

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

**Date: Wednesday, June 12th 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:**

- Diamond J- Virtual Sunrise Sobriety
- Perry M.- Sobriety and Thunder
- Sean D.- Day Openers
- Victoria S.- Sober on Sunday

**Chairperson: Libby B.** - Now that we've had time to settle in, an official welcome to all of our new committee chairs! Thank you to everyone that stood for a position. A quick reminder that a committee chair is just that, the chair; NOT the whole committee! If you or someone back in your groups are interested in being of service, there is always more room for helping hands. Last month's Old Timer's event was amazing, I was honored to be a part of it. Tracy and the volunteers, Rhonda and the guys from CARP, were a huge help in getting everything set up quickly and beautifully. We had a huge turnout, and the speakers were fantastic. A reminder that while GSR is raising costs, we are doing whatever we can to keep out sales prices as low as possible. If your group need a case or more of books, please be sure to work with the Intergroup office in advance as much as possible. Thank you to everyone for your continued service!

**Alternate Chair, : Sunshine-** The Old Timers social was a great success, and I look forward to continue to be involved in intergroup events.

**Treasurer, Heather K.** - Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The net revenue for May was \$10,529.67 and the total expenses were \$11,344.14 resulting in a net income of - \$814.47. Group contributions were \$9,092.89, which was more than last month. The opening balance for checking was \$23,786.56 and we closed with \$23,353.60. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,655.51 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](mailto:secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

**Registrar, Nancy.-** 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.

**Office Manager, Tracy D-** Good Evening and Welcome, News out of New York:

Over the last several years we have greatly reduced the distribution of the newsletter Box 459 in print format. Not unlike at other organizations, this transition began in 2020 largely due to the need to cut costs. Previously, we printed more than 100,000 copies of each issue and mailed more than 50,000 to members in service. Currently, about 3,000 copies per issue are printed and mailed to approximately 200 members in service. In addition, the total number of paid subscriptions has fallen to under 50. Due to escalating costs, the annual cost to print and mail four issues per year is nearly \$35,000. At its March 2024 meeting, the A.A. World Services Board voted to discontinue the print edition, effective immediately. This decision was made after a careful and thorough review of the costs related to printing and mailing, the current number of print subscribers, and our ongoing efforts to reduce expenses in addition to the broad reach of the digital version. Those who have paid for print subscriptions for this year will be refunded. We will reach out to paid print subscribers in a separate communication with refund details. Please be assured that Box 459 will continue to be published digitally and can be accessed on aa.org. Here, members can sign up to receive the newsletter via email. Each issue is also available in PDF format that you can print and share. If you're already receiving Box 459 via email, your subscription will continue without interruption, and there's no need to sign up again. The 67th Florida State Convention being held August 1, through the 4<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville is looking for greeters. If you want to be Amazed and are interested in service work, please contact the Intergroup office at 561-655-5700 to get contact information for this event. Our "Old Timers" meeting collected \$275.00 for the book raffle and another \$173.00 from our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. We appreciate those who volunteered to set up. Palm Beach County Intergroup will be closed Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> and re-open Tuesday at 8:45am. Please plan accordingly. With Love, Tracy D.

**Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R.-** Hello district 8, Hope everyone is having an amazing summer so far! Over at Archives we just had the privilege in being able to do some service at the Old timers social the other week. There were a handful of speakers with several decades of sobriety who shared their stories with everyone who attended. Archives was allowed to conduct recordings for each speaker that consented within guidelines of the general service oral history kit manual. We will be able to add these recordings to our vault for people to listen to in the years to come. We also were able to set up a display of various literature and artifacts for everyone to enjoy. In other news our old timers census and group census project is still underway. Please get with me after the meeting if you're interested in participating. With Love and Service, Kevin R Please see historic A.A. events in the month of June:

- June 1, Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.  
1949
- June 4, Caroline Knapp, author of "Drinking: A Love Story" died sober of lung cancer.  
2002
- June 5, Ebby Thatcher took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.  
1940
- June 6, The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.  
1940
- June 1979 AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois Wilson, Bill's wife, in New York.
- June 7, Bill and Lois Wilson had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.  
1939
- June The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.  
1941
- June 8, Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.  
1941
- June 10, The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is  
1935 some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.
- June 11, Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.  
1945

June 1969 Dr. Bob's granddaughter, Bonna, daughter of Sue Smith and Ernie Galbraith (The Seven Month Slip in the First Edition) killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child.

June 1971 Ernie Galbraith died.

June 13, 1945 Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.

June 15, 1940 First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.

June 16, 1938 Jim Burwell, "The Vicious Cycle" in Big Book, had his last drink.

June 17, 1942 New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers.

June 18, 1940 One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.

June 19, 1942 Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. "There are fewer suicides in my files," he commented.

June 21, 1944 The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.

June 24, 1938 Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book "Not to bear any author's name but to be by 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'"

June 25, 1939 The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."

June 26, 1935 Bill Dotson. (AA #3) entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.

June 28, 1935 Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson at Akron's City Hospital.

June 30, 1941 Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.

June 2000 More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN

**GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray** – No Digital Report

**North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Diamond J.** – No Digital Report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Public Information- Jeanette-** A group has been formed and are figuring out when they can coordinate to meet.

**12 Step List, Karl-** No Digital Report

**Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.** – Hello Friends -The Intergroup telephone relay needs to fill a couple of positions, one is on Sunday afternoon, the other is on Thursday morning from 6am-9am. Some backup volunteers would also be helpful. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. In love and service Mike Herbig 561 252 1080

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

**Birthday Club, Vicky** – No Digital Report

**Website Committee, Susie-** No Digital Report

**Group Contact Committee, Ray-** No Digital Report

**Bridging the Gap Committee, Kim –** We have it up and going, we now have a list of volunteers. Please spread the word about Bridging the Gap!

**Institutions Committee, Shai E. -** Greeting PBC! I'm an alcoholic & my name is Shai. I have the privilege to serve as your current chair on the Institutions Committee. The Institutions Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2nd. Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm followed by our General Meeting at 5:00pm, where you can pick up an H&I commitment or stay to see what to expect! 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, Sober Living, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. Please spread the word at your home 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 [institutionscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:institutionscommittee@gmail.com). In love & service Shai Edwards, Institutions Committee Chair, 347-820-3891, [iamshaidwards@gmail.com](mailto:iamshaidwards@gmail.com)

**Old Business-** Open position on SPBC Intergroup Liaison. Diamond stood for the position and it passed unanimously.

**New Business- N/A**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM with the Lord's Prayer.