

PBC Intergroup
Business Meeting- July 10, 2013

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.

***Introduce new Rep's:** Ocean Park Meeting Group, group contact, Marique Z; Basic Text , Intergroup Rep, Michael K; Leaves of Gold, Intergroup Rep, Troy C.; Jason L. General Service Liaison; Lantana Group, Alternate Intergroup Rep, Kim D.; Sunrise Sobriety, Intergroup Rep, Lynn M.; Mid-day Live, Intergroup Rep, Britni C.

Chairperson: Gary B. Our Annual Intergroup Picnic is right around the corner. The next time we will see each other will be at the picnic on July 27 at Carlin Park in Jupiter. I look forward to seeing y'all there. Please turn in any money, from ticket sales, to Linda after the meeting. We still have tickets available for sale and tickets will be available on the day of the event. I want to thank Linda for filling in for our Secretary, Deb, while she is on vacation. Please make sure you send your Committee or Officer Report to her at linda.ronzoni.11@gmail.com within the next 24 hours if you have not already done so. We will be having our first Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday July 24 at 6PM here in the Intergroup Office. Anyone can attend but only Advisory Committee Members can participate. Recently the Institutions Committee Steering Committee sent out a letter that alarmed several people. Fred, the Chairperson of Institutions Committee, is here to clarify the report. Please listen with Love and Tolerance as he clarifies the comments that were made. The Institution Committee really needs help on the Steering Committee and many other leadership positions. Please consider this very vital Intergroup Committee when you are considering your service activities. They are part of Our Intergroup and need Our Continued Support. In her report Linda, our Alternate Chairperson, will lays out the plans for our picnic and where she still needs help. Again, I look forward to seeing y'all in Jupiter.

Alternate Chair: Linda R: Intergroup Annual picnic is Saturday July 27th from 11 am to 6pm. Tickets are \$8.00, children under 10 are free. For all Intergroup Reps here, we encourage you to have the tickets available to sell and make the announcements for the picnic. Please turn in any money, from ticket sales, to me after the meeting. We still have tickets available for sale and tickets will be available on the day of the event. We have a band, food and beverages. We encourage Intergroup Reps and home groups to get involved volleyball tournament. Contact Tom G at:

561-201-8603

galinc41@gmail.com

There are flyers with the volleyball info that have a way to reach Tom with his number and email address. Here is a list of what help we need:

1. Bring your own dessert!! Have fun with it. We'll need desserts.
2. 10 Volunteers for set up and clean up, ticket sales and soda sales.
3. 3 Mini vans and 2 pick up trucks for assistance.

We meet at the Intergroup office at 8:30am then go to the Park

4. Volunteers to bring specifically fruit salad and other picnic salads.

5. Would like to have a children's face painter, if anyone can help please email me.

This is a great way to have fun, do service and introduce sponsees into service and the fellowship.

* Received all reports forwarded minutes to Chair and Registrar to be dispersed .

Treasurer: Mark H: We had a surplus for the month of \$2,108.79. At first glance it appears that Group Contributions were huge this month, however, looking at them in comparison to last year, they were slightly behind in May 2013 and it appears we had some catch up. Also some groups have contributed twice for the month of June. I think this bump in contributions is a matter of timing.

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: Deb M.:

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.

Office Manager: Ed B. : Total Office Activity for June was an even 819. This was 108 more than last year, and 135 more than last month; which was pretty busy for a normally slow month. 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. Also, we need a telephone volunteer for the Saturday afternoon 1 PM – 5 PM shift. If you are interested see me after the meeting; or announce it at your Home Group. We usually ask for one year of continuous sobriety.

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Troy T.: There was no General Service Meeting therefore no report .

South Palm Beach County Intergroup Liaison: Mark T.: Attended the June 26th South County Intergroup meeting at central house in Delray. The meeting was well attended (approximately 55 people). Various chair reports were given. They are still looking to fill the bridge the gap (male) position. Quick meeting about 30 minutes.

Archives Committee Liaison: Amanda V.: no report

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: Sean M.: District 15 P.I. / C.P.C. activities through June 2013 and including

Wednesday, 10 July 2013:

* WLRN, (91.3 FM), (serving Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade & Monroe(?) counties is now including a spoken PSA, (Public Service Announcement), which the announcers read 'live' from "The Community Bulletin Board". The spot they are reading on the air is; "If you want to drink it's your business, if you want to. . ." The PSA is read at whatever time the announcer(s) choose on a rotating basis but an average of 7 - 8 times a week would be a fair estimate.

* WPBI, (formerly WXEL), 90.7 FM, has not yet confirmed their willingness to run the same or a similar announcement as that on WLRN. However, after speaking repeatedly with Mr. Scott Latta, (Office Manager & Assistant Programming Director), we have an agreement that WPBI WILL be willing to include PBCIAA events and happenings, (such as the Carlin Park Labor Day picnic), fundraising events for Intergroup related causes, etc. This may be all that we can get this station to do, (but it's something!). I will be sending Scott a plain text message on an as-needed basis with information about relevant upcoming events. This will be an on-going effort and I will be contacting other radio and cable stations as time permits.

* Have been delivering an appropriate selection and prudent quantities of approved literature to the same locations that John C. was servicing during his tenure as PI/CPC chair. Have also been dropping off; 'Problems Other Than Alcohol' and 'Medications and Other Drugs' to Jerome Golden, (formerly Oakwood), and several reputable 'Pain Management' physician's offices in Jupiter and in West Palm Beach. Also have established a relationship with Dr. Jan Burke PhD, LCSW - he is a W. P. Bch. clinical psychologist that specializes in counseling / treating chronic pain patients. This will also be an on-going effort.

* Wednesday 10 July, 2013. . . Attended a planning meeting regarding the upcoming, (September 2013), 'Pathways to Wellness' event to be held at the South Florida Fairgrounds Exposition Center.

* Have reached out to several recovering alcoholics that are interested in doing service work regarding the Fairgrounds event detailed in the preceding bullet. I do not anticipate a lack of willing volunteers for this event from our District.

* Was completely unsuccessful in making any progress regarding the running of slideshow or video-production PSA's at local Muvico / AMC / (etc.) movie theatres. The pricing, (even at the absolute lowest rates possible), are prohibitively expensive.

* Have made 4 additional copies of the official General Services DVD that I was given by an AA at the Oasis Club.

There are a total of 12 video spots in various lengths and a large number of audio clips that are of very high quality, (digital). This DVD was used at our table at the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County 'Pathways to Wellness' and was played in a loop on a flat-screen PC that we brought to the event at the Embassy Suites Hotel in W.P. Bch. this past April

2. 12 Step List: Scott M.: It is an honor to be able to serve as The Committee Chair of the 12 Step List. This month I have just been going through the list, trying to make sure everybody's phone number on the list is still active. If you are aware of anybody wanting to join, please have them contact me by phone or email.

3. Phone Volunteer: Vacant

4. Today: Colleen M. : We printed six hundred-fifty copies of the Today for the month of July. Thank you to those who helped with submissions and editing. As always, suggestions for content are welcome at today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org. You can now receive the Today via email by sending an email to: pbcregistrar@gmail.com with "Send Today to My Email" in the subject line or find it online at www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Ed W. : Well, with help from College and Ed, everything seems to be going well. the medallions and Today's will be sent out this weekend.

6. Website Committee: Carol G.: June's Today, the Current Where and When, and Minutes were updated on the website. Len edited a paragraph on the home page regarding Intergroup representatives and I made those changes.

7. Group Contact Committee: Len G.: June 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 submitted to the Today newsletter and is expected to appear in the next issue
- The Group Contact Notice is expected to be posted and available at the Oasis Club and at the BillyBob Club very 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
- The Registrar for District 8 is sending 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

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

8. Bridging the Gap: Steve H. We are making efforts to get in touch with South County and expand the BTG capabilities. Due to other commitments June was a busy month but I did sit down with Jason W. and he is going to work with me to try and leave BTG in a functional effective state at the end of the current

commitment. I spoke with a girl coming out of a treatment center in Martin County, and put her in touch with Julie R. Still plan to get with Colleen to post information of BTG in the Today asking for help from home group members. My contact information is 302-528-8434 or contact the Intergroup office.

9. Where and When Committee: Ali H.: The where and when's will shortly be updated and a whole new order of where and when's will be sent out

10. Institutions: Fred B. We have over 100 meetings a week in 44 Institutions. We have 15 new volunteers. We are contact with South County Intergroup Institutions for volunteers. There are still plenty of openings to take meetings into Institutions.

Our regular business meetings are the 1st Sunday of the month. Orientation is at 4:30 pm, and the business meeting is at 5:00 pm. We need volunteers starting with six months sobriety.

*Response to email: An email was sent out to volunteers on the Institutions committee, in effect to bring people to the business meeting and to be involved.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Elections: 1. Phone Committee Chairperson :

All stood who met the requirements for the position; **Troy T. remained standing and was voted in unanimously.**

2. General Service Liaison:

All stood who met the requirements for the position; **Deborah remained standing and was voted in unanimously.**

Upcoming Events:

- 1) Annual Intergroup Picnic.....7/27/13 11:00 am – 6 pm. @ Carlin Park. The Gumbo Limbo and Sea Oats Pavilion. Tickets are \$8.00, children under 10 are free. Tickets will be sold at the event as well as from Intergroup Representatives.