

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 11, 2019

Start time: 6:15 PM

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

Number of attendees: 38

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:

Thomas C - Hope on Haverhill - Rep
Albert D. - Men's 5th Tradition - Rep
Jon B. - Men's 5th Tradition - Alt Rep
Lisa C - Good Housekeeping - Rep
John S - Lantana Group - Rep

Chairperson: Roger B.

If you have a motion you would like seen on the Agenda to be presented next month, please e-mail it to me at rwbrand@gmail.com no later than September 25th, 2019 - the deadline to be placed on the Agenda. I would like to thank our Office Manager, Tracy, for taking the initiative to prepare the office and coordinate protecting the building with the Triangle Club, for the threat from Hurricane Dorian. My job keeps me extremely busy for these events, so I feel we are very blessed to have an Office Manager that we can count on. Additionally, Tracy has been in touch with some contacts with AA Groups in the Bahamas. More info to come in her report. The Advisory Committee met this past Monday and discussed the Office Manager's annual review. The consensus was very positive. More information will be shared in the Advisory Committee Minutes later in the meeting. We have one open service position, which is the Group Contact Committee Chair and we will attempt to fill that tonight. I will give more details when we get to Old Business.

Thanks,
Roger B
PBC Intergroup Chair

Co-Chairperson: Bob W.

Intergroup's Annual Picnic will be Saturday, October 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Osceola Picnic Pavilion in Okechee Park. The entrance to the Park is at 7715 Forest Hill Boulevard. Directions to the Osceola Pavilion are clearly marked on the informational road signs inside the Park.

The Osceola Pavilion is right next to the new Shark Wake Park which is great fun to watch and might tempt some of our attendees to try. I'm thinking about it! Charcoal barbecue burgers and hot dogs with sides like chips, guacamole, salsa, beans and fruit will be shared in fellowship and gratitude for another day together in our journey of recovery through God's grace. It is a day to take a short break to reflect on the service we do together. The Picnic will be good fun and a great recovery event that is family friendly. Any excess funds over the cost of food will support our mission to carry the message and provide fairly priced AA approved literature to Groups and individuals.

We have tickets for the reps here today to sign for and take to sell for \$8 in advance. I have 150 tickets so only take as many as you feel you can sell. We can always give you more if you need them. Turn in the

money for sales at next month's meeting or any time to Tracy here at the Intergroup Office, or to me. My number is 561-628-6918. I will meet you or even come to your meeting to get it!

I have Flyers with me today so please take them to your home groups and announce the picnic. The picnic will be announced also in the October Today and at our October meeting.

Anyone who comes without an advance ticket will be welcome and can drop something into a "donation" can we will have at the event.

We need volunteers to help load food and supplies from the Intergroup Office to the Picnic Pavilion in the morning, volunteers for setup prior to the start of the picnic, someone to take tickets, a manager for all barbecue cooking plus barbecuers, another manager for all side dishes, trash patrol volunteers during the meal, and clean up and breakdown volunteers, etc. We may need an extra P.U. Truck that can transport food and supplies to and from the Intergroup Office to Okeehelée. Tracy says she can do this with me, but we certainly could use extra help and hands.

Pump up the event with your home groups and friends so that we get a good turnout.

Sincerely,

Bob W.

Intergroup Alternate Chair

Treasurer: Kate D.

Basket passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition

Revenues for August 2019 were \$5,711.53 and Expenses were \$6,612.55, resulting in a net deficit of \$901.02. Group Contributions were \$2,990.82. The opening checking balance for August was \$6,218.43 and the closing was \$3,962.32. The Prudent Reserve balance for August was \$15,547.37 including the 13 cents we made in interest. We wish to thank the Groups of Palm Beach County for their very generous support for the month of August.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service,

Kate D – PBC Intergroup Treasurer

Secretary: Heather K.

Please fill out new group rep sheets and email in any committee reports by Thursday evening. If you did not get the reminder email, please see me and make sure I have your email address.

Registrar: Rhonda B.

Minutes for August and agenda for September were sent out via email. If you did not receive these items, please complete a new rep form. Please print all information clearly. Thanks Rhonda B.

Office Manager: Tracy D.

Good Evening Fellow Intergroupers,

My name is Tracy and I am an Alcoholic. Thank You for allowing me to be of service these past 2 years, I can say without hesitation, that the experience has taught me a whole new meaning of the words...

Patience, Love and Tolerance!

We did receive the "2020 International Convention" registration forms, that can be obtained after this meeting in the volunteer office. As the forms we received are limited, please 1 per customer! They are accepting copies. I also have several order forms for the General Service new letter "Box 459", please feel free to take one from the volunteer office.

We have been in communication with our fellow aa member Chris in the Bahamas. His response...

Hello Tracy,

Thank you for your message.

There are five active AA groups that were severely impacted by hurricane Dorian on the islands of Grand Bahama and the Abacos.

Relief aid is pouring in, but they will all need Big Books, 12&12, AA material and sobriety coins as the hurricane was devastating. Communication is still difficult and only been able to contact one of the groups, but most definitely members would have lost their homes and most of their possessions. It will be pretty chaotic over next few weeks but if Palm Beach county intergroup could help put together a donation of big books, 12&12, daily reflections (used material fine) we could arrange for that to be delivered to the impacted groups.

Chris

Therefore, we will be using 100% of the basket contributions tonight to purchase the literature they are in need of. Please keep in mind, If the order is below \$500.00 with World Services, there will be shipping charges, please keep this in mind when making your contribution.

The 57th Gratitude Dinner will be held Saturday November 9th, 2019 at St. Catherine's Greek orthodox Church with proceeds to benefit World Services and County Intergroup. Tickets are \$40.00 and tables of 8 and 10 can be reserved. Please see me after the meeting if you would like tickets or have questions.

Due to major electrical work, beginning Tuesday September 17th until Friday Sept. 20th, all meetings that are at Triangle Club, will be at the Intergroup office in the back room. (Please use the side door)

With Love and in Service,

Tracy

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Maria P.

GSR Report

- Last meeting there was a motion for all reps to make a report didn't pass
- There is the upcoming
- October 2019 Quarterly Area Assembly

Attached is the registration from for October.

Grateful to be of service to AA

Maria P.S

South County Intergroup Liaison: Jonathan K.

Unable to attend. No report. Not present.

Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M.

Not present. No report.

Advisory Committee Minutes:

Intergroup Advisory Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2019

Open Meeting 6:02 PM with Serenity Prayer

Present: Roger, Kate, Heather, Rhonda, Linda, Cindy & Maryann

Chair: Roger

There had been a roof leak which caused a flood in the bathroom. As Intergroup rents the building from the Triangle Club, they facilitated the repairs. It has since been fixed. A mold test will be requested by Intergroup.

Annual review for the office manager was discussed. The board deemed it appropriate for her to see a raise in salary. A 4% salary increase was approved to begin immediately as her anniversary date had passed in August.

Alternate Chair: Absent

No report.

Treasurer: Kate

All finances are in order and ready to be presented at monthly meeting on Wednesday.

Registrar: Rhonda

Monthly meeting agenda was sent.

Secretary: Heather

No report.

At Large Members:

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information: Dani P.

No requests for Public Information this month. Thanks! Dani

12 Step List: Mark S.

Not present. No report.

Phone Volunteer Committee: James N.

Still working on the phone list. Making progress but I still have slots open and could use help filling them. I may miss the meeting this month but feel free to have people contact me about volunteering.
James

TODAY: Shauna M.

The print shop is behind because of hurricane Dorian, and they are also having issues with their printer. They have ordered new parts for it, but they are not sure if they will have the Today ready by Wednesday. Thank you, Shauna

Birthday Club: George

Nothing to report. George

Website Committee: Billy J.

-September Agenda Posted

-Minutes for August posted

-September Today posted

Various meetings updated on the App.-Billy

Group Contact Committee: Open

Bridging the Gap Committee: Vicki H.

Nothing to report. I will be stepping down from my Bridging the Gap position.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vicki H.

Institutions Committee: Lynda H.

The Palm Beach County Institutions Committee currently brings a total of 118 meetings per week into 51 different treatment centers, detoxes, and jails with 102 active meetings per week. We currently have about 36 openings for committee volunteers in these facilities where suffering alcoholics need AA meetings. If you would like to carry the message, enhance your sobriety, and become a member of the Institutions Committee, please come to our Member Orientation which is at 4:30-5:00pm on the first

Sunday of every month in the Triangle Club Serenity room. Our General meeting is 5:00-6:00pm in the Triangle Club's big room, which we encourage all our volunteers to attend monthly to report updates and have a voice on the committee. We also have a Prisons/Jails meeting that begins at 4:30 pm and runs co-currently with Orientation for members who currently bring or are interested in doing service in Correctional Facilities. Thank you, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your joining the Committee!

Old Business:

Continue elections:

Group Contact Committee – Glenn B. Requirements waived.

New Business:

None

Upcoming Events:

Fall Picnic

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 PM