, NC.
Feb 15, 1918	Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's adopted daughter, was born.
Feb 15, 1941	Baltimore Sunday Sun reported that the city's first AA group, begun in June 1940, had grown from 3 to 40 members.
Feb 17,	Jim B contacted Charlie B, whom he had met once, some two years before, at a New York AA meeting.
Feb 18, 1943	During gas rationing in WWII, AA's are granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases.
Feb 19, 1967	Father "John Doe" (Ralph P), 1st Catholic Priest in AA dies.
Feb 20, 1941	The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.
Feb 23, 1959	AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book.
Feb 28, 1940	First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA was held at McCready Huston's room at 2209 Delancy Street.

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray – No Digital Report

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, – OPEN

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- OPEN

12 Step List, Kim- No Digital Report

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H. – Hello Friends, The Intergroup telephone relay still needs volunteers to fill available positions. We have a Saturday afternoon shift open and two 11pm to 7am shifts open currently. Some backup volunteers would also be helpful. Interested people can call Intergroup on 561 655 5700. In love and service, Mike Herbig (561) 252 1080

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

Birthday Club, Sherry – 9 medallions totaling 245 years were sent out this past month.

Website Committee, Susie- No Digital Report

Group Contact Committee,- OPEN

Bridging the Gap Committee, - OPEN

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, March 3rd. **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 Committee serves Treatment, Detox, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. **Please spread the word at your groups and all meetings you attend!** If you have any questions about service with the committee, please reach out to me at your convenience. My contact information is included in my report. You can also email the committee at institutioncommittee@gmail.com. Loving H&I ,Gregg Backemeyer, Institutions Committee Islandiver69@gmail.com 314-651-2884

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

New Business: Discussed open positions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM with the Lord's Prayer.