

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 14th 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: 28

New Reps:

- Britt- Happy Hour
- Sean - Leaves of Gold
- Richard- Western Communities Men's Group

Chairperson: Libby B. - Hello Everyone! I'm so sorry I had to bail at the last minute tonight, I am battling something, and I want to be ready for this Saturday! Have a great upcoming month, everyone. The upcoming Unity Event, a repeat of an event that occurred last year, is being held at Delray Central House this Saturday August 17th from 2 - 4:30 pm. (Which also happens to be Tracy's work anniversary! Thank you for your years of service!) This event is being organized to educate AA members who are interested in learning more about GSR, North and South County committees and service opportunities for all of these, as well as the difference between Intergroup and GSR. Please let me know if you're interested in attending, or just show up! Invite everyone interested in learning more about service and how AA works. Our Intergroup picnic will be held in October, Tracy and I are still nailing down a date for this but we will be sure to send out an update as soon as we have the venue booked. Our Alternate Chair Sunshine, Tracy, and myself will welcome any assistance leading up to and the day of the picnic. Please see Tracy if you're interested in being of service! Thank you all, and hope to see you Saturday. Invite your friends!

Alternate Chair: Sunshine- No Digital Report

Treasurer, Heather K. - Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. The net revenue (gross profit) for July was \$6,622.02 and the total expenses were \$6,939.21 resulting in a net income of - \$317.19. Group contributions were \$4,847.12, which was more than last month. The opening balance for checking was \$15,813.63 and we closed with \$18,164.94. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,655.84 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.- 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, Intergroup is in need of updates for your meetings. Several on-line meetings have not been updated in many years. Information including log in,

pass codes, times and days are outdated. New members are unable to access the meetings due to outdated information. Brick and mortar meetings that have not been updated in the last year need to be updated. Please have your Intergroup Rep e-mail your updated information to pbciaa@bellsouth.net. Remember to include your name and phone number as well. Please Do Not Use group numbers when making a contribution to Intergroup. We are unable to locate the name of your meeting with a group number. Intergroup cannot accept contributions for any other entity including World Services, District 8, Area 15 or Institutions. We cannot comingle funds and the payment will be returned to the address from where it came. If you're planning on attending the International Convention, registration opens September 10, 2024 at 12:00pm. Regarding Housing: As for previous international conventions, we have blocked and negotiated rates for our convention hotel and dorm rooms. For the 2025 International Convention some of our policies and procedures have changed to accommodate specific conditions in Vancouver and to facilitate overall fairness in access to convention housing. You may still make your own private housing arrangements but would not have access to our convention housing block unless you book through the convention site. As in past conventions, registration and housing are linked. Meaning that you cannot request convention housing without being registered and you cannot request or reserve more than 2 rooms of our convention housing inventory. We strongly suggest you book housing as you register for the convention to take advantage of our special convention room rates. Hospitality Suites: If your group would like to request a hospitality suite, they are accepting requests for Hospitality Suites for A.A. Service Entities and Special International Contacts listed with the General Service Office of the US and Canada. If you are interested in requesting a hospitality suite, please email the current staff assistant on the 2025 International Convention assignment at 2025ICsa@aa.org Actual registration site links, forms, and hotel booking links will be communicated to the Fellowship in early September of 2024. Dear A.A. Friends, This is an exciting time in the planning of our 2025 International Convention. The **Registration and Housing Processes** will open on September 10, 2024, at Noon, Eastern Time. This memo includes information on the 2 WAYS TO REGISTER

- ONLINE: www.aa.org
- MAIL: PO Box 7032, Lancaster, PA 17604

Print the cover letter and brochure for your groups and members to read about the 2025 International Convention. The only attendees filling out a mail-in registration form are those paying by check or money order. With Love, Tracy

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin- No Digital Report

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray – Hi, my name is Ray and I am a recovered alcoholic. My home Group is the Days End group. I am your liaison between Intergroup and general service. lots of events are coming up. this Saturday, August 17 between two and 4:30 PM. You're invited to the unity in the community event held by District 8 all our welcome . next there's a 12 concepts unraveled workshop and they're gonna first meet in September 14 and I have flyers here so you can take pictures, also there's gonna be a corrections workshop on Sunday, September 22 from 2 to 5 at the Triangle Club. So I have flyers up here for each one of these events so you can take a picture of them and take it back to your groups.

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Diamond J. – Good evening all! I attended the meeting held on 7/31/24 at Delray Central House. The meeting format was an election meeting, and as a newly appointed intergroup rep and not yet being officially on their roster, I was not able to vote for any of the elections being held. Amy & Gary (district 8 reps) were present as vote counters during the elections. New business: It's on the table to combine 12th step committee & Bridge the Gap committee into one committee rather than keeping them separated. The committees will still have 4 positions (2 female, 2 male) It has NOT yet been voted on, so it's not a final decision at this point. Positions still open for service as of 7/31/24: Workshop Chair: This person shall conduct monthly workshops on the 12 steps, 12 traditions, and sponsorship. These workshops shall be the 3rd Saturday of every month and will be held at Delray Central House. The chair shall use only A.A.W.S conference approved materials and will be provided any resources the need to conduct the workshops by the Intergroup office. It is suggested

that the Workshop Chair reaches out to members of the community to come do leads, host panels, and foster good practices by disseminating information. Group Information: Coordinate a committee of volunteers to visit local A.A. groups not currently represented at the intergroup monthly business meeting. Bring information and a spirit of unity to the groups offering our assistance and support. Obtain group contact information and request group history for our archives. 12 Step Committee (male): The female position for this committee was filled at the meeting; however, a position remained open for a male. This person maintains and updates the 12th step call lists monthly. Works very closely with the Intergroup office manager. Requests groups and individuals to serve as contacts and be willing to provide workshops and/or assistance for participants of this most important front-line service. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service! See you all next month

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- Jeanette- The PI Committee met on 8/7/24 - 6 Members were present

We discussed follow up on contacts made from the previous meeting:

- Hospitals: The hospitals were not especially amenable to pamphlets being placed in their detox as it viewed AA as "competition"
- Libraries: The Lantana library was visited and had 2 copies of the 12 & 12 that were available. We requested that an English and Spanish version of the Big Book be added and it was confirmed that they would do so.
- Homeless Shelters/Soup Kitchens: A formatted email has been created and the following facilities were contacted: 211 (declined as they do not have a physical location where clients visit), Palm Beach County Homeless Coalition (no reply), Family Promise (no reply), Adopt a Family (no reply)
- High Schools/Middle School: Pursing the correct person to make contact.

We discussed other options to reach out to:

- We will each reach out to our personal physicians to see if we could place brochures in their waiting room and introduce P-42 "A Brief Guide to A.A".
- We will contact church pastors both personally and via a letter as designated on page 37 of PI Handbook to give them a copy of P-25 "Faith Leaders Ask About A.A".
- Contact Community Centers and Senior Centers
- Cheryl will reach out to a radio broadcaster to see about a possible spot on the radio
- Continue reaching out to libraries and highschoools.

Google Sheet to be sent out to the committee to record contacts made and organize information for current & future committee members.

Make an announcement at meetings introducing the PI committee and asking for contributions for books, radio announcements or other PI publications. Plan a meetup with the South Palm Beach County Public Information Chair

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 on Saturday and Sunday. 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.

Birthday Club, Vicky – No Digital Report

Website Committee, Susie- No Digital Report

Group Contact Committee, Ray- I'm trying to make a list of all the Current groups in North Palm Beach County Intergroup . I am not getting any cooperation from District 8 because of their policy of not releasing that information so I'm going to try a different approach, but in the meantime, I will begin with subdistrict five. - Ray

Bridging the Gap Committee, Kim – No Digital Report

Institutions Committee, Shai E. - Hi, I'm an alcoholic & my name is Shai. I have the privilege to serve as your 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, September 1st. *Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm in the Serenity Room*, followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm in the main hall. If you have 6 months or more of continuous sobriety and have ever considered picking up an H&I commitment, please 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. In love & service-Shai Edwards, Institutions Committee, 347-820-3891, iamshaiedwards@gmail.com

Old Business- N/A

New Business- N/A

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer.