

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2019

Start time: 6:15 PM

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

Number of attendees: 40

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:

- Jasan O - Lake Worth Group - Rep
- Tyler - Lake Worth Group - Alt Rep
- Glenn C - Sober on Sunday - Rep
- Deb S - Seagull Cottage - 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](mailto:rwbrand@gmail.com) or the Intergroup Office no later than October 23rd, 2019 - the deadline to be placed on the Agenda.

The Officers and Committee Chairs from District 8, South Palm Beach County Intergroup, and our Intergroup had a Meet & Greet on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was nice to meet up with our counterparts and share some ideas. We decided to schedule another one for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM here at our Intergroup office. All Officers, Committee Chairs, Liaisons, and the Office Manager are encouraged to attend.

We have one open service position, which is the Bridge the Gap Chair and we will attempt to fill that tonight. I will give more details when we get to Old Business.

Thanks,  
Roger B  
PBC Intergroup Chair

Co-Chairperson: Bob W.

Intergroup's Annual Picnic will be Saturday, October 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Osceola Picnic Pavilion in Okeecheelee Park. I still have Flyers for you to take. The entrance to the Park is at 7715 Forest Hill Boulevard. Directions to the Osceola Pavilion are clearly marked on the informational road signs inside the Park. A Flyer and a Park Map are attached to this report The Osceola Pavilion is right next to the new Shark Wake Park which is great fun to watch and might tempt some of our attendees to try.

Charcoal barbecue burgers and hot dogs with potato salad and coleslaw. Maybe chips and dip. Join us and urge your group members and friends in AA to come to share in fellowship and gratitude for another day together on our journey of recovery through God's grace. It is a day to take a short break to reflect on the service we do together here and in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The Picnic will be good fun and a great recovery event that is family friendly. Any excess funds over the cost of food will support our mission to carry the message and provide fairly priced AA approved literature to Groups and individuals.

Any Reps who took tickets last month please turn in any money today and also let us know your prospects for selling the rest that you have or if you need more. We have tickets for the reps here today to take to sell for \$8 in advance. Any new sales after today NEED to be reported to Tracy here at the Intergroup Office, or to me. My number is 561-628-6918. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN GETTING A HEAD COUNT BEFORE THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SO WE CAN GO SHOPPING FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES.**

Anyone who comes without an advance ticket will be welcome and can drop something into a "donation" can we will have at the event. Drinks (sodas and water) will also have a "donation" can.

We have volunteers to help load food and supplies from the Intergroup Office to the Picnic Pavilion in the morning, volunteers for setup prior to the start of the picnic, ticket takers, barbecue chefs, trash patrol during the meal. We may need help with clean up and breakdown and load out and things I have not thought of yet. So if you can help, let me know before you leave. I have a Volunteer sheet for your name and contact info.

A special shout out to Tracy, Intergroup Office Manager, who has done so much work on the details for this event. What a great job!

Pump up the event with your home groups and friends so that we get a good turnout.

In Grateful Service,

Bob Wilson

**Treasurer: Kate D.**

*Basket passed in accordance with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition*

Revenues for September 2019 were \$5,599.18 and Expenses were \$5,351.06, resulting in a net surplus of \$248.12. Group Contributions were \$3,806.24. The opening checking balance for September was \$3,962.32 and the closing was \$2,782.14. The Prudent Reserve balance for September was \$15,547.50 including the 13 cents we made in interest. We wish to thank the Groups of Palm Beach County for their very generous support for the month of September.

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. If you did not get the reminder email, please make sure I have your email address.

**Registrar: Rhonda B.**

Minutes for September and agenda for October 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 and Welcome to Intergroup.

My name is Tracy and I am an alcoholic.

Business is picking up with our Office activity at 697.

We have collected a total of \$807.54 for "Books to the Bahamas" thus far we have obtained 2 ½ cases of Hard Covers at a cost of \$491.15 and 33 Daily Reflections at a cost of \$315.00.

We have received miscellaneous medallions and used Books as well!

Thank You to the Reflections Group and Sobriety First for their Bahamas contributions.

I have put in my Grapevine order and will be receiving "Take Me to Your Sponsor" as I have had several requests for that literature.

Also, we did take suggestions and have received many new colored medallions in red, pink, black, green and purple as well as the traditional blue.

Please keep in mind we are still looking for volunteers to help with our annual picnic. Please see me after this meeting if you would like to volunteer. With Love and in Service, Tracy

**General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Maria P.**

Hi Everybody! Sorry I am not at the meeting this wed due to Yom Kippur & Yizkor  
There is no report, General Service meeting is next Sunday October 13,2019.  
I would like to share with you all this amazing day for me October 6<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated 30 years sober!  
Thank you. Maria P.S

**South County Intergroup Liaison: Jonathan K.**

Palm Beach County introduced new groups. The webmaster position was filled; twelve step women's position is open. They upgraded their technology and processed 20K in inventory. There's an event going on December 7 from noon to 3 at the intergroup office. They made initiatives to reduce paper, cleaned up the office and placed big books from long time ago into display. Bridge the gap helped 2 people. Reviewed inactive meetings. H&I needs to recruit more volunteers, maintain current volunteers, took over lighthouse point meeting, and created 7 boxes with books for transitioning into big book and chips for first 30 days. Stories for newspaper, respond by the 15<sup>th</sup>

**Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M.**

No report this month. Unable to attend meeting because of recent surgery.

**Advisory Committee Minutes:**

Pending next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information: Dani P.**

No requests for Public Information this month. Thanks! Dani

**12 Step List: Mark S.**

Not present. No report.

**Phone Volunteer Committee: James N.**

The phone committee thingy I do is coming along nicely, down to only a few open slots from over half being open. A special thanks to Courtney for his help and patience. I would also like to look at a new forwarding system. - James

**TODAY: Shauna M.**

No report. Thank you, Shauna

**Birthday Club: George**

Nothing to report. George

**Website Committee: Billy J.**

-October Agenda Posted  
-Various meetings updated on the App.  
-September Minutes posted  
-Looking into other options for web hosting...-Billy

**Group Contact Committee: Glenn B.**

I have received the master list of groups represented at Intergroup, and the list of groups that contribute to Intergroup. I have cross referenced these lists with the Where and When book for

Palm Beach County.

There are 240 groups listed in the Where and When, many meeting several times a week

There are 133 groups listed with representatives at Intergroup

There have been 78 groups contributing to Intergroup between June and August this year

My goal is to visit the groups who have not been contributing, introduce myself during the introduction part of the meeting, make Intergroup announcements during the announcement part of the meeting, leave a few copies of Today, and speak with the meeting chairperson after the meeting about sending someone from their meeting to Intergroup.

I have a simple information slip to leave behind with them spelling out the Intergroup meeting schedule and encouraging them to be represented.

This should not only add to the body of Intergroup, but should also add to the contributions  
Glenn B.

**Bridging the Gap Committee: VACANT**

**Institutions Committee: Lynda H.**

The Palm Beach County Institutions Committee currently brings a total of 118 meetings per week into 51 different treatment centers, detoxes, and jails with 102 active meetings per week. We currently have about 36 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 General meeting is 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. We also have a Prisons/Jails meeting that begins at 4:30 pm and runs co-currently with Orientation for members who currently bring or are interested in doing service in Correctional Facilities. Thank you, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your joining the Committee!

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Committee Chair Election – Bridging the Gap – Debbra M.

**Upcoming Events:**

Fall Picnic

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 PM**