

**PBC INTERGROUP**  
**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA MINUTES: – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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

**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.*

**Start time:** 6:15

**Attendance:** 46

**Introduce new Rep's :** *TERRY C.-HAPPY JOYOUS AND FREE; ERIC D.- DAY OPENERS ;JULIE H. & MAUREEN C-FREE SPIRITED WOMEN; CHARISSE M. -SATURDAY NOON*

**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 after the meeting, or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. All motions may be placed on the next PBCounty Intergroup agenda within 7 days following the business meeting by submitting it to the PBCounty Intergroup Chairperson. We have 2 committee positions open (Birthday Club & Group Contact) which we hope to fill this evening. We also have 2 motions to discuss and vote upon as well. To our new reps., please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar Gary B., before leaving tonight's meeting. If anyone has any questions throughout tonight's meeting please feel free to raise your hand, don't be shy.

**Alternate Chair:** *Leroy H.:* Welcome to the meeting. On July 28<sup>th</sup> is going to be the Intergroup Annual Picnic at Carlin Park. The event is in the Sea Oats and Gumbo Limbo Pavillion's. The park has resurfaced the sand of their beach with a cost of 3 million dollars. Also at the event are live bands, DJ, plenty of food. We are serving chicken , hot dogs, hamburgers lots of salads. Children under 10 years old are free. Tickets are \$8.00. Also there is volleyball tournament all day and trophies will be given out. Parking is free. Welcome all. Volunteers needed. Please come and have fun. Bring your family.

**Treasurer:** *Mark H:* Total revenue is lower in April 2012 than 2011, most of the decrease is because of the Spaghetti Dinner which was held in April last year. The prudent reserve has been adjusted to reflect our current bylaws. The excess money was transferred into the checking account. It was initially placed in the prudent reserve account in order to avoid fees for large cash deposits after the spaghetti dinner .Based on a unanimous outstanding performance review; the office manager has been given a salary increase of \$2,000 per year. This increase equates to \$38.46 per week. Additionally, literature prices on all conference approved (including big books) and Grapevine literature have been reduced to reflect our financial condition. In the past our prices have been cost plus 20%. We have reduced this to cost plus 10%. Overall, the Intergroup's finances are strong. Thank you for all of the individual and group contributions that make our mission possible.

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

**Secretary:** *Linda R.:* Accepted as delivered to the registrar for e-mail disbursement.

**Registrar:** *Gary B.:* The minutes were e-mailed to the database as per the By-Laws of PBC Intergroup. The minutes were sent to the database upon receipt from the Secretary. The database was updated after the last Intergroup Meeting

**Office Manager:** *Ed B.:* Total Office Activity for April was 703 compared to 635 for last year. Total Website Activity was 1,995 compared to 2,023 for last year. The Office activity for the past seven months has been relatively unchanged compared to last year, but the Website activity has actually declined by 1,349 for that period. Or you might say it has leveled off at around 2,000 visits per month. We did reduce the price of Conference Approved Literature and Grapevine material by about 10%. Hard Cover Big Books are now \$8.75, Soft Cover Big Books: \$8.00, 12&12 Hard Cover: \$8.00, 12&12 Soft Cover: \$7.50, Living Sober: \$4.50 and Came to Believe: \$4.50. At the last count we had 820 "Where & When's" in inventory. In about two weeks we should be compiling the changes for the next edition; however any changes we receive now will be updated to the Website. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM District 8 will conduct a Traditions Workshop in this room. They will cover Traditions Three and Four. District 8 will conduct a Monthly Traditions or Concepts meeting throughout 2012. They usually provide eats and coffee. I put a few schedules on the table up front. And it will appear in the "Today" under "Upcoming Events." The Intergroup Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 to 5, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: *Jude F.: No Report***

**South County Intergroup Liaison:** *Roger B.:*

South Palm Beach County Intergroup Business Meeting held 4-25-12

Chair - Sheryl opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group reps.

Vice Chair Liz – No Report

Treasurer Sarah – The detailed financial report is available in the current SCAAN.

Secretary – Cheryl – No report

Office Manager – Pam T. – stated that group contributions are up for the month of April over last year

**Committee Chair Reports:**

- Archives – Nick – Excused absence
- Bridge the Gap – Willie B – Always looking for volunteers
- Group Information – Taylor – No report
- Telephone Relay – Zach – No report
- Where & When – Todd – Excused absence
- Twelfth Step – Bill – Always looking for volunteers
- H & I – Carey – No report
- Public Info – Kathleen – All area libraries and Delray Beach PD have been restocked with literature
- SCAAN – Maryanne – No report
- North County Intergroup Liaison - Andrew – Gave report
- GSR Liaison – Chip – Gave report from General Service meeting

**Special Committees:**

- Gratitude Dinner – Venue has been booked for 11-17-2012
- Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament – Sarge – Event will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Delray Beach Golf Club. \$90/golfer, \$25/Lunch Only, \$100/Hole Sponsorship

**Old Business:** Chair, Cheryl, went over some of the items from the Intergroup Inventory. A representative made a motion from the floor to have the first order of business at the business meeting in May be the Intergroup Inventory so that it may be given the discussion time it deserves. Seconded and passed.

**New Business:** Two new discussion items were handed out to the body for consideration:

1. Question to allow a link to be placed on the South County website linking to the new District 8 website. A motion was made from the floor, seconded, and passed.
2. South County Intergroup is looking to get a workman's compensation policy written, which is affordable, in order to protect the office in case of on the job injuries. Anyone who can assist, please contact the office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

**Archives Committee Liaison:** *Scott M.:* I have the honor and privilege of being your liaison to archives. The District 8 Archives meeting is this Sunday, May 13th at the South County Intergroup Office. There will be a report provided about the Archives of Palm Beach County. Currently the next exhibition is scheduled for the District 8 Delegates Luncheon in June where there will be a Grapevine display. If there are any events that you would like archives to have an exhibit at, please let me know, and they can work something out. I also had the opportunity to go over our exhibit here at the North County Intergroup Office with a member of the archives committee, and we were discussing the possibility of making some changes to it. If anyone has any questions or input please let me know. It is an honor and a privilege to serve.

**Committee Chairs:**

1. Public Information: *John C.:* During the month of May the P.I. Committee was invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Faith\*Hope\*Love\*Charity\*, Inc. Stand Down Event on June 30, 2012 at the Meyer Amphitheater from Noon - 5pm. Our participation in the Veteran's Day 2011 Event in South Bay, was a very successful event for the P.I. Committee and I am certain that this event in downtown West Palm Beach will reach many people who may be suffering from our disease. Anyone interested in participating in this event is encouraged to contact me or Ed B. in the Intergroup Office for further information. Also I have drafted a letter to be sent to area Middle and High Schools which will be sent along with the standard letter supplied by the GSO which explains the Public Information Committee and Intergroup missions to encourage schools to include a presentation by our committee during the fall after schools begin their new year. One of the most important tasks we perform is to inform young people of what AA does and does not do to help those still suffering. By reaching out to students we are afforded to opportunity to make them aware of our fellowship so they may be able to help fellow students or family members who may need the help we can provide. Copies of both the GSO and local P.I. Committee letters will be available at our next regular Intergroup Meeting.

2. 12 Step List: *Ed W.:* Good evening everybody. Well, we haven't had any new volunteers in the last month ; but, after a couple of E-Mail attempts I was able to get the updated list to Dave, so the phone volunteers have the current information. As far as everything else, we could always use more volunteers, so please let your home group members and friends know all it takes is a call to Intergroup to get involved. As always, Thank You for letting me be of Service.

3. Phone Volunteer: *David C.:* Everything is going well. I have streamlined some of the tasks of this position which will help insure that the hotline is always answered. I have found that about half the shifts are not being forwarded. This forwarding is an important part of the volunteers job so the next volunteer can count on getting the phone calls. If the problem persists, I will look into placing people in those positions that can forward the line reliably. If you would like to be placed in the rotation for a volunteer position on the list please contact me at [phone.chair.intergroup@gmail.com](mailto:phone.chair.intergroup@gmail.com) or via phone 561-255-7494. In addition to help resolve the problem we are going to change the process from forwarding to the next person to forwarding to themselves this will create more accountability in the relay process.

4. Today: *Randy B.:* The May issue of the Today is before you. This is my first issue as editor of today so be gentle. I have also pulled an actual committee together to help guide and perform the task. Right now we stand at three members. I hope to continue the tradition of my predecessors and remain the voice of PBCIA and the groups we serve. I hope to maintain the effort to be informative, informational and entertaining. All Groups are continued to be encouraged to submit group activities to the Today. I would like to especially encourage all members to share their experience, strength, and hope in articles and not to leave it to me to rerun articles that are available already from other publications. This will keep the Today fresh, current and locally relevant. With that in mind the May Issue has a wonderful article from long Time AA member Jim N. of Lake Worth, a post from John Carper chairman of the Public Information Committee, a cartoon by yours truly as well as the usual monthly financial reports, Birthday Club celebrants and Coming Events. Make sure to mark your calendars on June 16th For District 8 Annual Founder's Day Dinner to be held at the Finland House in Lantana.

I have attempted to put my personal style stamp of a clean, simple and easily readable layout on the Today, I hope you all enjoy it. Please take the Today back to your group and implore members to become a part of this newsletter and send all submissions to: [today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) Please remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C. **OPEN** - 14 celebrants' medallions went out. Everything is going well. I am rotating out and this is my last month. I will be available to help with the new B-day club chair person.

6. Website Committee: *Trish D.*: Website updates for April: Posted the April Today - Posted the April Intergroup Business Minutes - Updated the Home Page- Posted the new Meeting List- Posted the recent Meeting Changes.

7. Group Contact Committee: **OPEN**

8. Bridging the Gap: *Carol G.*: I forwarded two clients information out of state and one to South Palm Beach County. No new volunteers were recruited.

9. Where and When Committee: *Roger B.*: We currently have approximately 860 Meeting Lists in stock. We will place another order once our supply gets down to 500. If any groups have any changes, please let me know as soon as possible. You can email me at [whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:whereandwhen@aa-palmbeachcounty.org), or contact the Intergroup Office. There are also forms on the home page of the website to change, cancel, or add a meeting. These forms can be turned into the Intergroup Office and Ed will forward the information to both Trish (for website update), and myself.

10. Institutions: Fred B.: I am the newly elected chair for the Institutions committee. I was just elected on Sunday (5/6/12), I did not have time to prepare a report but Katie C. (outgoing chair) did submit one. Your Institutions Committee currently brings 101 meetings a week to 41 facilities. We had 8 new volunteers this month. 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, June 03, 2012. The 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 June.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. **Birthday Club / Today Subscription – OPEN, please see attachment :**

*All who meet requirements stood for the position and no one remained standing so this position will remain OPEN until someone fills it.*

2. **Group Contact Committee – OPEN, please see attachment**

**Ryan R.,** *stood for position and was unanimously voted in. He is now our Group Contact Committee Chair.*

3. **Motion** from the Getting Started Group – please see attachment. To be brought back to your groups and voted upon in May.

*Motion was brought back from groups and there was discussion and feedback from the reps before voting.*

*Vote taken-*

*3 in favor*

*24 opposed*

*Those that did not vote had no comments. .*

*Motion did not pass.*

**New Business:**

1. **Motion** from the Intergroup chair – please see attachment. To be brought back to your groups and voted upon in May.

*Motion to accept by Mark P. from Love Faith and Life*

*-Discussion to amend motion to \$1000 from \$3300.00 by David C., from the Gratitude Group, then 2nded by Steve H. from the IOU Group.*

*-New Motion Accepted*

*-Reread with adjusted motion to \$1000.00*

*-Motion passed.....46 in Favor and 0 opposed.*

**Upcoming Events:**

1. **Interegroup Summer Picnic**–July 28<sup>TH</sup>, Saturday@ Carlin Park, Jupiter. Tickets will be \$8, children under 10 will be admitted free.

**End Time:** 7: 12pm