

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 10, 2019

Start time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Number of attendees: 49

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:

- Jeffrey S. –Group Rep. – Primary Purpose
- Jackie C. – Group Rep. – Serenity Ladies
- Bruin K. – Group Rep. – Jupiter Sunrise Group
- Michael F. – Alt. Rep. – Jupiter Sunrise Group
- Jennifer E. – Group Rep. – Just for Today
- David T. – Group Rep. – Central Group
- Bryan K. – Alt. Rep. – Primary Purpose

Chairperson: Deb M - Good evening everyone, my name is Deb and I am an alcoholic. If you have a motion you would like seen on the Agenda to be presented next month, please e-mail it to me no later than April 24, 2019 – the deadline to be placed on the May Agenda.

As you know, the 2017 - 2019 rotation of officers, committee chairs and liaisons are coming to an end and we will be continuing with elections tonight to fill the remaining positions. We will forego the reading of the committee chair reports so that our time can be taken up with elections; however, the reports will be published in the minutes so that the information is passed on and available to the groups. An email was sent to all with the criteria and descriptions of the respective positions. I urge everyone who is interested in furthering their service to Intergroup and AA to please stand for a position. Don’t be swayed if you don’t meet the printed criteria - we are open to consideration if you are enthusiastic and willing to serve. I must also say that the person who stood for Alt Chair last month has reconsidered and that spot remains open for the right volunteer.

The next Intergroup event will be the Old Timer’s Social, this Saturday, April 13th. We have a complete roster of speakers and are well underway with our planning. Thank you!

I will be reading an overview of the 2017 – 2019 rotation at the end of the meeting. But I want now to thank our office manager, Tracy, the members of the Board, the Advisory Committee and those committee chairs who worked so hard to make the 2017 – 2019 rotation what it was. We couldn’t have done it without all of you. Thank you!

OK, so let’s move on with the other reports and then the Elections – hopefully we will get all seats filled this evening to start out the 2019 – 2021 rotation with a full set.

Love & service, Deb Morgan

Co-Chairperson: Maria P. S. – No Report Submitted

Treasurer: Roger B - Revenues for March 2019 were \$4,683.13 and Expenses were \$5,719.75, resulting in a net deficit of \$856.62. Group Contributions were \$2,522.29. The opening checking balance for March was \$5,716.13 and the closing was \$4,185.94. The Prudent Reserve balance for March was \$13,546.73 including the 12 cents we made in interest. We wish to thank for the Groups of Palm Beach County for their very generous support for the month of March.

I would like to thank the Groups for allowing me to server as Treasurer for the past 2 years. We went through some ups and downs in the first year, but I feel the past year has been pretty smooth. I would like to thank Deb M, our Chair, for excellent leadership over the past 2 years, as well as having trust in me to cover for her while she was on personal leave. I would also like to thank our Alternate Chairs, John F. and Maria for their service and teamwork, as well as Kate and Scott for their service as Secretary and Registrar. I am very happy that I will continue to serve with Kate in the next 2 years, as well as Rhonda and Heather. Unfortunately, Scott and his wife will be leaving South Florida soon. Scott and I have been doing service together for almost as long as we have been sober. He will be truly missed here, but the Groups of Massachusetts will definitely be picking up a Winner. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Roger B – PBC Intergroup Treasurer

Basket passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition

Secretary: Kate D –Thank you to all who have turned in your reports; if you have not please get it to me by Thursday at 5:00pm. Kate D.

Registrar: Scott M - Hi All, 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.

I also wanted to make a comment that this will be my last intergroup meeting in Palm Beach County, as I am moving out of town later this month. I have been a part of intergroup for the last 8 years and I am so grateful for this opportunity. Thank you so much for helping me stay sober. Thanks, Scott. – Intergroup Registrar

Office Manager: Tracy D - No Report Submitted

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Rhonda B. – The next General Service meeting is on 04/14/2019. The report will be submitted in May. Thanks for letting me serve. Rhonda B.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Christine - No Report Submitted

Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M. – Good evening fellow intergroup members. To the best of my knowledge General Service is still in need of a General Service Archives representative. I plan to attend the next District 8 business meeting on April 14. General Service has no presentations currently scheduled.

Attached is a copy portion of the District 8 Area 15 AA – Archives

Mission Statement. "Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity, it is the means by which we collect, preserve, and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened." If any of your group members have AA historical memorabilia please ask them to share it with General Service. Have them call Richard Metzner at 818-585-8891 to make copies of their material.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Richard M.

Advisory Committee Minutes – N/A

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information: Stacy – No report submitted

12 Step List: Sam B. – No report submitted

Phone Volunteer Committee: Debbie - Good evening, Fellow Trudgers on the Road to Happy Destiny. This is Alcoholic named Debbie, outgoing Chair of the Phone Committee. The Committee is trudging along fulfilling our mission - despite ongoing volunteer defections. Recruiting efforts must, as a result, continue uninterrupted.

It was disappointing that no one stood for the Chair of this Committee at last month's elections. I truly hope that someone will step up this month, with the knowledge that I will continue to volunteer on the Committee, and offer whatever assistance is asked of me. In grateful love and service, Debbie

TODAY: Cary M. – Contributors to the TODAY: Please e-mail your April report to me by close of business on Wednesday, May 1st. This First-Wednesday-Deadline enables me to clunk it together, provide to Deb for review, and get the pdf to the printer. Thank you. Hugs, Cary M.

Birthday Club: Heather K. - The birthday club letters and Today's are ready to be sent out tomorrow. Thanks, Heather K

Website Committee: Billy J – -Where and When updated as of 03/28/2019, April Today is posted, April Agenda is posted, Minutes for March were posted and various meetings updated on the App. Thanks! Billy J

Group Contact Committee: Melissa – No Report Submitted

Bridging the Gap Committee: Howie – No Report Submitted

Where and When: Tracy D.

Institutions Committee: Lynda - The Palm Beach County Institutions Committee currently brings a total of 122 meetings per week into 45 different treatment centers, detoxes, and jails. We currently have about 21 openings for committee volunteers. If you would like to enhance your sobriety, and become a member of the Institutions Committee, please come to our Member Orientation which is 4:30-5:00pm on the first Sunday of every month in the Triangle Club Serenity room. For the month of May, this will be Sunday, May 5th. Our General meeting is 5:00-6:00pm in the Triangle Club's big room, which we encourage 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 4:30pm, and runs co-currently with Orientation for members, who currently bring, or are interested in, doing service in Corrections. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your joining the Committee! - In service, Lynda

Old Business: Continue Elections

CHAIR	Roger
ALT CHAIR	Bob
SECRETARY	Heather
TREASURER	Kate
REGISTRAR	Rhonda
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Mary Ann Lynda Cindy
ARCHIVES LIAISON	Vacant
BRIDGING THE GAP	Vicki
PUBLIC INFORMATION	Danni
12 STEP COMMITTEE	James
TODAY Editor	Vacant- but Cary will stay until filled
WEBSITE/MEETING GUIDE	Vacant- but, Billy will stay until filled
BIRTHDAY CLUB/TODAY SUBSCRIPTIONS:	George
GENERAL SERVICE/ INTERGROUP LIAISON:	Maria P S
GROUP CONTACT	Vacant
SO COUNTY LIAISON	Vacant

New Business: None

Upcoming Events: Old Timers Social

Overview of 2017 – 2019 Rotation from the Chair

I wanted to provide an overview of the past rotation of Intergroup – from 2017 to 19. The rotation started out with the 2015-17 chair, Mark H, announcing that the accounting and day to day business would be rolled over to a strictly QuickBooks accounting system. With the help of Roger – who was then taking over as Treasurer, and volunteer Terry, who had the appropriate knowledge of Quickbooks and how to go about the transition, this was accomplished and we went live with Quickbooks as of June 1, 2017.

Very soon after I took over as Chair, our prior office manager, Ed B, tendered his resignation due to health issues, and the race was on to find a new office manager. After many interviews and much discussion, Tracy D was hired and has been doing a wonderful job in her capacity of the office manager of the Intergroup office and bookstore. This is not an easy job, and at some times can be thankless and daunting, but we admire her spirit and willingness to serve us in that capacity.

It was announced to the board and the body in June of 2017 that I had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Due to surgery and follow up chemotherapy treatment, it was necessary that I take a medical leave of absence from approx Aug to Nov 2017 and Roger sat in my place during that period of time. He did an excellent job filling in in my absence. (And I am happy to say that Roger will be taking over as the Chair for the 2019 – 21 rotation.)

Our co-chair at the beginning of this rotation, John F, introduced us to the Meeting Guide app for smart phones and presented a motion that our Where and When be included with this app. After much discussion and a bit of discord, the motion was carried and we are now part of that online service. The facilitators of the service have since turned it over to AA World Services in New York and it is anticipated that more and more Intergroups and like service bodies will become signed up for the app. John F and his assistants put in many hours making sure that the information put into the app was correct and we thank them for those efforts. It is continually updated by our Website guru.

The relationship between Intergroup and one of its subcommittees, Hospitals and Institutions, had become strained in the last several years for reasons no one could quite remember. A meeting was called among pertinent individuals and that relationship has begun to be mended with H&I now conducting much of their business under the umbrella of Intergroup and with their banking now being part of the main bank account, and with a member of H. & I. standing to be a part of the Intergroup Advisory Committee. This can also be reflected in their recent donation.

It had been suggested by a former chair of Intergroup that steps should be made to incorporate Intergroup and I made that my primary mission during this rotation. A motion was presented and carried. As of October 31, 2018 we are now registered with the Division of Corporations for the

State of Florida as a non-profit corporation known as Palm Beach County Intergroup, Inc. and recently filed our first annual report.

One of our groups' members noted one day when he came in that Tracy seemed to be frequently ill and was coughing all the time. He took it back to his group and they approached us with a willingness to contribute toward new carpet for the Intergroup offices and store. It was felt that if we were going to get new flooring that we should refresh the walls and paint as well. So ... a number of volunteers got together, and paint was purchased at a drastically reduced price (shout out to Home Depot), flooring and window blinds were purchased, and the renovation began. Thus – the entire office and meeting room have a fresh coat of paint (with the exception of one door!) and the office and store have new laminate wood flooring that will cut down on any moldy critters that want to grow.

I want to again thank our office manager, Tracy, the members of the Board, the Advisory Committee and those committee chairs who worked so hard to make the 2017 – 2019 rotation what it was. We couldn't have done it without all of you. Thank you! It has been an honor to serve in your capacity as chair for the 2017 – 2019 rotation. I have learned much about myself and about others through this process - things I will carry with me forever. Thank you for giving me that opportunity for growth.

Remember this quote - attributed to Mother Theresa entitled The Simple Truth

The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; and the fruit of service is peace.

Faith, love, service and peace to you all.

Deb Morgan – Chair

Palm Beach County Intergroup, Inc.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm