

PBC INTERGROUP
Date: September 10, 2014

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Start time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Number of attendees: 60

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: Reps: Lauren A – Happy Hour/Oasis; David P – Gift of Sobriety; Nick V – Leaves of Gold; Jamie C – Hum Day; Eric – Temp for Day Openers; Jay C – Tired of the Beating; Christian L – Better Than Yesterday; Gary K – new liaison from South County Intergroup.

Chairperson: Gary B - I pray that everyone had a peaceful and sober month. If anyone wishes to place a motion on the October 8, 2014 PBC Intergroup Meeting Agenda it should be received by me by 5pm next Wednesday, September 17, 2014. We have one motion under New Business that, if adopted, will change our bylaws. Under our By-Laws we are mandated to hold 4 Service Events per year. Because our Intergroup Picnic was held later that we usually hold it we will be unable to hold the Pot Luck Dinner that is usually held in October this year. This is because that there just was not enough time to put the Pot Luck Dinner together and plan the Picnic Event. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 13, 2014 at 6pm here in the Intergroup Office and we will address this situation at that time and bring back any recommendation that develop from the meeting. In Love & Service, Gary B., PBC Intergroup Chairperson

Alternate Chair: Steve H – As stated, we are not going to have a Potluck Dinner this year. This allows us to focus on the Alcathons. Several concerns have been expressed by various groups that feel slighted when they are omitted from one or both Alcathons. I am proposing that we at Intergroup make an effort this season to assure that groups that do not get drawn for the Christmas event are put on as first shot for the New Year's event. Aside from having a place to go for all alcoholics to spend the holidays amongst friends, a secondary objective should be to ensure as much participation as possible with the opportunity to showcase what their group and meeting have to offer, especially to the newcomers. Topics for future discuss should include a restructure of the timing and dates for next year's

events. We are not looking to eliminate the Potluck, but having it put in summer and moving the picnic to October are thoughts for consideration. This year's picnic was a huge success however the primary complaint was the intolerable heat. I welcome all input and suggestions and anyone wishing to help shore up a committee to oversee the success of the Alcathons will be welcome and appreciated. If we can put together 4 crews per event to stay for 6 hour shifts (or even 6 crews in 4 hour shifts) things should go well. As with all events this will be my first Alcathon and I will be looking forward to and counting on your support. When all is said and done, I am relying on the loving god as he may express himself in tradition 2 for guidance and revelation of his will. Grateful to be of service, because in the words of Dr. Bob "It gives pleasure to serve". Steve H – Alternate Chair

Treasurer: Mark H – Reports are attached; otherwise our surplus for the month was \$1,112.60. The picnic was a success; however, final numbers have not become available because ticket money is still trickling in. Overall the Intergroup's finances are strong. Thank you for all the individual and group contributions that make our mission possible. Mark H

Pass the basket in accordance with our 7th Tradition

Secretary: Deb M – Thank you to all who have turned in your reports; if you have not please get them to me by early Thursday evening so I have time to put the minutes into final form for submission to the Chair and the Registrar. It is suggested that all new representatives and alternate representatives go to the Palm Beach County Intergroup website (aa-palmbeachcounty.org) and view the Home page, tab "About Intergroup" and read the by-laws – all of which are on the website. Additionally, we have a hard copy packet that contains much useful information on your role as an Intergroup Representative.

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, Alternate Reps, or newly elected Committee Chairs/Officers, please complete a yellow information card and hand to the Secretary. Thanks, Roger B. – Intergroup Registrar

Office Manager: Ed B – Total Office Activity for August was 684. This was 72 less than month, and 168 less than last year. Activity-wise, it has been very quiet month. After some initial glitches, online registration is available for the 2015 International Convention. If you are uncomfortable registering online, there are

registration forms on the front table that you can fill out and mail. AAWS has announced price increases on Conference Approved Literature effective October 1st. We will try to have enough inventory on hand to defer any price increase until November 1st. At the next meeting we will have a schedule of new pricing effective November 1st. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. In love & service, Ed B

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Doug L - No General Services meeting yet this month – will be next week – will double up report next month.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Fred M. – South County AA Intergroup Liaison
The group voted to elect a new treasurer and Elizabeth was elected; The group voted to elect a new North County AA Intergroup Liaison and Gary was elected
The group voted to elect a new public information representative and no one volunteered so the position remained open; The group voted to elect a new male 12th step committee person and Scott was elected; A motion was made to change the South County AA Intergroup meeting up a week to Wednesday, September 17th from the 24th to make observation for the holiday Rosh Hashanah, this motion was passed; AA World Services raised the prices of literature and these prices will be reflected effective January 2015; Financials were discussed pertaining to the annual Gratitude dinner and home groups will be able to purchase tickets at the upcoming business meeting; Announcement was made about the Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament which will be held Sunday, October 9th 2014. It has been asked for home groups to make announcements about the tournament which is in need of more applicants or else be cancelled; in addition they are in need of donations for raffle prizes; A motion was made to put statistics of incoming calls made to the intergroup office so that we could better meet AA's primary purpose, the motion was passed.

Archives Committee Liaison: Greg R - Nothing to report this month. Thanks and God bless. Archivist chair- Greg R

Committee Reports:

Public Information: John resigned and the former chair of this committee, Sean M stood for it again and was approved by the body. Effective Wednesday the 10th September, 2014, Sean M. will resume the role of PI/CPC through 2015. Effective Thursday the 11th September, 2014, Sean M. will resume regular contact with and delivery to of approved literature to the established distribution sites, (have added two more to the list of 11 locations for a total of 13ish). PI will be hosting a table

with display board, literature racks, (snacks?), at the S. Florida Fairgrounds this Saturday the 13th September 2014 from 11:00 A.M. til 5:00 P.M. The event is the second annual symposium organized by Doris Carroll at the West Palm Beach offices of ‘ A Partnership for a Drug-Free Community ‘. This will be the second time that PBCIAA has a presence at this very well-attended event. PI will be staffing a table with the display board, (etc.), at the Veteran’s Stand-Down held Saturday the 27th September 2014 from 12 noon to 5:00 P.M. in the Activity Hall of Pompey Park in Del Ray Beach. Last year’s attendance was in excess of 200 veterans. The event address is: 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach, FL 33444
I will be reaching out to Susan D. re resumption of other duties concerning PI/CPC ASAP. With Gratitude and in Service, Sean M.

12 Step List: Matthew S– I passed out 12 step volunteer sheets last month. I received some of those this past week but if anyone else has any volunteers from their home groups please let me know. I should have updated lists out within the next week. Thanks for letting me serve -Matt

Phone Volunteer Committee: Troy T – Hello all, Thank you for allowing me to serve as your phone chairperson. Things are running good and I have not been getting any complaints. All slots are now filled. I will be emailing out the updated copy of the volunteer list as I have almost collected everyone's email addresses and updated the sheet. Thank you to Francis for stepping up to take on another timeslot. This is a very rewarding service commitment and you get a chance to meet and talk with lots of folks both newcomers and veterans alike. Maybe folks have some suggestions to make things better and I would love to get them after the meeting. If you are interested in serving as a phone volunteer feel free to contact me. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Troy T 561-301-3624
phonevolunteer@aa-palmbeachcounty.org

TODAY: Rosemary T – This month we printed 650 copies of the Today which features the upcoming Big Book Ball. The newsletter needs more in the way of upcoming events; if anyone had any ideas on how to get the word out so people can let me know of any events, please email me. Rosemary T

Birthday Club: Linda R – All August Medallions and Newsletters went out on Schedule. Thanks for letting me serve. Linda

Website Committee: Randy B – Since the last business meeting I have made the following updates and changes: Updated Announcement & Events page; Posted

the Today; Posted Intergroup Business Meeting minutes; Posted Agenda for Sept meeting. And here are web stats for the month of July - Total Visits 6,796; First time visits 5,445; Returning visits 1,351

Group Contact Committee: James H – No report submitted.

Bridging the Gap Committee: Sheila B – No report submitted.

Where & When Committee: Scott M – I am an alcoholic named Scott. Thank you very much for letting me serve as your When and When Committee Chair. We have not placed an order since the last meeting, but most likely will between now and next month. If anybody is aware of any changes that need to take place, please let either myself or our fearless office manager Ed know. Thanks for allowing me to help! In love and service, Scott

Institutions Committee: Chris H - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 99 meetings a week to 40 facilities. We had a good response to our on-going need for new volunteers this month with twelve new volunteers! There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. The Big Book Ball is going to be a New Year's Eve celebration. The Ball will be held December 31 at the Borland Center on PGA Blvd in Palm Beach Gardens from 7pm to midnight. Tickets will cost \$20 and include a light dinner, great dancing and New Year's fun! Tickets will be available from Institutions Committee members and the Intergroup office. Plan to come and have a great time and, at the same time, help the Institutions Committee to buy Big Books for institutionalized alcoholics. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club the 1st Sunday each month: new member orientation at 4:30 pm 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. Yours in love and service, Chris H

Advisory Committee Meeting: October 3, 2014.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. This motion proposes to amend the PBC Intergroup By-Laws.

Motion: PBC Intergroup will observe in all of its activities and service events the spirit and intent of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It will refrain from any type of fund raising activities to include raffles and lotteries. PBC Intergroup service events ought not to be promoted at the level of press, radio, film.

Motion amended to:

Motion: PBC Intergroup will observe in all of its activities and service events the spirit and intent of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It will refrain from any type of fund raising activities to include raffles and lotteries - excluding the Institutions Committee. PBC Intergroup service events ought not to be promoted at the level of press, radio, film. Motion did not pass.

Upcoming Events: Christmas and New Year Alcathon
New Year's Eve Institution Big Book Ball

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 pm

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report
08/01/2014 - 08/31/2014**

Opening Balance Checking: **\$ 18,976.68**

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$ 3,649.90
Sales Tax	219.46
Group Contributions	3,137.70
Annual Picnic	4,040.00
Birthday Club Memberships	132.00
Meeting Baskets	66.80

Total Revenues: **\$ 11,245.86**

Expenses:

Literature Purchases	\$ 2,662.60
Sales Tax	312.89
Annual Picnic	1,884.23
Office Salary	3,432.70
FICA & Unemployment Tax	262.61
Paychex(monthly fee)	77.00
Health Insurance	267.86
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	289.34
FP&L	170.82
FP&L Deposit Refund	(257.78)
Exterminating	37.00
Repairs & Maintenance	9.52
Sam's Club Membership	45.00
Printing	231.00
Office Supplies / Postage	233.47

Total Expenses **\$ 10,133.26**

Monthly Surplus / (Deficit) **\$ 1,112.60**

Closing Balance Checking: **\$ 20,089.28**

Opening Balance Prudent Reserve: **\$ 17,761.42**

Prudent Reserve Interest **0.45**

Closing Balance Prudent Reserve: **\$ 17,761.87**

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report
8/01/2014 - 8/31/2014**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Calendar YTD</u>
Revenues:		
Literature Sales	\$ 3,649.90	\$ 38,414.80
Sales Tax	219.46	2,301.56
Tax Exempt Sales	-	1,003.65
Group Contributions	3,137.70	32,901.30
New Year's Alcothon	-	709.60
Potluck Dinner	-	40.00
Old Timers' Meeting	-	405.00
Annual Picnic	4,040.00	4,530.00
"Today" Membership	-	18.00
Birthday Club Memberships	132.00	930.90
Meeting Baskets	66.80	544.52
Florida Rondup	-	507.69
Total Revenues:	\$ 11,245.86	\$ 82,307.02
Expenses:		
Literature Purchases	\$ 2,662.60	\$ 28,815.72
Sales Tax	312.89	2,332.18
Alcothon Expenses	-	195.73
Old Timers' Meeting	-	887.76
Picnic Expense	1,884.23	2,317.72
Office Salary	3,432.70	24,028.90
FICA & Unemployment Tax	262.61	1,885.40
Paychex(monthly fee)	77.00	616.00
Health Insurance	267.86	1,428.58
Liability Insurance (annual)	-	1,875.57
Rent & Water	475.00	3,800.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	289.34	2,348.82
FP&L	170.82	967.94
FP&L Deposit Refund	(257.78)	(257.78)
East Coast Fire Equipment	-	42.00
Exterminating	37.00	284.00
Repairs & Maintenance	9.52	47.22
Printing	231.00	1,848.00
Costco Membership	-	55.00
Sam's Club Membership	45.00	45.00
Office Supplies / Postage	233.47	1,890.92
Total Expenses	\$ 10,133.26	\$ 75,454.68
Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 1,112.60	\$ 6,852.34

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
Operating Report
August 31, 2014**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Revenues:			
Literature Sales	\$ 3,649.90	\$ 5,610.69	\$ (1,960.79)
Sales Tax	219.46	339.53	(120.07)
Tax Exempt Sales	-	250.00	(250.00)
Group Contributions	3,137.70	3,192.56	(54.86)
Annual Picnic	4,040.00	536.00	3,504.00
Potluck dinner	-	16.00	(16.00)
"Today" Subscriptions	-	6.00	(6.00)
Birthday Club Memberships	132.00	192.20	(60.20)
Meeting Baskets	66.80	51.79	15.01
Total Revenues:	\$ 11,245.86	\$ 10,194.77	\$ 1,051.09
Expenses:			
Literature Purchases	\$ 2,662.60	\$ 3,493.94	\$ (831.34)
Sales Tax	312.89	297.40	15.49
Annual Picnic	1,884.23	(46.97)	1,931.20
Potluck Dinner	-	47.70	
Office Salary	3,432.70	3,432.70	-
FICA & Unemployment Tax	262.61	262.59	0.02
Paychex (Monthly Fee)	77.00	77.00	-
Health Insurance	267.86	500.00	(232.14)
Rent & Water	475.00	475.00	-
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	289.34	334.54	(45.20)
FP&L	170.82	192.12	(21.30)
FP&L Deposit Refund	(257.78)	-	(257.78)
Exterminating	37.00	35.00	2.00
Alarm Permit (Annual Charge)	-	25.00	(25.00)
Repairs & Maintenance	9.52	-	9.52
Sam's Club Membership	45.00	45.00	-
Printing	231.00	231.00	-
Office Supplies / Postage	233.47	296.67	(63.20)
Total Expenses	\$ 10,133.26	\$ 9,698.69	\$ 482.27
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,112.60	\$ 496.08	\$ 568.82
Checking Account Balance	\$ 20,089.28	\$ 16,992.63	\$ 3,096.65
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$ 17,761.87	\$ 17,541.25	\$ 220.62

Office Activity for August, 2014

Requests for meetings info:	136
12th Step requests:	1
BTG:	-
Other information:	71
Public Information requests:	-
Institutions Meeting requests:	-
Visitors:	257
Emails:	<u>219</u>
Total Activity:	684