

## **PBC INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES August 14, 2013**

### **Open Meeting ----- Serenity Prayer ----- Read 12 Traditions**

Start time: 6:15 pm – 47 in attendance

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.

**Introduction of new reps:** South County Intergroup Liaison – Pam T; Group Contacts: Belle Glade Women's – Istrecia; Jupiter Farms – Ervin K; Alt reps: LW Group – Jason F; Smoke Free Sobriety – Patricia; Eye Openers – Mike W; Reps: Jupiter Farms – Howard C; After Hours – Debbie A. Welcome all!

**Chairperson:** Gary B: I wish to Thank Everyone who attended and took part in our Annual Picnic last month. Linda and Mark will have comments concerning the picnic in their reports. There are still outstanding ticket sales from the picnic so please see Linda after the meeting with the unsold tickets or the money from the ticket sales so we can close the book and this event. A great time was had by everyone. If anyone wants to submit a motion to be included on September's Agenda please email me at heartofaunicorn@gmail.com by 6PM next Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Pot Luck Dinner. Linda will also address this in her report. I want to encourage all Committee Chairperson's who need assistance with their committee to reach out during this meeting and I hope that all of the Reps will get involved with a committee. It doesn't involve a great deal of time each month and is extremely helpful to your Committee Chairpersons. Thanks for all of your continued support.  
In Love and Service, Gary B., Intergroup Chairperson

**Alternate Chair:** Linda R - Alternate chair report august 2013 (read by Deb – Linda out sick)  
The Annual Intergroup Picnic was held on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> at Carlin Park. The Good Guys group won the Volleyball Tournament for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the teams. Thanks to our Ed W. and the cooks, Tom G for the Volleyball tournament, Steve H. for music and his band, Kari for the fun face painting and balloons, the Fern House and all volunteers that stepped up, served to make this happen!! We need the return of the unsold tickets and any money from the sales. Please turn them in after this meeting. Our Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church 1000 Lantana Rd. Lantana FL. Tickets \$ 8.00. Hot food dishes and desserts needed for good eats and treats. Doors open 5 pm Meeting starts at 7:30 pm. Thank you to Randy B. for stepping up to service and creating the flyers for this event. Pot Luck Dinner: Invite your friends we all have the ability to make this a fun event. You can connect with friends and invite them on Facebook, by "create an event" your anonymity is protected this way. Intergroup reps please hand out flyers at meetings and have tickets to sell. The information will be available on the website and the Today. These Intergroup service events are for the Groups and individuals to unite and celebrate unity; our fellowship. Love and Service - Linda R.

**Treasurer:** Mark H. – Reports attached  
*Pass the basket in accordance with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition*

**Secretary:** Deb M. – Thanks to all who got their reports in already; those who have not please have to me by Thursday evening. (Special note: there are a couple of reports I did not get via e-mail – please make sure you get them to me next month. I was able to recall some but not all of what those members said.)

**Registrar:** Roger B. – The minutes and agenda were e-mailed to the database upon receipt from the Chair, as per the By-Laws of PBC Intergroup. The database was updated after the last Intergroup Meeting. Any new Group reps or Alternate reps, please complete a green information card and hand to me or the Secretary. Thanks, Roger B. – Intergroup Registrar

**Office Manager:** Ed B –

Total Office Activity for July was 905. This was 210 more than last year, and 86 more than last month; again it's been surprisingly busy for a normally slow time of year. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. We carry a complete line of AA Grapevine literature as well as AA Conference Approved literature and CD's. In love & service, Ed B

**General Service/Intergroup Liaison:** Debbra –

7/21/2013 I was able to sit in on the Delegate meeting. This was a very learning experience. The motion for the re wording of the tradition eleven did not pass. Internet will not be included the last sentence of the eleventh tradition. The special needs committee is requesting a budget of \$1840.00 for the remainder of the year. This motion was postponed until next month.  
8/11/2013

Motion 3: Passed - Officers, Committee Chairs, DCMs and GSRs to have one vote. Alternates will vote only when their DCM or GSR are absent. Members of AA that come as visitors and guests are welcome to the meeting but may have no vote. Motion 1: Failed - The Special Needs Committee is requesting a budget of \$1840.00 for the remainder of the year of 2013 to cover its described functions including, but not limited to, providing ASL interpretation for the deaf community so they have access to Alcoholics Anonymous.

**South County Intergroup Liaison:** Mark -

Attended July 31st South County Intergroup meeting at central house in Delray. The meeting was well attended(55+). The elections for new committee chairs was held all positions except Archives Chair were filled. They are having their 10th annual Serenity Scramble, Oct 20th at Westchester Country Club. Fliers were brought to our meeting as well as copies of the SCAAN. In Love And Service, Mark T.

**Archives Committee Liaison:** Amanda V – no report submitted but secretary recalls from notes that Amanda had connected and the archives are in a bigger space with the additional \$400 to their budget. It was also commented that in cleaning everything out for the move that they discovered stuff they didn't realize they had – one being a license plate that was once Bill Wilson's.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Information:** Sean M.: (North), P.I. / C.P.C. activities through Wednesday 31 July, 2013: The usual bi-monthly drop-off rounds or approved literature to our regular recipients. (With John C.), attended a meet-and-greet & planning session at the Hazelden Center on 45th St. in WPBch regarding the September "Pathways to Wellness" event at the South Florida Fairgrounds. Plan to participate in an August 8th(?) round-table or similar event at the V.A. hospital in W.P. Bch. re A.A. services and what we can do regarding veteran's affairs, issues, etc. Confirmed our participation and reserved a space/table at the 'Stand Down' event to be held on Saturday 28 September 2013 in Del Ray Beach's Pompey Park. (air conditioned - indoor venue). Our contact is Nelsey Andros and Nelsey has been very helpful regarding planning and details. Will be bringing all of our visual materials & the flat-screen PC for running the PSA DVD in a loop. Restocked approved literature through the Intergroup office in West Palm Beach. Would like to place a budget discussion into the agenda for the next PI/CPC Committee regular meeting. In Service. Sean M.

**12 Step List:** Scott M – I'm an alcoholic named Scott. It is an honor and privilege to serve as your 12 step list committee chair. As we continue to make calls to see if everyone is still active, we have noticed that a lot of men are not answering or returning phone calls. The women seem to be pretty good with it. So if you or people in your homegroup want to get involved, we are in need of men for the list. Thanks for allowing me to serve, Scott  
Phone Volunteer Committee: John A –

**TODAY:** Colleen M – We printed six hundred-fifty copies of the Today for the month of August. Thank you to those who helped with submissions and editing. As always, suggestions for content are welcome at [today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org). Please send all submissions 2 weeks before the beginning of the month of the edition you wish to have your information published (e.g. if you want something printed in October, please submit it by mid-September). You can now receive the Today via email by sending an email to: [pbcregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pbcregistrar@gmail.com) with "Send Today to My Email" in the subject line or find it online at [www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org). In love and service, Colleen

### **Birthday Club/Today Subscription:** Ed W

Hi Everybody! Well, I mailed out this month's Medallions last week, Was a little slow getting that info to Colleen for the Today, which Shouldn't happen again, and will be mailing out the Today's this weekend. So if anyone is looking to do a little Service work, meet me at the Intergroup Office about quarter to noon on Saturday and you can help stuff envelopes! Everything else is going good and Thank You for allowing me to be of Service.

**Website Committee:** Vacant – Trish (Interim)- Changes for June/July: Posted The Today, Minutes, Where & When. Updated the Home and Events page. Posted a flyer for the Pot Luck dinner. Updated email aliases. Trish

**Group Contact Committee:** Len G – Group Contact Committee (GCC) Monthly Report  
July Activities

The Intergroup Database has been updated to include group contact name, email and phone #  
The Group Contact Notice is posted on the Intergroup office bulletin board and copies are available for visitors

The Group Contact Notice has been published in the Today newsletter

The Group Contact Notice has been posted at the Triangle Club, Oasis Club and at the BillyBob Club and is expected to be posted at the Easy Does It Club and others soon

The Group Contact Committee description has been updated at the PBCIA website as follows:

The **Group Contact Committee** contacts groups that do not have an Intergroup Representative. The purpose is to identify someone in the group who is willing to be a contact in order for the group to receive information on Intergroup activities. Contact us at: [groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

The Registrar for District 8 has sent the Group Contact Notice to all of his DCM's and through them to the GSR's of the groups in North Palm Beach County asking them to go back to their groups to identify an Intergroup Rep (if one does not exist) or a Group Contact person and email the requested information to me at [groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

Group Contact Notice

Does Your AA Group Have an Intergroup Representative?

If not, Intergroup really needs a Group Contact person from your Group to communicate with. Please email the following information:

Group Name

Group Contact First and Last Name

E-Mail Address

Phone Number

To: [groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:groupcontact@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

We need the Intergroup Reps to carry the message of the need for a Group Contact to all of the Groups that do not have an Intergroup Rep. Please contact me for the names of the groups that need to be contacted that meet at your locations. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thanks, Len G, Group Contact Chair:

Bridging the Gap Committee: Steve H – no report submitted but recall statement at the meeting that he needs volunteers for his committee

Where & When Committee: Ali H – no report submitted – but recall statement at the meeting that it was updated about a week ago.

**Institutions Committee:** Fred B – not in attendance

**Advisory Board Meeting:** ATTENDANCE: Gary B, Linda R, Mark H, John C., Ali H., Roger B., Trish D., David C. & Deb M, Jasine H. - Open with Serenity Prayer

Gary welcomed all. Said all is going well. Carol has stepped down as the Website chair. Trish has volunteered to help out in the interim until the new Website Chair is elected.

Linda. Picnic Update: All payments have been made to the park and party rental. We have the park's permit. Roger, Mark, Ed B, Ed W, Rob, and Linda have cars and vans available. The cars

and vans will take supplies to park and to go shopping in the morning for the fresh food. Linda has the list of all items that are needed for the picnic. Linda, Mark H, Ed B picked up non-perishable items on Tuesday night. Kari has a team for face painting and balloons. Ed W. has his team for cooking, Tom G. is on target with the volleyball tournament; Steve H's band is playing from 2-4 . Steve my play acoustic guitar from 12-2 pm. Regency party rentals will set up between 8:30- 9:00 in the morning of the picnic. Gary will be there with permit and layout for the tents. The Fern House will be providing volunteers. Linda will call Sam's Club Friday to verify our food order. Everyone will meet at the Intergroup office at 8:30 am on Saturday. Next on the agenda is the Pot luck Dinner in October and the General Service Area 15 Quarterly will be held the weekend of Oct 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Mark H. Treasurer's Update: We are very strong. The report for June of 2013 is virtually the same as for June of 2012 – we are staying pretty consistent. Bit of a difference in surplus. Maybe look at some adjustments. We should be able to disburse excess funds to the GSO level again this year.

Where & When and Website Committee's Discussion: Discussed with Ali on ways to improve the distribution of the Where & When updates so that the updates are managed more efficiently. Ali suggested as that they are sent to her that she will input them as soon as possible have a last minute crunch to get the updates posted so that we do not run out of our supply of Where and When's and also to keep the Web site continually up to date. It was recognized that timely communication is essential.

A discussion was held concerning PI Committee and its current structure. It is recognized that District 8 is very organized and there is mutual participation between the District and the Intergroup's (North and South county). It was suggested that at the Intergroup level that this should be more of a Liaison status with District rather than a Committee. After discussion, it was felt that the current structure was working well and should remain as it is for the time being.

In general Intergroup is doing very well.

The next advisory committee meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Intergroup office.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Election- Web Site Committee Chairperson, No One Stood

**Upcoming Events:** Potluck Dinner in October 19, 2013 at The Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:45 p.m.