

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

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.*

Time Start: 6:15pm

Attendance: 46

Introduce new Rep's: Good Guys Group, Len G., Intergroup Rep; Good Morning Group, Chip J., Alt. Intergroup Rep; Island Group, Anita L, Intergroup Rep; Monday Nights Men's Group, Brandt N., Intergroup Rep., Unshakeable Foundation Woman's Group, Rachel S, Intergroup Rep; Winners Woman Group, Cristina, Intergroup Rep; Getting Started, Shawn M, Alt. Intergroup Rep; We've Found the Way, Sarah T, Intergroup Rep.

Chairperson: *Steve Y.:* If everyone can please turn off or silence your cell phones so not to disrupt the meeting that would be terrific. Just a reminder that all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary (Linda R.) after the meeting, or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. All motions may be placed on the next PB County Integroup agenda within 7 days following the business meeting (tonight's meeting) by submitting it to the PB County Intergroup Chairperson.....Very important,..... we will be e-mailing out next month the duties and requirements for ALL the positions that will be open for election (service), which will be conducted in March. Please look them over and see if you would like to stand for one of them. To our new reps., please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name and 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.

Alternate Chair: *Leroy H.:* INTERGROUP Old Timer's panel / Spaghetti dinner will be held on March 23, 2013...Saturday, at the Finland House. Tickets are \$10.

Treasurer: *Mark H.:* We had a surplus for the month of \$540.81. This report included income from the Christmas Alcothon but not from the New Years Alcothon.

For the calendar year we had an increase of 20% in Literature Sales. Our expense for Literature

Purchases increased by 21%. Overall for the calendar year our Total Revenue grew by 9% and our Total Expenses grew by 10%. This growth in sales and revenue with a corresponding and slightly greater increase in expenses is consistent with our cutting literature prices.

The Advisory Committee discussed our financial position. We have concluded that our Prudent Reserve should be increased by \$860 to match our guidelines in our bylaws. We also discussed several purchases that the office may need going forward. Given this discussion it was clear we have excess funds and therefore we are recommending the following:

"The Advisory Committee recommends that a disbursement of \$3,000 of excess funds be sent to General Service".....a motion will be e-mailed out to the rep's, which is to be brought back to their home groups.....this will be discussed and voted upon at next month's Intergroup business meeting.

Overall, the Intergroup's finances are strong.

Thank you for all of the individual and group contributions that make our mission possible.

Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition

Secretary: *Linda R.:* Accepted as delivered to the registrar for e-mail disbursement

Registrar: *Gary B.:* The minutes were e-mailed to the database as per the By-Laws of PBC Intergroup. The minutes were sent to the database upon receipt from the Secretary. The database was updated after the last Intergroup Meeting

Office Manager: Ed B.: Total Office Activity for December was 673. This was 46 more than last year, but 70 less more than last month. As Mark has already reported literature sales including tax exempt sales for 2012 were \$56,737.46 which was \$8,800 greater than last year. This was essentially because we decreased the price on AA Conference Approved and Grapevine literature to 10% above the cost Intergroup pays for this literature. The price decrease did not affect the annual surplus which was \$8,164.64, which was only \$657.90 less than last year. It is rare that a price reduction doesn't affect the bottom line, but in this case it didn't. Every effort was made to keep operating expenses in line with last year's. And we are very grateful for the individual and Group contributions that make our 12th Step work possible. The Office is open M-F from 9-5 and Saturday from 9:30-1.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: *Deb M.:* LIAISON REPORT - INTERGROUP TO DISTRICT 8 DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING OF 12/9/12.
Next business meeting will be January 20, 2013.

Supplement to prior report. The prior report focused on the elections. There has not been another district meeting since the last Intergroup Meeting but I've gone through the minutes and reviewed the written reports from the district chairs and set out anything of interest below. In light of the elections – no oral reports were given and all were submitted for inclusion in the minutes.

The chairs who are rotating out focused primarily in expressing gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

The budget approval was a part of the month's report. The South County and North County intergroup liaisons provided reports with details of activities, most of which have now passed. Additionally, Vicki reported that Intergroup is in need phone volunteers and that we will be having upcoming elections.

Archives talked about the new display here in the Intergroup office. A display will also be set up at the April quarterly that will be held in our district.

Corrections continues to take meetings to the county and state prisons and jails.

PI/PC has managed to put big books in all the county libraries as well as other opportunities to pass on what AA is about.

The Grapevine chair submitted a long written report. She has been putting up Grapevine and other literature displays at all events that she's able to get to, which are numerous.

The revised Website is up and running and is getting a lot of activity. Consensus is that it is easier to navigate. I have the minutes if anyone is interested in looking at them and finding out who the new chairs are in the District.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Steve H.: no meeting this month. The motions to move the Business meeting to an alternate location has been dismissed and the South County Intergroup Meeting will continue to be held in Central House.

Archives Committee Liaison: Scott M.: I have the honor and privilege of being your liaison to archives. We were able to change our display case this past month. On one side of the display there are old Grapevines, and on the other side there is AA literature from all over the world. We do recorded tapings (oral histories) of old timers, if there is someone in your group with 45 plus years of sobriety, let us know and we can tape them. The fellowship is welcome to assist during the quarterly in April, in Boca Raton, when we exhibit our entire collection. A schedule will be passed on as it gets closer. If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: *John C.*: I would like to thank everyone involved in the Alcothons, especially Steve. Leroy and Ed B. as well as everyone who showed up at the meetings. For me, the meetings and the fellowship were truly inspirational.

On the P.I. front, the PSA's that I had hoped would be aired over the holidays are still in the process of editing and tagging. I was assured just moments before preparing this report that the person doing all of the work has returned from his holiday vacation and they will be on-air very soon. As my friend doing the work said, "getting the message of AA out there is an every day effort".

Otherwise, there is very little other news to report at this time.

Anyone interested in this rewarding service is encouraged to contact me with any questions regarding the details of the P.I. Committee and what we do. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity.

2. 12 Step List: *Ed W.*: Well, I wasn't able to make it to the River bottom group's Christmas meeting last month, truck broke down,

But Ed was kind enough to bring back the contact info for those who wanted to volunteer for the 12th step list, I've update the list and sent it to David and the office, bringing the total number of volunteers to 97, 53 men and 44 women, so we're starting the new year on a good note!

3. Phone Volunteer: *David C.*: Things get better then worst; shifts that need to be filled are as follows Thursday 8pm- 11pm, Friday 6am- 9am, Saturday 9 am- 1pm and Sunday 8pm- 11pm. If you are a member of AA and want to help answer phones this commitment is about 4 hours a week on non business hours. A good candidate for this position is someone that can consistently and reliably be of service at the time scheduled. Excellent service for the members that have 2 to 10 years or more that are very busy you can do this service from your home or on the fly. If you would like to be placed in a current slot or in the queue for a volunteer position on the list please contact me at phone.chair.intergroup@gmail.com

4. Today: *Randy B.*: The January issue of the Today is before you. All Groups are encouraged to submit group activities to the Today. Please remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event.

The January issue is full of exciting events coming in the next couple of months like the 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Coming in March as well as the usual monthly financial reports, Birthday Club celebrants and a plea from the Phone Volunteer committee chair for volunteers. We also have the Stump the archives feature in this month where you might win \$3,000,000 or fond congratulations. We printed 750 copies instead of the usual 500. You are encouraged to take more and pass them out at your home group instead of leaving them on a table with the other literature. The Today can also be read online as a pdf file at: www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org click on resources and Today then select the month you would like to read.

Please take the Today back to your group and implore members to become a part of Palm Beach County Intergroup

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: *Robin W.*: Medallions and Today subscriptions were mailed out.

6. Website Committee: *Trish D.*: Tasks completed since the last business meeting:

- Posted the December Today
- Posted the December Intergroup Business Minutes
- Updated the Home Page & Events Page
- Posted the new Meetings List
- Posted the recent meeting changes

7. Group Contact Committee: **open**

8. Bridging the Gap: *Carol G.*: No report to give because the first Tue of the month fell on New Year's day and we did not meet.

9. Where and When Committee: *Roger B.*: We just received a new printing of the Meeting Lists and have plenty in stock. If any groups have any changes, please let us know as soon as possible. You can email me at whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org, or contact the intergroup Office. There are also forms on the website to change, cancel, or add a meeting

10. Institutions: Fred B. Your Institutions Committee currently brings 101 meetings a week to 41 facilities. We had 2 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in the rewarding service. New volunteers need to have 6 month of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service.

We will be having Bowling for Big Books with an AA meeting afterwards. Sunday, February 17, 6:30pm-9pm @ Greenacres Bowling. Lake Worth Road. Tickets are available from Tom, H., Treasurer for Institutions . Tickets are \$20 includes bowling , pizza, and soda.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Intergroup Advisory Board January 7, 2013

Items to discuss:

Possible disbursement of excess funds from our prudent reserve: According to our by-laws, which states, "A prudent reserve shall be established and maintained at 25% of the annual operating expense of P.B. County Intergroup minus literature purchases. This amount will be reviewed annually and adjusted if necessary in January by the Advisory Committee." Looking back over 2012, Intergroup had an annual Operating Expense of \$109,527.47 minus yearly Literature Purchases of \$39,376.33 which comes to \$70,151.14. Twenty five percent (25%) of this = \$17,537.78 which will be our new prudent reserve for 2013. We will transfer money from our checking account in the amount of \$859.82 to equal our new Prudent Reserve so our new checking account will now be roughly \$12,431.17. We discussed to possibly send (contribute) excess funds to AAWS (NY) in the amount of \$3,000.00. Intergroup contributes directly to NY (we go up the chain)..... **A motion will be sent out next month for you to discuss with your homegroups. We will discuss and vote on this motion next month.** Intergroup's Prudent Reserve has been maintained for the year of 2012. All expenses have been paid. Possible purchases needed for Intergroup this year: new coffee pots as well as 1 large cooler for our service events, 2 picnic tables for the outer areas of our office, and looking into updating the 2 thermostats in the office.

Spaghetti dinner / Old Timers panel FORMAT:

Saturday March 23, 2013. \$10 per ticket, printing only 500 tickets this year. \$1,200 is the cost of the Finland house. They raised the cost an additional \$100. There will be an adjustment to the event -this is a service event so we will not be doing the 50/50 raffle nor will we be passing the 7th tradition basket.

We will try and have a new format in finding the speakers. Pick their names out of a hat, (lottery style), the deadline to put your name in consideration will be Friday, March 15, 2013. We will have 25 speakers but we will introduce everyone who put their name in the drawing.

Elections...

Full panel election. April will be the last meeting for current servants. One vote for one group pertaining to Intergroup reps., committee chairs, liaisons, and officers. Advisory members do not vote.

Start utilizing the registrar's data base for emailing out: our Today newsletter, service event flyers, group info flyers, etc...

Possibility: putting a notice in our Today newsletter if people want to be included in our e-mail data base (try to reach as many people as possible in our fellowship).

2. OPEN committee position Group contact.

All persons meeting the requirements for the position stood. 2 remained standing for the position, Debra M. and Len G. Each gave their qualifications. The body (reps) voted in accordance with our Third Legacy, written ballot. Total voted was 42. 2/3 vote went to Len G.....who is now the new Group Contact chair until March, when we have our yearly elections.

Upcoming Events:

1. **ELECTIONS** – Officers, Advisory Board & Committee chairs shall be announced in February, conducted in March, and take office at the next May Intergroup meeting.
2. INTERGROUP Spaghetti Dinner / Old Timer's panel will be held on March 23, 2013...Saturday, at the Finland House. Tickets will be available come the Jan. 2013 meeting.

Ending time: 7 13