

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 8, 2020

Start time: 6:17 PM

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

Number of attendees: 42

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:

Charlie O – Eye Openers - 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 or the Intergroup Office no later than January 22nd, 2020 – the deadline to be placed on the Agenda.

Our Alternate Chair, Bob W, has submitted his resignation from Intergroup for personal reasons. I have accepted this resignation and thanked him for his service to the Association.

I would like to thank our former Alternate Chair, Bob, and our Office Manager, Tracy for all their hard work on the Holiday Alcothons. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that stepped up to check on the rooms during the event. I would like to thank the Triangle Club staff as well for being gracious hosts for the Christmas Alcothon and for the Big Book Ball on New Year's Eve.

I know my report last month was lengthy, so I will keep it short and sweet this month. Happy New Year!

Thanks,

Roger B

PBC Intergroup Chair

Co-Chairperson: Bob W.

ALCOTHONS:

The Christmas and New Year Intergroup Alcothons went smoothly and were a success. There was a meeting for Alcoholics in need of one for 24 straight hours with 24 different independent AA groups conducting them on both Holidays. This was our mission and incredible to see it happen. The Christmas Alcothon at the Triangle Club drew very good attendance, even though the early morning Christmas day meetings. The New Year Alcothon competed with the Big Book Ball on New Year's Eve but the 2 events helped each other. Intergroup provided the coffee and some sweets and treats. The groups and individual members of the participating groups brought a wonderful variety of sweets and treats themselves. There is a small deficit for the events for Intergroup as group basket donations did not cover our out of pocket expenses for sweets and treats plus rent to the Triangle Club. Our Office Manager, Tracy, will give you the numbers in her report. The events would not have gone so smoothly without the extraordinary job Tracy did with shopping for the event and the effort she and her volunteers gave in transporting and setting up the goodies, taking care of all the details, and breaking down each event. A great big thank you to Tracy and the volunteers for their service.

In Love and Service, Bob W

Treasurer: Kate D.

Basket passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition

Intergroup's revenue for December 2019 was \$11,428.60 and Expenses were \$5365.69, resulting in a net surplus of \$6062.92. The opening checking balance for December 2019 was \$4882.29 and the closing balance was \$5081.26.

The Prudent Reserve balance for December 2019 was \$15,547.89 which includes 13 cents in interest from last month. We would like to thank the groups who gave so generously in December.

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. Please send in either a word format or in the body of the email. If you did not get the reminder email, please make sure I have your email address. Thanks! Heather

Registrar: Rhonda B.

Minutes for December and agenda for January 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 my name is Tracy and I am an Alcoholic.

December's office activity showed an increase to 848, keeping our Amazing volunteers as well as myself on the busy side.

We are keeping you up-dated with 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous that will be held July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan. The theme being, "Love and Tolerance is our Code."

We do have registration forms at Intergroup and copies are acceptable. Please keep in mind, advanced registration for the convention is between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per person.

In response to our "Books for the Bahamas" 12/11/19:

Hello.

Apologies for not responding more quickly.

We do not have as organized AA as you do in the states. We do not have intergroup or central office etc.

There are 4 groups that were impacted on the islands that were hit by Dorian. So far none of the contacts at those groups have agreed to take any books so we have nowhere to send them right now.

The islands are still getting electricity and water restored. It will be a long road to recovery and many AA members in the impacted islands have had to temporarily locate to islands like where I reside.

As soon as we figure out shipping logistics will let you know.

Chris

Roger did cover the Alcothons, with that said, we need to wish Roger a very Happy Birthday and show appreciation for all he does for Intergroup!

With Love and In Service,

Tracy

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Maria P.

No report.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Jonathan K.

No meeting due to holidays.

Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M.

Spoke with Sherwin A., new General Service Archives representative to discuss update of Archives committee. He is currently updating the AA Archives data into a digital format. This will provide a state-of-the-art presentation of Archive materials at events. I plan to meet Sherwin at next GSO meeting on Sunday, January 12th at the Triangle Club.

Advisory Committee Minutes:

Pending next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information: Dani P.

No requests. Thanks! Dani

12 Step List: Mark S.

Working on updating list. Will send to James by the end of the month.

Phone Volunteer Committee: James N.

The phones were mostly covered during the holidays with a few hiccups. Nothing else to report.

TODAY: Shauna M.

Nothing to report! Thank you, Shauna M.

Birthday Club: George

Nothing to report.

Website Committee: Billy J.

- January Agenda Posted
- Various meetings updated on the App.
- December Minutes posted
- aa-palmbeachcounty.com address transferred to significantly cheaper domain registrar

Group Contact Committee: Glenn B.

No report this month from intergroup group contact committee. Glenn B

Bridging the Gap Committee: Debbra M.

I went to the quarter meeting last month on 12-15-19 at the Inter-group office for General Service South County and Palm Beach County Intergroup. This is all I have to report. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Debbra

Institutions Committee: Lynda H.

The Palm Beach County Institutions Committee currently brings a total of 121 meetings per week into 36 facilities consisting of treatment centers, detoxes, and jails with 102 active meetings per week. We currently have numerous 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 next meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd. Our General meeting follows at 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. Thank you, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your joining the Committee!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Alternate Chair election next month.
Committee Chair elections in March.

Upcoming Events:

Old timer social in April.

Discussion of reverting back to spaghetti dinner at Finland House. George informed that rental of Finland House is \$1,000.00 with seating capacity of 500 for theatre and 300 for banquet. Chair asked Group Reps to discuss Old Timers Event with their Groups and return with feedback at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 PM