

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

January 11th, 2012

Open Meeting.....Serenity Prayer.....Read 12 Traditions

Number in Attendance: 46

Start Time: 6:16 PM

Declaration of Unity: This we owe A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; and the lives of those to come.

New Representatives: Dalida T./Jupiter Sunrise Group; Ron D./Big Book Spiritual Group; Melissa L./West Side Group; Barbara H. (Alt. Rep)/Central Group; Nancy/Smoke-Free Sobriety Group; Barbara (Alt. Rep.)/Smoke-Free Sobriety; Pedro A./Sober on Sunday Group;

Chairperson: Steve Y.: If everyone could please turn off or silence your cell phones, so as not to disrupt the meeting, that would be terrific. Just a reminder to everyone: all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary (Claudia), after the meeting or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. As always, we are in need of volunteers for our upcoming service events. If you would like to be of service, that would be great and please see Leroy after the meeting. To our new reps: please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name, pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar, Gary B., before leaving tonight's meeting. If anyone has any questions throughout tonight's meeting, please feel free to raise your hand. Don't be shy, we don't bite.

Alternate Chair: Leroy H.: Hello everyone! I am the Alternate Chair, Leroy Hull, and I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who attended and participated in our Christmas and New Year Alcathons; Your participation ensured it was made a wonderful event, and the meetings weren't bad either! I would also like to express a warm thank you to everyone who brought in baked goods, and thank you to every home group who participated. Finally, I would like to invite everyone to come and join us for our Old Timers Speaker Panel/Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, March 24th, 2012, at the Finland House. This event will be memorable, so I encourage everyone to attend. Contact me, Leroy H., or the intergroup office, at 655-5799. Once again, thank you everyone for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your alternate chair. Leroy H.

Treasurer: Mark H.: I have recommended to Steve, the Advisory Committee, and the Committee Chair Meeting, that we begin to visit some of the home group business meetings. These visits will allow us to meet with our area groups, discuss with them what is happening with the Intergroup, and see how we may better serve their needs. The first of these visits will be to home groups that are already involved and thank them for their support. Then I would like us to move on to some of the home groups that are not currently involved. These visits serve to reengage these groups in the Intergroup mission. My hope is that we can dramatically improve support for Intergroup by asking these groups to get involved with us and reminding them of the critical service we provide. Thank you.

****Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition****

Secretary: Claudia D.: Accepted as delivered to the registrar for e-mail disbursement.

Registrar: Gary B.: The minutes and agenda were sent out in accordance with the By-Laws in a timely manner. In L&S, Gary B., Registrar.

Office Manager: Ed B.: Total Office Activity for December was 627 compared to 586 for last year. Total Website Activity was 2,195 compared to 2,387 last year. Because Christmas Day and New Year's Day fell on Sundays this year, the Office was closed the following Mondays December 26th and January 2nd. We were open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 9:30 to 1:30. We have plenty of meeting lists in stock. They were last updated 11/8/2011.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Matt J.: Your General Service / Intergroup Liaison Matt J. continues to suffer from medical problems and is still home bound. The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 5:00 PM. The meeting began with sharing on the 1st Concept of World Service. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. The proposed 2012 budget was approved, except for the proposed budget request for the Special Needs Committee, and all went smoothly. There was a lively discussion of whether or not the District ought to financially support an ASL interpreter for one meeting a week, at the rate of \$55 per meeting, for a total of \$2,860 for the entire year. The meeting is currently being held at the Life, Faith & Life Group. While the discussion included the Traditions on such action, the proposed budget was finally approved by a 50 to 25 vote in favor of the proposed budget item. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next quarterly will be in St. Petersburg, FL, from January 13th - 15th, 2012. For further information, go to www.area15aa.org. Additionally, Area 15 will be hosting the Southeast Region forum at the Boca Marriot November 9-11, 2012. Thirteen States are in the Southeast Region. This is a rare opportunity to have a Forum so close to home and will not be in our area again for another 26 years. We are keeping Matt and his family in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. On behalf of Matt J. - Liaison, Alex A.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. She stated that they were unable to email the minutes out last month and that there are two open committee chair positions that will be discussed under New Business.

Vice Chair Liz – No report

Treasurer Sarah – Nothing to report. Annual reports will be coming next month

Secretary – Cheryl – No report

Office Manager – Pam T. spoke on the upcoming New Year's alcahthon and that H&I would be hosting "Bowling for Big Books" at Strike Lanes in Boca Raton on 1/28/12.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Archives – Michael G reported that there will be an archives workshop hosted by District 8 on 1/7/12 at the North Palm Beach County Intergroup office from 10AM to noon
- Bridge the Gap – Willie B is working to expand the existing list of volunteers
- Group Information – Jim S. absent
- Telephone Relay – Zach reported that they need Groups to volunteer for the months of July through December, 2012
- Where & When – Todd reported that new Where & Whens will be published in January, 2012
- Twelfth Step – Bari W reported that they need more volunteers for the committee
- H & I – Carey reported that all meetings are covered at this time
- Public Info – Kathleen reported that the area libraries and the Delray Beach PD have been restocked with pamphlets and Where & Whens

Old Business: None

New Business: Open Committee Chair positions: SCAAN – Maryanne stood, GSR Liaison – Nobody stood. Will try again next month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Archives Committee Liaison: Nick F.: Our North County Intergroup office hosted the year's first "Archives Workshop" on January 7th, 2012. District 8 Archivist Claudia M. chaired the well attended 2 hour workshop. A video presentation about General Service from 1975 was shown. Among the received AA items is a 10 year (2001-2011) Grapevine collection. If you wish to contribute AA memorabilia, contact District 8 Archives Chair Claudia M. at 561-603-5471, or bring the item(s) to the Intergroup Office. In Love & Service, Nick F.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: John C.: During the month of December 2011 there was very little to report from this committee because of altered scheduling due to the holidays. Our Intergroup office received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the City of South Bay for our participation in their Veterans Day Stand Down event in November. I will frame it and put it in the meeting room if that is ok with everyone. I hope that in the New Year the P.I. Committee will continue to serve our community and those still suffering through more diverse

activities and participation with other committees and groups. We wish all a happy and prosperous New Year!

2. 12 Step List: Ed W.: Well, not a lot to report tonight, we didn't have any new volunteers last month, but Carol from Bridge the Gap has graciously offered to help me update the list so we will be calling everyone on the list to make sure their information is current and willing to remain on the list. Also, I was talking with Alex before the meeting and he offered a great suggestion: as we call people on the list, we can also find out if they are interested in being involved with Bridge the Gap. So that's where we stand currently. If you do happen to sign someone up, please E-Mail me at ed101willis@gmail.com, or call me at, 561-876-0013. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: Hi everyone. At this time, all shifts are being covered, but we always need volunteers for back up on holidays and vacations. I'd like to take a minute to thank all the volunteers that have worked to make this important service available to those in the recovery community. I'd also like to wish everyone a healthy, peaceful New Year!

4. Today: Alex A.: On behalf of the Today, we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. The January issue of the Today is filled with many activities being hosted in our area. The other Committees have requested a "Committee Section" and it will appear next month in the February issue. Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit their announcement early so as insure placement space. We have continued the "Group Spotlight" Section with the Somewhere To Turn Group and are seeking a submission for next month's group. If your home group would like to appear in the Today, please submit your groups' history and meeting format to The Today as soon as possible. The previous 2 Alcathons were a great success, and even though the Officers and other Committees have already expressed their appreciation, The Today would also like to thank all of those who helped, planned, attended, and supported these 2 special events. It reminds us that one of the greatest things about our fellowship is the legacy of service. It has been said that service is our gratitude in action, and if the Alcathons are any indication, then it is a Blessing to know we have so many members who are truly grateful for the lives they have been given in A.A. All Groups are encouraged to submit group activities to the Today, and all members are encouraged to share their experience, strength, and hope as well. Please send all submissions to: today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org, and remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance from the actual event date. Thank you.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: All is going with the Birthday Club.

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: I have performed the following changes since the last business meeting: added, then removed after the holidays, the Alcathon schedule from the Home Page and the Events Page; Posted the December Today and Minutes; Performed minor fixes to the Contact and Services pages.

7. Group Contact Committee: Diane K.: I am currently attending as many different meetings as possible, with other members of my home group, in an attempt to collect as much group contact information as possible so that we can fulfill our intergroup database. Our Intergroup office manager, Ed B. has discovered a plethora of files containing previous groups' contact information. These files will become my starting point, and I will update their information accordingly. I have numerous entries of updated group contact information and will forward them to our Intergroup Registrar, Gary B. ASAP, so that they may receive our minutes upon submission.

8. Bridging the Gap: Carol G.: During the month of December, Ashley N. and I visited BHOP at 509 US Highway 1, West Palm Beach. While there, we received a total of 6 requests from clients' who wanted to be contacted by a volunteer from Bridging the Gap. There were two from NJ and one from OH which I forwarded to Richard Stone. Furthermore, I forwarded three clients' requests from Delray Beach, which I forwarded to Willie B. I was contacted by our Intergroup yesterday and was able to provide a BTG contact for a newcomer attending a meeting last night at the Triangle Club. In addition, I have also recruited several volunteers and am meeting with Ed W. this coming Monday, 1/9/12, to update the 12 Step and BTG calling list. I look forward to having the opportunity to volunteer for Bridging the Gap and would invite any suggestions anyone may have in making this committee as effective as possible. Thank you.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: At this time we have approximately 500 in inventory. Due to the timing of our next scheduled printing, which will be either late January/early February, we ask that you submit any and all changes. Please submit all changes. Furthermore, this seat will be available when rotation occurs. Thank you.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 5 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in the rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday February 5th, 2012. Orientation for new members is at 4:30pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you in February!

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: OPEN Officers position – Secretary – Claudia will be stepping down after tonight's meeting. We wish her well in her future endeavors. Good luck Claudia.....We conducted a vote in accordance with our Third Legacy Procedure and no one stood for the position.

Upcoming Events:

Old Timer's Speaker Panel/Spaghetti Dinner – Scheduled for Saturday, March 24th, 2012 @ The Finland House. Tix are \$10. Time of event will be from 6 pm -7:30 pm – Dinner, Sobriety countdown, then speakers (35+years of sobriety) from 8 pm -9:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.