

**PBC INTERGROUP**  
**Date: August 13, 2014**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Start time: 6:15 p.m.**

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

Number of attendees: About 55

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: Reps: Collin E of Gold Coast Candlelight; Robby E of Getting Started; Jeremy A of Gratitude Group. Alt Reps: Kirk of Central Group; and Group Contact: Fred Mc of Good Guys. Welcome all new reps and alternate reps.

Chairperson: Gary B - I wish to Thank Steve and everyone who helped with the Annual PBC Intergroup Picnic that was held last Saturday at John Prince Park. A great time was had by all and we were treated to some fantastic chili. Thank You to the Groups who took the time to work hard in the kitchen so we could increase our waist size. The Advisory Committee met on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Intergroup Office and Deb will read the report as part of her report. The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 6pm in the Intergroup Office. Unfortunately, I have to report that, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 4 months, complaints have been received by me concerning the fact that a PBC Intergroup Event was promoted on a local radio station and that tickets were even given away to people who called the station at the urging of the participants of the show to attend the picnic. This is absolutely unacceptable and is in contradiction to our 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition that states that we are a program of attraction rather than promotion. Please understand that all service entities in AA, such as Intergroup and General Service, have one, and only one, service position that bear the responsibility of representing that organization at the public level through the local media. In General Service District 8 it is the District Chairperson, in Area 15 it is our Delegate, and in Intergroup it is the Chairperson. It is the position of this Intergroup that any statement made to the local media should come from the PBC Intergroup Chairperson. Mark has amended his motion to change our bylaws, which will be presented tonight, to reflect this position in adherence with our Traditions. We should strive to be mindful of the humble nature of our service to Alcoholics Anonymous and to allow a loving Higher Power to

direct the results of our service energy. Again, Thank You to everyone who helped make our annual picnic a wonderful day of fun and great food.

Alternate Chair: Steve H – The picnic was a huge success and god blessed us with great weather and many people that did service. I will present preliminary number at the end of the report. Special Kudos go to Deb & Mike with ticket sales at the gate; Ed B whose guidance, support and service were outstanding; Dick C who acquired the great food; Paulo & John for slaving at the grill all day; Indian Bob who aside from his work and service gave away hundreds of dollars worth of merchandise & prizes and Bebe and Joanie and many others too numerous to mention. It was a learning process for me and though things went as well as (& even better than) we could have hoped, we cannot rest on our laurels. Time to get busy on the next events, the Alcatons. The goal with the picnic is to get as many newcomers involved as possible. Thanks for all your love, tolerance, patience and understanding as I obviously have a propensity to get frazzled but we all pulled through. Some preliminary numbers after which I will gladly entertain any questions or comments. Thanks for keeping me sober and in service. Steve H., Alt Chair. Ticket sales: @\$3000 (still waiting for more money for sales to come in); Beverage sales: \$312; take away the expenses and the surplus is @\$1179. Final numbers next month.

Treasurer: Mark H – Provided verbal report on what is attached. As always: Intergroup is doing very well.

*Pass the basket in accordance with our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition*

Secretary: Deb M – Thank you to all who have turned in your reports; if you have not please get it to me by early Thursday evening so I have time to put the minutes into final form for submission to the Chair and the Registrar. It is suggested that all new representatives and alternate representatives go to the Palm Beach County Intergroup website ([aa-palmbeachcounty.org](http://aa-palmbeachcounty.org)) and view the Home page, tab “About Intergroup” and read the by-laws – all of which are on the website. Additionally, we have a hard copy packet that contains much useful information on your role as an Intergroup Representative. I will now read the minutes from the Advisory Committee that took place July 22, 2014. Advisory Committee minutes read and are a part of these minutes.

Registrar: Roger B – 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, Roger B. – Intergroup Registrar

Office Manager: Ed B – Total Office Activity for July was 756. This was 80 more than last month, and 149 less than last year. In the first seven months of this year we had 2,057 visitors, 1,523 emails and 1,794 calls to the Intergroup Office. There were 34,683 1<sup>st</sup> time visits to the website and 8,885 return visits. The two Office Volunteer openings have been filled. We have received no new information on 2015 International Convention. AAWS has announced price increases on Conference Approved Literature effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not received any information on quantity discounts & will not be able to determine the effect on our selling prices at this moment. We should have this information available in September. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. In love & service, Ed B

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Doug L – District met this past Sunday. Grapevine distribution is down again and they are losing money. (Note from meeting recall – no report submitted.)

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B. - Ed T. (Chair) announced that upcoming events were the Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and the South County Gratitude Dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Committee reports were suspended for the meeting due to elections. Elections results for Officers: Chairperson-John S. (former Treasurer), Vice Chair-Cheryl (former Secretary), Secretary-Sarah, Treasurer-None stood. All Committee Chairs were filled with the exception of North County Liaison. Next meeting will be on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Archives Committee Liaison: Greg R – Michael G. borrowed some of District 8's Archival material and set up a display for Area 15's quarterly. Motion to increase budget by \$110.76 for increased storage costs, passed unanimously. Planning workshop to restore District 8's display cases, more information to follow. District 8 has received a signed 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Big Book.

## **Committee Reports:**

Public Information: John F – Cannot make the meeting this evening as teachers are back in school and I have a meeting later. My report as new Public Information chair is as follows. I have spoken to the previous chair and received some materials from him. Sean has been extremely helpful. I still have to meet with him for some other supplies. I am shooting for the Veteran's Stand Down event in Delray Beach on September 27th as my initial service at a function. I hope to be in full swing by then regarding delivery of AA material to doctors' offices and community service facilities. If anyone at Intergroup has a request feel free to give them my number 561 370-5638 and I will be glad to accommodate them. Yours in service, respectfully,  
John F

12 Step List: Matthew S– I have the honor of serving as the 12 step list chair.. Most of the group reps were giving a 12 step volunteer sheet on Wednesday. Please bring those to your group business meetings and encourage members to volunteer. Tell anyone who is willing that I will call them before adding them to the list and explain what the responsibility entails. Bring the sheets to the next inter group meeting so I can update the list. Thank you for letting me serve, Matt S

Phone Volunteer Committee: Troy T – Hello all - Thank you for allowing me to serve as your phone chairperson. Things are running good and I have not been getting any complaints. All slots are not filled and I am covering as needed. I will be emailing out the updated copy of the volunteer list as I have almost collected everyone's email addresses and updated the sheet. All slots are now filled. Welcome to our 2 new volunteers Eric C. and Russell S. This is a very rewarding service commitment and you get a chance to meet and talk with lots of folks both newcomers and veterans alike. Maybe folks have some suggestions to make things better and I would love to get them after the meeting. If you are interested in serving as a phone volunteer feel free to contact me. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Troy T 561-301-3624; [phonevolunteer@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:phonevolunteer@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)

TODAY: Rosemary T – Hello everyone. This month we printed 650 copies of the Today, which features the upcoming International Conference of Young People in AA which takes place in San Antonio and the 2015 International AA Conference in Atlanta. The upcoming events section is looking a little thin, so if your group is having an event and you want to get the word out, please contact the intergroup office or me directly. Have a great back to school season. Rosemary

Birthday Club: Linda R – No report submitted.

Website Committee: Randy B – website updated – otherwise no report

Group Contact Committee: No report submitted.

Bridging the Gap Committee: Sheila B – Had 7 requests – all were answered; has had response from Lewis Center. Otherwise no report.

Where & When Committee: Scott M – I am an alcoholic and my name is Scott. As of last week we have updated the where and when. It is now current on the website and we have 2000 new booklets. If anybody is aware of any meeting changes, new meetings, or cancellations, please let either myself or Ed know so we can make the appropriate changes. Thanks for letting me serve! Scott

Institutions Committee: Chris H - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 97 meetings a week to 39 facilities. We had a good response to our on-going need for new volunteers this month with ten new volunteers! There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. It's definite; the Big Book Ball is going to be a New Year's Eve celebration. The Ball will be held December 31 at the Borland Center on PGA Blvd in Palm Beach Gardens from 7pm to midnight. Tickets will cost \$20 and include a light dinner, great dancing and New Year's fun! Tickets will be available from Institutions Committee members and the Intergroup office starting next week. Plan to come and have a great time and, at the same time, help the Institutions Committee to buy Big Books for institutionalized alcoholics. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club the 1st Sunday each month: new member orientation at 4:30 pm 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. Yours in love and service, Chris H.

Advisory Board Meeting (John C; David C; Jasine H): See attached report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Elected a South County Intergroup Liaison – Fred M;

1. PBC Intergroup carry the following 2 non-conference approved books: From the Edge of the Cliff (Understanding the Two Phases of Recovery and Becoming the Person You're Meant to Be) and Who's Your Higher Power? (Finding A God of your Understanding). Both are authored by Dawn O'Brecht, M.D.

Submitted with the unanimous approval of The Days End Group by Joan P., Intergroup Rep. **Motion Failed.**

2. PBC Intergroup carry a non-conference approved book entitled 12 Steps and 12 Stories (Spiritual Messages of Recovery for Children and The Child in You) Authored by Debra Alessandra

Submitted with the unanimous approval of The Days End Group by Joan P., Intergroup Rep. **Motion Withdrawn**

3. Motion to appear on the August 2014 Agenda

This motion proposes to amend the PBC Intergroup By-Laws.

Motion: PBC Intergroup will observe in all of its activities the spirit and intent of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It will refrain from any type fund raising activities to include raffles and lotteries. PBC Intergroup and all of its activities will never be promoted at the level of press, radio, film, and electronic media.

Justification: The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition states that "Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions". PBC Intergroup has been blessed with the generous support of the groups that it serves. We have been prudent and responsible with the expenditure and accounting of group contributions. Lotteries and raffles are fund raising activities. PBC Intergroup can afford the expenses related to the service events that it sponsors and does not need to resort to fund raising activities to finance these service events. Fund

raising activities should never have a part in any service event sponsored by PBC Intergroup.

Also, the 11<sup>th</sup> Tradition states that “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion”. Not only do we maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film but PBC Intergroup should never have any of its activities promoted via the media. We will announce our events and activities on our website and at our meetings in cooperation with our Intergroup Representatives.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 pm

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

JULY 22, 2014  
Start: 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Gary, Mark, John, Dave, Jasine, Roger & Deb - Steve not in attendance

Open with Serenity Prayer

Gary had nothing to discuss but mentioned that there is consideration of eliminating the Pot Luck Dinner in October and moving the summer picnic to the fall due to the heat. It was agreed among the group that that might be a good thing and since it is a bylaws issue, it will need to be presented to the Intergroup body for the reps to take back to the groups. If it passes we will have the Christmas & New Year Alcahons, the Old Timer's Panel Cake n Coffee and the picnic as the Intergroup annual events.

Mark said that financially PB County Intergroup is "in fantastic shape" and group support is great. We may be able to disburse more to New York than last year. The finances are very strong – we deferred further discussion on that until October.

Roger has no complaints; the phones are being answered, all positions are filled, the picnic planning committee is doing well.

Deb talked about the new member packets; Gary said they've begun to distribute them. All is well on that.

There is a new motion on the agenda for the next Intergroup meeting and that is to take away the 50/50 raffles from all Intergroup events. It was discussed and felt that it is not really necessary as our finances are strong and it potentially could contribute to those who have a problem with gambling and may have tax consequences as well. It is intended to be put in the by-laws so the motion will be presented in August and voted on in September.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Intergroup Office.

Love and Service, Deb Morgan – Intergroup Secretary



**Palm Beach County Intergroup  
Operating Report  
07/01/2014 - 07/31/2014**

**Opening Balance Checking:** **\$ 16,457.20**

**Revenues:**

Literature Sales	\$ 5,348.57
Sales Tax	321.13
Tax Exempt Sales	304.03
Group Contributions	3,844.36
Annual Picnic	490.00
"Today" Subscriptions	6.00
Birthday Club Memberships	195.00
Meeting Baskets	67.15
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**Total Revenues:** **\$ 10,576.24**

**Expenses:**

Literature Purchases	\$ 2,650.39
Sales Tax	224.22
Annual Picnic	216.19
Office Salary	2,746.16
FICA & Unemployment Tax	210.07
Paychex(monthly fee)	77.00
Health Insurance	267.86
Rent & Water	475.00
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	295.79
FP&L	162.40
Exterminating	37.00
Printing	462.00
Office Supplies / Postage	232.68
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**Total Expenses** **\$ 8,056.76**

**Monthly Surplus / (Deficit)** **\$ 2,519.48**

**Closing Balance Checking:** **\$ 18,976.68**

**Opening Balance Prudent Reserve:** **\$ 17,760.98**

Prudent Reserve Interest **0.44**

**Closing Balance Prudent Reserve:** **\$ 17,761.42**

**Palm Beach County Intergroup  
Operating Report  
July 31, 2014**

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Literature Sales	\$ 5,348.57	\$ 5,083.75	\$ 264.82
Sales Tax	321.13	306.38	14.75
Tax Exempt Sales	304.03	210.00	94.03
Group Contributions	3,844.36	4,194.40	(350.04)
Annual Picnic	490.00	1,695.00	(1,205.00)
"Today" Subscriptions	6.00	26.00	(20.00)
Birthday Club Memberships	195.00	123.00	72.00
Meeting Baskets	67.15	59.00	8.15
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 10,576.24</b>	<b>\$ 11,697.53</b>	<b>\$ (1,121.29)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Literature Purchases	\$ 2,650.39	\$ 4,148.22	\$ (1,497.83)
Sales Tax	224.22	240.44	(16.22)
Annual Picnic	216.19	3,432.80	(3,216.61)
Office Salary	2,746.16	2,646.16	100.00
FICA & Unemployment Tax	210.07	210.09	(0.02)
Paychex (Monthly Fee)	77.00	77.00	-
Health Insurance	267.86	-	267.86
Rent & Water	475.00	475.00	-
AT&T (Internet, Phone, Website)	295.79	296.59	(0.80)
FP&L	162.40	161.48	0.92
Exterminating	37.00	35.00	2.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-
Printing	462.00	231.00	231.00
Office Supplies / Postage	232.68	205.88	26.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,056.76</b>	<b>\$ 12,159.66</b>	<b>\$ (4,102.90)</b>
<b>Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 2,519.48</b>	<b>\$ (462.13)</b>	<b>\$ 2,981.61</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 18,976.68</b>	<b>\$ 16,496.55</b>	<b>\$ 2,480.13</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$ 17,761.42</b>	<b>\$ 17,540.80</b>	<b>\$ 220.62</b>

Office Activity for July, 2014

<b>Requests for meetings info:</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>12th Step requests:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>BTG:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other information:</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Public Information requests:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Institutions Meeting requests:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Emails:</b>	<b><u>188</u></b>
<b>Total Activity:</b>	<b>756</b>