

## PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 12, 2020

Start time: 6:15 PM

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

Number of attendees: 45

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:

Kathryn P. - High Noon - Alt Rep  
James N - Reflections Group - Rep  
Debra F - We Found the Way - Rep  
Abbigail B - Serenity Ladies - Rep  
Derek S - Lake Worth Group - Alt Rep  
Annette K - Smoke Free Sobriety - Alt Rep  
Paul M - Magic Monday - Rep  
Eddie L - Leaves of Gold - Rep  
Joe B - Comfort Zone - Rep  
Ilia E - Gentlemen's Club - 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 February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - the deadline to be placed on the Agenda.

Under New Business we will be having an election for the Alternate Chair position which is currently vacant.

It was brought to our attention this month that several Treatment Centers had received a letter from the Oasis Club stating they were instituting a new policy requiring Treatment Centers to pay an annual fee in order for their clients to attend meetings at the Club. I have not had the opportunity to confirm this with anyone on the Board at the Oasis Club however, and I will try to do so soon. If this is true, Palm Beach County Intergroup has no opinion on decisions made by a private business, even if they rent space to recovery-based meetings including AA meetings. The Groups that rent space there do however have a voice through their Group Conscience.

Since we do not have an Alternate Chair this month, I went ahead and requested the Office Manager to contact the church on Allendale Rd that we have used for the past couple of years for the annual Old Timers meeting and reserve a date for the event in April. Last month, one of the Intergroup Reps inquired about changing the format of the event to the format of a dinner as was done several years ago. While we are still open minded to change, it is too late to do it for this year's event, as we want to make sure to hold it prior to the "Snowbirds" heading back north. After the event is run this year, we will entertain any motions by Groups that may want to change the format of Intergroup events.

Elections for Committee Chairs and Liaisons will be held in March and will continue into April if there are still open positions. Newly elected people will start their positions at the May meeting. If you have picked up your position during the year and have not served a complete one-year term, you are more than welcome to re-stand for your current position. To expedite the March election meeting, verbal reports from the Committees and Liaisons will be suspended. Committee Chairs and Liaisons should still email their reports to the Secretary for inclusion in the Minutes.

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service,

Roger B

PBC Intergroup Chair

**Co-Chairperson: Vacant**

**Treasurer: Kate D.**

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

Revenues for January 2020 were \$7,455.07 and Expenses were \$8265.38, resulting in a net loss of \$810.31.

The opening checking balance for January was \$5081.26 and the closing was \$10521.35. The Prudent Reserve balance for January was \$15548.02 including the 11 cents we made in interest.

We would like to thank the Groups for their generous contributions.

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. Please send in either a word format or in the body of the email. If you did not get the reminder email, please make sure I have your email address. Thanks! Heather

**Registrar: Rhonda B.**

Minutes for January and agenda for February 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 Palm Beach County Intergroup,

My name is Tracy and I am an Alcoholic.

Business is picking up with our office activity at 934 including calls, foot traffic and e-mails.

Palm Beach County Intergroup will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will reopen February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00am.

We are gearing up for our "Old Timers" Ice Cream Social in April, so please, let's get the word out.

Anyone with 35 years or more sobriety is encouraged to join us and to share their experience, strength and hope. Please contact the Intergroup office 655-5700. We are limited to 21 speakers in 3 hours so get your name in fast.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention is August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and need volunteers for the play "The AA Service Manual, the Musical".

For more information on the host hotel and other activities, please see me after this meeting.

With Love and In Service, Tracy

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

No report.

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

No report.

**Archives Committee Liaison: Richard M.**

No report.

**Advisory Committee Minutes:**

Pending next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information: Dani P.**

No report.

**12 Step List: Mark S.**

No report.

**Phone Volunteer Committee: James N.**

Not much to report. I am looking for volunteers for Friday evening and Friday overnight. James

**TODAY: Shauna M.**

Nothing to report! Thank you, Shauna M.

**Birthday Club: George**

Nothing to report.

**Website Committee: Billy J.**

- February Agenda Posted
- Various meetings updated on the App.
- January Minutes posted

**Group Contact Committee: Glenn B.**

This month I visited--Happy Solutions at the Billy Bob Club in Loxahatchee Groves on a Thursday at 630. Great group, a lot of years of sobriety. Speaker meeting.

And Safe Harbor which meets at Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach. Another warm bunch, speaker format. Also Thursday 630 pm.

I invited them to Intergroup, made announcements, and left copies of Today.

Glenn B

**Bridging the Gap Committee: Debbra M.**

have been working hand and hand with Kathy, Treatment Chair at District 8.

I opened a Google Voice # 561-571-0053. Please make sure you keep this number for anyone needing help with Bridging the Gap.

I was given the list of all facilities that the Institution Committee brings meeting into and started calling them to introduce myself and my position with intergroup. There is a consent form that Kathy has given me from her previous committee, which is no longer around helping her. I will be reviewing the form and modifying if need be. I will be presenting the form for approval to intergroup and Kathy before I start emailing and/or faxes to facilities. I apologize for myself not having much action with this position last month, but I was down for the count awaiting a major surgery, which has happened on 1/31/2020 and I am in the Recovery stages and finally getting back on track. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Institutions Committee: Lynda H.**

The Palm Beach County Institutions Committee currently brings a total of 121 meetings per week into 36 facilities consisting of treatment centers, detoxes, and jails with 102 active meetings per week. We currently have numerous 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 next meeting will be Sunday, March 1st, and our monthly General meeting follows at 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.

Thank you, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your joining the Committee.

Old Business:

Alternate Chair election: Deb M. stood for the position.

New Business:

Committee Chair elections in March.

Upcoming Events:

Old timer social in April.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 PM