

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 11th 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: 36

New Reps:

- Terry- West Side Night Owls
- Greg- Days End group
- Natalia- Women's in Sobriety
- Bobby- Lantana Group
- Craig- Lost Boys
- Cynthia- Saturday Evening Recovery
- Karla- Depth and Weight
- Katie- Mental Defects

Chairperson: Libby B. - Hello friends - Last month I had the distinct pleasure of representing North County Intergroup at the 2nd annual Unity Event, held at Delray Central House alongside South County and our district's GSR team. It was absolutely wonderful to connect with our counterparts in a social environment, and to have the opportunity to educate people on what the different committees are for, what Intergroup does, and what GSR does. I am happy to state that we will be a part of this event again next year, as it was extremely successful in garnering participation and looks to be a great way to strengthen the committees in both North and South counties.

Upcoming Events:

- Intergroup Picnic: Tracy and I set a date for the picnic, we are going to have the Intergroup Picnic this year on Saturday, November 16th. We'll provide the concrete details by the next meeting, but put the save the date in your calendars! Time is roughly 1-3 pm.
- Reminder, it is about "that time" for us to start talking about Christmas and NYE Alcahons! Next month is when we will draw names to fill the time slots, so please return to your groups over the next month and verify if you will be participating. Group representatives must be present at the meeting in order to claim the time slot.
- Heads up, in New Business, we have some friends from South County here to talk to us about upcoming events! Hi Billy!

Officer and Committee Positions:

- Two positions have opened back up, Website and Bridging the Gap.
- Remember that elections are in an even year this coming March, so they will include officer positions, such as Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar. Please talk to any of the folks up here or get in touch with Tracy if you're service-curious and want to get more involved.

Thank you all, and please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone if you have any questions!
lbukley1@gmail.com (561) 281-0487

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 August was \$6,566.61 and the total expenses were \$7,900.99 resulting in a net income of -\$1,334.38. Group contributions were \$4,139.99, which was less than last month. The opening balance for checking was \$18,164.94 and we closed with \$14,733.46. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,656.01 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, Palm Beach County Intergroup needs updates to your meetings, on-line and live. There are several groups that have not updated the office in a few years and we are unable to verify if your group is still active. If your group has relocated, changed times, formats or has any information we need to know, please let us know. You can email pbciaa@bellsouth.net with your group name and the information. Please include the group contact information as well. We appreciate our groups and their contributions. Please remember to include your groups name (as we do not use group numbers), on any type of contribution including checks, money orders and Zelle. If your group name is not on the payment, it is applied to AA Member contributions. Palm Beach County Intergroup is unable to accept funds for any other entity, if you are in need of their contribution information, please call 561-655-5700.

News from World: 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. **2025 International Convention Registration Brochure** Warm regards, Patrick C.
 2025 International Convention Coordinator 2025ic@aa.org Palm Beach County Intergroup will be closed Monday 10/14/24 and reopen 10/15/24. With Love, Tracy

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin- Hello district 8, In the archives committee we don't have much going on currently, however Danny purchased some bins that we will soon use next month to work on some organization at the vault. As far as quarterly, We will be hosting and will have a display in an archives room at the hotel. We will be giving a presentation at the archives committee meeting Saturday morning about 9:00AM. In other words, I was able to recently get in contact with the former Archives chair, and it has confirmed that I can retrieve the archives computer. I will follow up with him shortly to schedule a pick up. Lastly, if any committees produce any fliers we ask if you could please email a copy to us. Please see attached historical events in AA history in the month of September. With love and Service, Kevin Ragsdale

- Sept, 1930 Bill wrote 4th (his last) promise in family Bible to quit drinking
- Sept, 1939 Group started by Earl T in Chicago.
- Sept, 1940 AA group started in Toledo by Duke P & others.
- Sept, 1940 Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases gives Big Book unfavorable review.
- Sept, 1946 Bill & Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee Education Alcoholism founded by Marty M.
- Sept, 1946 1st A.A. group in Mexico.
- Sept, 1948 Bob writes article for Grapevine on AA "Fundamentals – In Retrospect".
- Sept, 1949 1st issue of Grapevine published in "pocketbook" size.
- Sept 1939 1st AA group founded in Chicago.
- Sept 11, 2001 30 Vesey St, New York. Location of AA's first office is destroyed during the World Trade Center attack.
- Sept 12, 1942 U.S. Assist. Surgeon General Kolb speaks at dinner for Bill and Dr Bob.
- Sept 13, 1937 Florence R, 1st female in AA in NY.
- Sept 13, 1941 WHJP in Jacksonville, FL airs Spotlight on AA.
- Sept 17, 1954 Bill D, AA #3 dies.
- Sept 18, 1947 Dallas Central Office opens its doors.
- Sept 19, 1965 The Saturday Evening Post publishes article "Alcoholics Can Be Cured – Despite AA"
- Sept 19, 1975 Jack Alexander, author of original Saturday Evening Post article, dies.
- Sept 21, 1938 Bill W & Hank P form Works Publishing Co.
- Sept 24, 1940 Bill 12th steps Bobbie V, who later replaced Ruth Hock as his secretary in NY.

Sept 30, 1939 article in Liberty magazine, "Alcoholics and God" > by Morris Markey.

Sept, 1971 First European Convention, Bristol, England, Sally Cousins, Archivist

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray – No Digital Report

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- Jeanette- The PI Committee meeting will be held on the last Wed of the month instead of the 1st Wednesday. Next Meeting will be on September 25th. Updates since last meeting on 8/6/2024:

- Churches: In person drop off or mailing the A.A. Pamphlet: Faith Leaders Ask About AA and a card for them to reach out personally to the committee for speakers as set out in the AA PI Workbook pg 37. Which will be self addressed to the PBC Intergroup Office c/o PI Committee
 - Family Church Downtown (In Person)
 - Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (Mailing)
 - Faith Church (Mailing)
 - Grace Fellowship (Mailing)
 - Journey Church (Mailing)
 - Bow Down Church (Mailing)
 - St. Ann's Catholic Church (Mailing)
 - Calvary Chapel (Mailing)
 - UMC of the Palm Beaches (Mailing)
- **Libraries:** The WPB City library was visited and had copies of the Big Book that were available in English and Spanish. We requested that an English and Spanish version of the 12 & 12 be added - waiting to hear back.
- **Radio Stations:** 105.9 iHeart was contacted. Spoke with Paul Castronovo who suggested that we write to all the radio stations via email.
- Purchased pamphlet holders to give out to churches, physicians' offices and other facilities to hold AA Pamphlets.
- Google Sheet created and sent out to the committee to record contacts made and organize information for current & future committee members.

Future Action Items:

- Reach out to our personal physicians or physicians offices to see if we could place brochures in their waiting room and introduce P-42 "A Brief Guide to A.A".
- Contact Community Centers and Senior Centers
- Email radio stations requests for service announcements according to page 40/41 of AA PI Workbook.
- Continue reaching out to libraries
- Make contact with highschoools
- Finalize a formal announcement to be made 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

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. We would also like to welcome Danny S. to are group of volunteers answering the phones for Intergroup after regular hours. Thanks to all who serve. In love and service, Mike Herbig (561) 252 1080

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

Birthday Club, Vicky – If you would like to receive a card on your anniversary, please reach out to Vicky to get enrolled.

Website Committee- OPEN

Group Contact Committee, Ray- No Digital Report

Bridging the Gap Committee- OPEN

Institutions Committee, Shai E. - Hi North Palm Beach! 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, October 6th. *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. Corrections Workshop will be held September 22nd from 2-5 at the Triangle CLub. Also, Big Ball is coming soon on New Years.

Old Business- N/A

New Business- Intergroup picnic will be held at the Intergroup office on November 16th.

Two open positions for chair positions, Bridging the Gap and Website Committee.

Next months Intergroup meeting will hold the drawing for the upcoming Alcahons.

South County Intergroup member discussed the upcoming Quarterly if we would like to join forces in hosting the 630- 830 under the banner of Palm Beach County Intergroup on October 5th at the Marriott Bonvoy in Boca Raton. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM with the Lord's Prayer.