PBC INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 8/10/16 Start time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Number of attendees: 37

<u>Declaration of Unity</u>: 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.

<u>Introduction of new reps</u>: Joan H, new rep for We Found a Way

Tovi A, new alternate rep for BYOR Kendall C new South County Liaison Lance S new rep for Happy Hour Chris R new rep for Just for Today Lea A new rep for Leaves of Gold Joe D new Public Information Chair David B new rep for Men's 5th Tradition

<u>Chairperson</u>: Mark H - Our office manager was readmitted to the hospital earlier in the week, because of his trouble swallowing. I spoke to him yesterday and he was already showing improvement and he hopes to be discharged shortly. He has been in to the office several times in the past two weeks and is currently handling the ordering and paying the bills for us. However, his ongoing treatment will almost certainly keep him out of the office on a regular basis.

Ed and I meet here at the office two weeks ago and checked all of his responsibilities to make sure all of them were being adequately handled and I am confident that they are.

Our office volunteers have been doing an outstanding job keeping the office open in Ed's absence. They are the backbone of this body and I am grateful for their service. In particular Mike, Terry and Nick have made themselves available to me and they have been indispensable. I am incredibly proud of how well the intergroup is functioning under the circumstances.

As you may have noticed there are things missing again tonight, like a treasurer's report. Ed was working on putting together the treasurer's report for the past two months but the admittance to the hospital did not allow for it to be finished. I appreciate the groups understanding.

If anyone wishes to place a motion on the September Agenda it should be received by me by next Wednesday, August 17, 2016, by 12 o'clock noon.

We have continued using the Square account to accept credit cards. In the month of June, we had 32 transactions and sales of \$837.91 using the square account. In the month of July, we had 32 transactions and sales of \$735.85 using the square account. Tonight we will continue to elect one officers position and committee chair positions. Officers serve a two-year term and committee Chairperson's serve a one-year term. We will use the Third Legacy Process, which I will explain before we begin the elections.

In service, Mark H

Alternate Chair: Vacant

<u>Treasurer</u>: Deb M - Since Ed is out I don't have reports but I will say this for inclusion in the minutes.

As I always say Ed makes my job easier and that is very apparent since he has had less hours due to his illness. I will say that I've been doing the deposits the last couple of weeks and as of last Friday we had \$10,970.40 in the bank so I am confident we remain strong and the necessary items to run the office are being taken care of. Let us all pray for Ed's return to full time duties to get us back to his excellent standards. Deb M

Basket passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition

<u>Secretary</u>: Scott M - Thank you to all who have turned in your reports; if you have not please get it 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

Office Manager: Ed B – I'm an alcoholic and my name is Ed B. First of all, I wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes. Since my discharge in July, I have ordered merchandise for the office, paid bills, and began working on reports. I have been to the office several times to review inventory and the mail. I have been in contact with Mark several times a day via the phone or text. My current set back is being treated and I should be released soon. I would like to thank you all for your understanding in this manner and a big shout out to the volunteers for doing such a fabulous job in my absence. In love and service, Ed

<u>General Service/Intergroup Liaison</u>: Kevin R – No report submitted

South County Intergroup Liaison: Ed W - Hi everybody my names Ed and I'm an alcoholic. So, South County held their elections and of the 16 positions up for election, all of them except for Group Info was filled. 3 positions had multiple volunteers. Now their election process is a little different than ours. First, the amount of voting members was quantified, then Those who were volunteering briefly spoke about their qualifications and then left the room. The vote was then taken by a count of hands. Pretty neat. Currently the Treasury has an operating account of \$42,473.19, \$150.00 in petty cash with a prudent reserve of \$28,000.00. The steering committee has projected operational cash needs through the end of the year and is recommending a cash disbursement of \$25,000 using the pie chart from the AA pamphlet where Money and Spirituality meet. Should make for some interesting comments at the next couple of meetings. In new business the reps were made aware that the golf scramble in October needs a chair, and the phone relay needs a group to take the phone this September, other than that its covered through April. Oh, the Delray Central House group is having a Chili cook-off Aug. 20th at 7:30 pm, but alas, I've decided to keep my talents in North County!

Thanks for letting me be of Service, Ed W

<u>Archives Committee Liaison</u>: Howard C - Hey everyone, unfortunately I am not able to with you tonight. There isn't anything of much importance to report anyway. Thank you for being there and of service. Howard C

COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Public Information</u>: Vacant

12 Step List: Luiz C - Good evening,

My name is Luiz and I am your chair for the committee. I have been contacting the volunteers from the list to update their status, as well as adding new volunteers that have contacted me.

The list should be ready and forwarded to the phone committee chair before our next meeting. Again I would like to ask our reps to take one of the sheets for volunteer information that is being passed on, and contact me if there are any volunteers added to that. My contact info is:

Phone# 561 8275168

Email: scimitar2127@hotmail.com (please add "12th step "on the subject)

Thank you for your help,

In Love and Service, Luiz

Phone Volunteer Committee: Jennifer T - Hello everyone I am Jennifer and I gratefully remain powerless over alcohol. Thanks so much for entrusting me to serve on the phone line committee. We have a great group of volunteers this month and everything seems to be running smoothly. We held a phone relay committee meeting after the intergroup business meeting last month. It was the first in many years. I was pleased that almost all of the volunteers showed up. This was encouraging to see all the volunteers so committed. We decided to leave the phone lines how they are for now. If anyone would like to become involved please feel free to call me, it's a great way to do service and help others. We ask that you have 1 year of sobriety and that you try to commit for a year or more. One of the volunteers has been doing this commitment for 20 years or more and some for 5 or more. I would like to thank all the volunteers.

In love and service

Jennifer T

<u>TODAY</u>: Randy B - The August issue of the Today is before you. All Groups are encouraged to submit group activities to the Today. This month has the usual monthly financial reports, Birthday Club celebrants and Coming Events. Please take the Today back to your group and implore members to become a part of the intergroup. Please remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event.

Birthday Club: Amy C –

7/15/16 July Today's & medallions mailed

8/3/16 printed August Birthday Club celebrants picked up August medallions 8/3/16 E Mailed August Birthday Club celebrants to Today Chair

8/6/16 E Mailed August Birthday Club Report to Intergroup Secretary

<u>Website Committee</u>: Kim Y - I met with Randy of July 28th to go over the details of this position. Website was updated throughout the month. Randy uploaded the Today and minutes from last month. I updated the meeting list, which is now effective July, 22nd. Updates the August Today. Also updated the forwarding emails for each committee/chair person. The statistic for the month of July are as follows:

Unique Visits - 8,781 First Time Visits - 6,966 Returning Visits - 1,815 Thank you, Kim

<u>Group Contact Committee</u>: Maria S – No report submitted

Bridging the Gap Committee: Rhonda B – I attended the H& I meeting. Additional people took folders and pamphlets to hand out at their home groups. Thirteen people signed up this month to be temporary contacts. We still need more people to be on the list as temporary contacts. We received no calls in July for Bridge the Gap. I put together a mini flyer with the phone number on it to hand out to the people in treatment centers who attend some of the meetings that I also attend. I have added those into the folder for distribution. I will be attending the treatment meeting on Sunday to see if I can distribute more folders. Thanks for letting me serve. Rhonda B

Where & When Committee: Kate D - The Where and When was updated and a new issue was published 7-22-2016.

The website was also updated with the new Where and When.

Thank you for your confidence in me.

In love and service.

Kate

Institutions Committee: Bill W - Institutions would like to remind everybody that we meet the first Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club, 1369 Okeechobee Road, W.P.B., 5 p.m. regular meeting to make changes, get books or pick up a new meeting. 4:30 orientation for anybody who wants to get involved. If you already take meetings into a facility, encourage your speakers to get orientated so they can cover for you if need be. It's a great way to get involved & do service! Currently we have 51 facilities' that hold 114 meetings a week with 14 vacancies. It's getting to be that time of year again for the Big Book Ball. We are putting committee's

together and really need the support. Come to the Triangle Club the first or 3rd Sunday at 5 pm to volunteer, we would absolutely love to have you. This is our primary way to raise Big Books to bring in institutions through the 7th tradition. Thanks for the privilege of service! Bill W. Institution Committee Vice-Chair remarks: The Institutions Committee would like to ask all groups to donate extra funding they have to H&I for the purpose of funding the Big Book Ball to help alcoholics in jails, institutions, and wards. We would also like to ask Intergroup Representatives to announce (once a week) that the Big Book Ball is taking place this NYE at the Plaza Ballroom and that tickets can be bought online at www.bigbookball.org (website will be up in a week or two).

By-law Revision Ad Hoc Committee: The kickoff meeting for the committee has been set for 08-23-16. I will have more to report at the next meeting of PBC Intergroup. Thanks, Roger B, Committee Chair

Unfinished Business: Elections

Alternate Chair – Remains Vacant

Public Information – Joe D

New Business: None

<u>Upcoming Events</u>: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:43

See you next month!

Scott