

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 13, 2019

Start time: 6:15 p.m.

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

Number of attendees: 52

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:

Cristina L –Group Rep. – Good Housekeeping
Eddie L – Group Rep. - Leaves of Gold
Kim E. – Group Rep. - Sobriety and Thunder
Linda S. – Group Rep. – Good Life
Phil – Alternate Rep. – Sobriety and Thunder
Travis – Alternate Rep. – Leaves of Gold

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 March 27, 2019 – the deadline to be placed on the April Agenda.

First, I must clarify an error I announced at the last meeting. It was NOT the Day Openers who contributed money toward the office painting/re-flooring – it was the Good Morning Group. The error was pointed out to me at the end of last month's meeting and I had it corrected in the minutes, but wanted to say the same here. Thank you Good Morning Group!

As announced last month, it is 2019 and the terms of the present Board members are coming to an end. Additionally, the annual committee chair positions will also be open for rotation. So tonight we will begin to select volunteers to fill the 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.

The Advisory Committee met on March 4th and those meeting minutes will be a part of these minutes. But briefly we talked about some non-conference approved books for the store; the protocol change for changes/ deletions to the Where & When and Meeting Guide App; and the elections.

The next Intergroup event will be the Old Timer's Social, the date for which will be Saturday, April 13th. Further information will be provided by Maria and Tracy.

We have been communicating with the accountant about the taxes and have a meeting next week. Though it has been a complicated process, we are working through it.

That's it for me this evening. Let's move on with the other reports and then the Election.
Love & service, Deb M.

Co-Chairperson: Maria P. S. – Hi Everyone “The Old Timers Social” is a month away on April 13th. The Flyers have all the information you need! Feel free to pick them up our Intergroup office. We thank Deborah, Tracy, George and Maria for their avid participation in organizing the event. The minimum sober time to enter in the speaker list is 35 years of consecutive sobriety. To register to speak at the OTS, you can call Tracy at Intergroup to get in the List pending availability if there are openings Tracy will add you on the list.

In the spirit of rotation our Service commitments come to an end, I am proud to announce that I completed my full term as Intergroup Co- Chairman in Good standing and booking back on the years I realize I have filled many Service positions in Intergroup and each time I learn so much about myself and others, This time, the position of Alt Chairman taught me many lessons and allowed me to practice the Code of AA (PLT) Patience Love and Tolerance with myself and others.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity you have given me to be your Intergroup Alt – Chairperson. Thank you again! Looking forward to new beginnings. Love you all, in love and Service - Maria P.S.

Treasurer: Roger B. Revenues for February 2019 were \$4,286.09 and Expenses were \$5,059.99, resulting in a net deficit of \$773.90. Group Contributions were \$2,467.22. The opening checking balance for February was \$9,900.97 and the closing was \$5,716.13. The Prudent Reserve balance for February was \$13,546.61 including the 10 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 February. 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 - I apologize that I cannot be in attendance this evening, but please stand for a position if you are qualified!!!!

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. Thanks, Scott M

Office Manager: Tracy D - February was a little on the slow side with our office activity at 575. We have received 1500 copies of our “Where and When’s” dated 2/20/2019 at a cost of \$650.00. The “Old Timers” meeting will be Saturday April 13, 2019 at The Holy Spirit Episcopal church. Please see our “Today” newsletter for the address and more information. To date, we have 701 years of sobriety speaking that evening and are in need of 6 more speakers. Please bring this back to your groups and ask your resident Old Timer to call Intergroup. We will be raffling off (2) of the books, “The Book that Started It All”. If you would like to volunteer time, energy and man power, please contact the Intergroup Office. In Love and Service, Tracy D.

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Rhonda B. CHAIR-no committee reports today just officer reports, agenda review and elections. District must decide if it wants to host quarterly in April 2020. Sense of body is to offer to host at April 2019 quarterly meeting. Need to have 3 people for contacts.

ALT CHAIR-HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC FOR FOUNDERS DAY POTLUCK DINNER
6/15. Fliers next month.

REGISTRAR-roll call

SECRETARY - send reports in

TREASURER - beg. Balance \$12217.99 -Contributions over \$3000, all checks cleared \$12842.32

DCM COORDINATOR- discussed 3rd tradition and 3rd concept.

AGENDA REVIEW- Only 6 of the 13 items were covered in review before time ran out. Review will be done fully at quarterly/General Service Assembly in Boca on April 5-7. It will start on Saturday at a session from 4-5p and then will be completed after the general business meeting on Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

-Digital resource for AA to increase awareness among professional

-AA member may help arrange hospitalization to be removed from pamphlet possibly

-corrections- review of Corrections literature make it more modern and take out word inmate and sitting in a cell, consider creating database of correctional facilities in U.S. district areas.

-Finance -Look at changing amount of money for delegate to attend from 1800 to more Increase amount from 5000 for leaving money to AA, consider change from 5000 yearly

-Grapevine- review list of items for Grapevine production in 2020, AA in early days, Getting involved in General Service, LA VINA Spanish speaking members how they surrendered, Carrying message into facilities,

Consider Remove articles related to medical in back of grapevine. It has been removed before and put back.

- Literature-progress report on pamphlet on women, 3 legacies, also 5th edition of big book update this is just being considered to include demographic changes a 4th section to highlight young people in AA under 25

Questions and answers on sponsorship couple things they recommend - add spiritual relevance and anonymity. Consider literature committee workbook, revise Too Young pamphlet consider utilization of video and print QR code on pamphlet, YPAA update that pamphlet too needs to be more dynamic, review literature process because 1 size fits all is not good for pamphlets as they need to be more targeted to audience, revise AA GROUP, are group members treated with respect do members feel safe coming to group. Review Anonymity on social media from panel 67 includes quote from Bill W. Review sponsorship pamphlet. Consider 12&12 to add concepts to forward. Consider – Add/change blue card statement that nonalcoholic can attend meetings as observers. Rhonda B.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Christine - SPBCI Business Meeting E-Mail Summary – February 27, 2019

Chair: Elizabeth reported we are working on a new website and more information to come soon.

Vice Chair: George reported that World Service has two new pamphlets: Women in AA

and LGBTQ alcoholics in AA. George also

Treasurer: John S. reported full financials in SCAAN

Office Manager: Jeannie reported PICNIC TICKETS and FLYERS are available at office

Group Information: Rick G reported "Also the GIC is creating a new email newsletter that will send current and pertinent info to members in our area.

Telephone Relay: Gary K. reported groups are needed for June and July.

In love and good service, Christine

Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M. – No Report Submitted

Advisory Committee Minutes – See attached.

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 Debbie, Chair of the Phone Committee. During my tenure, volunteers have come and gone, but we have generally managed to provide full off-shift coverage - largely through the ongoing dedication of steadfast, long-term veterans of the Committee. Recruiting efforts continue, as they must in order to fulfill the mission of the Phone Committee.

It has been the utmost honor and privilege to serve as the Chair of this vital Committee. As my term comes to a close, I want to assure the incoming Chair that I will continue to serve on the Committee as a volunteer, and to always provide whatever assistance is asked of me.

In grateful love and service. Debbie

TODAY: Cary M. – Hi, family! Please distribute as many copies of the TODAY as you can. Thanks and hugs, Cary M.

Birthday Club: Heather K Hi! Hi! 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 02/07/2019, March Today is posted, March Agenda is posted, Minutes for February 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 – No Report Submitted

Old Business: None

New Business: - Elections - 2019

CHAIR	Roger
ALT CHAIR	Kate
SECRETARY	Heather
TREASURER	Open
REGISTRAR	Rhonda
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Mary Ann Lynda Cindy
ARCHIVES LIAISON	Open
BRIDGING THE GAP	Vicki
PUBLIC INFORMATION	Danni
12 STEP COMMITTEE	Open
TODAY Editor	Open but Cary will stay until filled
WEBSITE/MEETING GUIDE	Jonathan? – will talk to Billy and may stand next month
BIRTHDAY CLUB/TODAY SUBSCRIPTIONS:	George
GENERAL SERVICE/ INTERGROUP LIAISON:	Maria P S
GROUP CONTACT	Open
SO COUNTY LIAISON	Open

Upcoming Events: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:07PM

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 6:05 pm

Chair's comments:

Hope for upcoming elections.

Consideration of 2 books for our bookstore written by an AA member from Chicago named Alex M that are not conference approved dealing with Atheists and Agnostics entitled "Daily Reprieve" and Design for Living" (They are presently available via Amazon). Suggested the inclusion in our bookstore be in form of a motion to present to the body. That may be in the works in the future.

Question re change in format for Old Timer's Social discussed. Results of the discussion to be shared with the person who presented the suggestion.

Ideas wanted re protocol for Where & When / Website meeting changes and deletions. Suggested that changes be OK via email and that deletions can be done verbally via telephone and will go on trust.

Alternate Chair's comments: discussion about status of Old Timer's Social planning. We're in good shape.

Treasurer comments: Financially we are in good shape. 2017 taxes will be completed soon – just in time to start doing 2018.

Secretary comments: None – all is well

Registrar's comments: Asked if is OK for him to put his Excel sheet of all the Reps, Alt Reps & Board members in the cloud. All agreed.

No other comments or concerns presented.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm