

## **PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Wednesday, September 8th**

**Start time: 6:14 PM**

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

**Number of attendees: 17 (3 new reps, New South county Liaison)**

***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.*

**Chairperson: John F.**

*Greetings,*

*I usually close my remarks by mentioning some of the old timers that have passed away during the last month but I think I should start by honoring Ed B., our former Intergroup Office Manager. Ed was a member of the Men's Comfort Zone. He was a very good man, integral to my sobriety, and helped so many others on their journey. We did a lot of shopping, and plenty of events, picnics and Alkathons together. He had a great sense of humor. There will be a memorial at Triangle Club on Sept 25th at 1:30 pm. All are welcome. Additionally, Skip H, a longtime fixture at The Oasis, and meetings in the Palm Beach Gardens area, has passed. To quote my sponsor: "He is at peace with his friends Leo, Bob, Dottie, Arnie and Kathleen at the big meeting in the sky".*

*I realize there are many others that are with us in spirit now, and I hope our members can close the meeting with their names and memories. Amen*

*For the rest of us, still trudging the road to happy destiny, my report. First, I just want to thank all the volunteers, officers and committees chairs in Intergroup. You have made life easier in a difficult and stressful time, and that is no short order. I always was told that "service will keep you sober" and thank God for once, I listened.*

*Tracy has done an excellent job on updating the list of group contacts, but it will always be a work in progress. I want to assure some of the membership (that inquired), the list is not for the public, we use it to disperse Intergroup information. If you are reading this and know a group that needs access, please contact Tracy at the office.*

*In the last week we have seen Covid cases level off, but those levels are still pretty high. I would like to table discussions of a picnic for another month, and it would probably be prudent to have a larger event in the new year.*

*Next month we will begin taking names for the Alkathon. There will be a live event this year, and hopefully 2, that will follow CDC guidelines. I definitely can use an alternate chair and volunteers to help (so make your holiday plans early). Groups reps that are interested will use the sign up sheet, and other groups please contact the office to be on the list for meetings. I think we can waive the requirement that group reps be in attendance for the drawing of times. ( will take a sense of the meeting now).*

*Thank you, in service, John F*

**Alternate Chair:** Vacant

**Treasurer: Glenn B.** See attached reports.

**Secretary: Libby B.** No new business to report.

**Registrar: Heather K.** *If you did not receive the latest email, please double check your email address with me. Thanks, Heather*

**Office Manager: Tracy D.**

*Good evening and Welcome,*

*In 2017 I was employed at Palm Beach County Intergroup with Ed B. as my mentor. He was kind man, with a caring heart. He loved the Triangle cats and insisted they would taken care of in his absence. I can say to this day, they are fed and cared for daily by the cat ladies of Triangle. (that's what we call them)*

*Regarding the new "Prayer and Meditation" book from Grapevine. I have been trying to get an order placed however there is a back order issue with the books. I will keep you posted as I get more information.*

*We have been trying to up-date our roster of 150 named meetings. In calling numbers I have found diseased reps, disconnected numbers and members who are no longer members of AA. It is imperative we have up dated group contact information.*

*The app had over 40 changes in times, days, open meetings and closings in the month of August. We have been unable to print our "Where and When" since February of 2020, as it is not in our best interest to print false information. Meetings have moved, closed, opened, closed again and Intergroup knows nothing about it. The calls we are getting from members standing in front of a closed AA meeting is not OK. I cannot imagine needing a meeting and not knowing where to go! PLEASE... We need your information. I need to Thank Courtney our phone chair and his volunteers for their time and effort in keeping up with the meeting calls. We are doing the best we can with what we have however your groups assistance is needed.*

*With Love and in Service,  
Me*

**General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Vacant**  
**South County Intergroup Liaison: Cindy U.** *No new report.*

**Archives Committee Liaison: Vacant**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information: Vacant**

**12 Step List:** Vacant

**Phone Volunteer Committee:** Cortney D. No report.

**TODAY:** Vacant

**Birthday Club/TODAY:** Bonnie C.

*Live From the Birthday Club.....In the Month of August we sent out Medallions for 297 years with of sobriety to 11 celebrants!!*

*Love & Service, Bonnie C.*

**Website Committee:** Troy C. No major updates to report. Made a brief addition to the home page with information pertaining to groups who need to contact Intergroup in order to have their meeting info updated on the meeting list.

*The 12 Step Meeting List plugin that we use to create and maintain the list still hasn't fixed the bug which prevents the "printable meeting list" button on the website from working. Hopefully that will be patched soon by the volunteers who work on the plugin itself.*

*I contacted our web host, ATT, for help making the website as fast as it was before redirecting to the Wordpress version of the website, but so far they've been unhelpful. I want to give them one more shot, but if they aren't able to resolve the issue, I'll try to get a quote from a professional for Intergroup to review.*

*The website incurred expenses totaling \$25.16 to renew our SSL certificate and our domain registration for one year. I'm still not 100% who is paying for actually hosting the website but will investigate that further in the coming weeks.*

**Group Contact Committee:** Paula No report. Please email [nursepaula@bellsouth.net](mailto:nursepaula@bellsouth.net) with communications.

**Bridging the Gap Committee:** Richard R.

**Institutions Committee:** Mark H. Hello Intergroup,

*The Institutions Committee is functioning well under the circumstances. We carry 111 meetings a week into 38 facilities including halfway houses, treatment centers, jails, and prisons. Many of our facilities are open and we are carrying into them as allowed. Some are still closed and in those situations, we offer to do zoom meetings. Additional facilities are opening up regularly.*

*We currently have 21 vacancies and are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in getting involved please come to our orientation which we do on the first Sunday of the month in the big room in the Triangle Club at 4:30 pm. The orientation process is simple and easy.*

*If anyone wants more information call me 561 596 1196*

**Old Business:**

***Elections***

- ***Alternate Chair:*** Vacant; Cindy stood for the position. Passed unanimously.
- ***Public Information:*** Vacant
- ***General Service/Intergroup Liaison:*** Vacant
- ***Archives Liaison:*** Kevin stood for the position. Passed unanimously.
- ***12-Step List:*** Vacant

**New Business:** N/A

**Upcoming Events:** None, need to continue to await Covid-related updates and respond accordingly.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 PM**