

# INTERGROUP MEETING

August 10th, 2011

**Open Meeting.....Serenity Prayer.....Read 12 Traditions**

**Call to Order:** 6.19pm

**Number in Attendance:** 50

**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.

**\*WELCOME NEW REP'S:** Chi S./Lunch Bunch Group; Rees H./Tired of the Beating Group; Ken B./3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition Group; Robbie M. (Alternate)/Fern House Group; Anne S./Ladies Step Forward Group; Brian/Cardinal Lane Group; Nick/Lake Worth Young Peoples' Group.

**Chairperson:** Steve Y.: If everyone can please turn off or silence your cell phones so not to disrupt the meeting that would be terrific. Just a reminder that....All committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary prior to the rep. (business) meeting, or within 24 hours after the rep. (business) meeting. Any and all motions may be placed on the next month's Intergroup agenda within 7 days following the rep. (business) meeting by submitting it to the Intergroup chairperson. Seven days after the rep. (business) meeting, the chairperson will close out the agenda and forward it to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The secretary will have 48 hours to forward the final version of the minutes back to the chairperson for review. The chairperson will approve or amend the minutes within 24 hours and then return them to the secretary who will then forward them to the registrar for distribution. The registrar will then have 24 hours to electronically e-mail the minutes to the intergroup representatives. Attention reps: please make sure you have filled out the form with your home group name along with all pertinent info and hand it to the registrar before leaving the rep. (business) meeting today. Thank you.

**Alternate Chair:** Leroy H.: The Finland House is hosting a potluck dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Bring a dish. There will be an out-of-town speaker. I invite everyone to support the event. Volunteers are welcome.

**Treasurer:** (OPEN): Read by Ed B. Office Manager: For the month of July there was a surplus of \$2,506.48. Our checking account balance was \$5,680.72. We transferred \$1,000.00 into the Prudent Reserve Account; which had a balance of \$19,545.22. This balance is \$2,654.78 below the required Prudent Reserve balance of \$22,200.00. There were five payrolls in the month of July, which is why there was an unfavorable variance compared to last year. The monthly base fee for Paychex payroll services was increased from \$59.00 to \$69.00. In a letter of explanation, Paychex states this is the first base fee increase in three years. They state the reason for this increase is the additional costs incurred complying with new state and local regulatory and tax requirements. Also it was decided to make the health insurance payments in three installments of \$500.00; rather than a lump sum payment of \$1,500.00. Otherwise July 2011 revenues and expenses are almost a mirror image of this month last year. For the calendar year through July there was a YTD surplus of \$12,250.35. Group Contributions for the calendar YTD was \$27, 943.81. When you consider that 16 months ago we had a Prudent Reserve Account balance of \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00 is our checking account, this has been a remarkable turnaround. It could only have been accomplished with Group support, prudent spending and a whole lot of

prayer.

**\*Pass the baskets according to our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition\***

**Secretary:** Claudia D.: Accepted as posted in the Today.

**Registrar:** Gary B.: The minutes were sent out as per our bylaws. If you have anyone in your group who would like to receive the minutes please have them email me at [pbcregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pbcregistrar@gmail.com).

**Office Manager:** Ed B.: The total Office activity for the month of July was 544 compared to 585 last year. The Website activity was 2,388 compared to 2,091 last year, which was an increase of 297. We currently have a full staff of Office Volunteers, but we can always use back up volunteers. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM. The Intergroup Office will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

**General Service/ Intergroup Liaison:** Matt J.: No Report

**South County Intergroup Liaison:** Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. Pam T. (Office Manager) gave the Treasurer's report in place of Paula E., who was absent. Liz (Vice Chair) started election procedures for Committee Chair/Liaison Positions. Results are as follows: Archives Chair/Nick L.; Bridge the Gap/Mark Z.; General Service Liaison/Jerry; Group Information/ Jim S.; Hospitals & Institutions/Cary A.; North Palm Beach County Intergroup Liaison/Andrew; Public Information/Kathleen H.; SCAAN/Beverly W.; Telephone Relay/Zack S.; 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee/Bill J. & Bari W.; Webmaster/Todd L.; Where & When/Not up for election (2 year position). There were limited Committee Reports due to the length of the election process. Events: Serenity Scramble Golf Event will be held at Delray Beach Golf Club on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011; 8 AM shotgun start. \$90 includes course fees, continental breakfast, and BBQ lunch. Available rooms for golfers total 144. Archives Committee: Attended the 55<sup>th</sup> State Convention and hosted a display. The 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee is hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> Step workshop and will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, from 2 PM - 4 PM at the Delray Central House. Old Business: None. New Business: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**Archives Committee Liaison:** Nick F.: The Archives Committee will be sponsoring a Workshop on Saturday August 20, 2011, from 10:00am – 12:00pm, at the South County Intergroup Office. All are welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact the North County Intergroup Office (Attention: Archives) with archive contributions of your own, or from someone you know who is looking for a respected location for treasured AA memorabilia.

**Committee Chairs:**

1. Public Information: John C.: I have been contacting professional offices / organizations that deal with clients that may have problems with alcohol. I am also looking into possibility in making business cards as well bus signs. Furthermore, I have had multiple requests for information from Vickers house, St. Anne place, and PBC Human Services.

2. 12 Step List: Karen R.: new to the position.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: All shifts for the hotline are, at the moment, covered, but we are looking for volunteers to take the Wednesday 6 AM – 9 AM shift and the Sunday 5 PM – 8 PM shift. If any problems are noticed, please contact me by phone: (561) 827-5168, or by e-mail: [scimitar2127@hotmail.com](mailto:scimitar2127@hotmail.com). Finally, I'd like to thank all the volunteers that have been making this service work.

4. Today: Alex A.: I have made a mistake regarding the announcement for the Good Morning Groups' Big Book Study. The dates for this event are September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, not August as printed in the Today. My

humblest apologies; the error was not detected until after the Today had gone to print. I have inserted a correction flyer in each Today copy and have made the corrections to the on-line edition. Starting next month in September, the Today will no longer publish the Business Meeting Minutes. They will be available on-line and sent to each group's representative. In turn, the Today will have a blank page at its disposal. We are open to suggestions from both groups and members as how to best utilize this space. I will be offering different ideas and seek your continued input. Please contact me via email at [Today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:Today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) with any ideas, suggestions or comments.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: We decided last month to post birthdays of our previous month's celebrants in the Today. Furthermore, the club made \$282 this past month.

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: During the last few weeks, I've posted intergroup business meetings and have made a few more changes. I will post Bowling for Big Books and all other events being held in the month of August as well. The updated Meeting List is now available for viewing, but group changes are constantly being made, our Meeting List may not reflect certain updates. Our current events have been updated and are posted on the Events page.

7. Group Contact Committee (**OPEN**): Robert C.: Unable to perform commitment obligations and has submitted a letter of resignation.

8. Bridging the Gap: Frank S.: No Report.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: As of our meeting dated 8/10/2011, we had 900 Where and When's. At the time of our next printing, we will have fulfilled our agreement with the Printer, meaning we will have to establish a new printing contract. We will most likely be changing companies before of the year because of price changes. Arrangements for a meeting prior to settling on an agreement are currently being arranged.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: We had 6 new volunteers this month. Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in the rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Orientation for new members is at 4:30pm 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. Hope to see you in July, Katie C.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Open Officers position – Treasurer

Position qualifications were read aloud.

Treasurer position opened for election.

No one stood.

### **New Business:**

1. Should we accept a \$2000.00 contribution from the Way of Life Conference?

2. Open position: Advisory Committee panel (1).

3. Open position: Group Contact Chair

Diane K. stands for the open position of Group Contact Chair.

Majority votes in favor of waiving the qualification requirements for said position.

Diane K. was voted in as our Group Contact Chair.

Dori S. stands for the open 3<sup>rd</sup> position of the Advisory Committee Panel.

Majority voted in favor, and Dori is elected as our 3<sup>rd</sup> Advisory Committee Chair.

Gary B. makes a motion to “postpone this line item until next business meeting.” The motion seconded, and the majority votes in favor to table this line item until the next meeting.

### **Upcoming Events:**

1. Potluck Dinner – Finland House – Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, with out of town speaker.
2. Bowling for Big Books event with Intergroup & the Institutions committee on Saturday, Aug.27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Concepts Workshop on Saturday Oct.22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-5pm in our Intergroup meeting room.

Motion to close the meeting.

Meeting ended at 7:14PM.