

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 13th

Start time: 6:15 PM

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

Number of attendees: 25

New Reps:

- Barbara with Oasis Happy Hour
- Annabella with Serentiy Ladies
- Matt Cardinal Lane
- Jeff with Sunny Isles
- Jackson 3rd Tradition

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. *We are still following CDC guidelines when it comes to masking indoors and in the Intergroup office.*

The memorial for our late office manager was a very nice event. Ed's family provided an Italian feast - the food and the memories everyone shared were fantastic. I spoke to his sister this past Saturday and she is so grateful that we had an event. I want to thank the Triangle Club for hosting without charge, and Tracy for coming in to set up and clean up on her day off.

This month we begin earnest preparation for the Alkathons. I am very happy to have my new alternate chair to assist. We will do the drawing a bit different this year. We are leaving the 2 largest Triangle Meetings in place. The Lunch Bunch will be leading off, but in addition the 8:30 pm meeting will move to 8 on Christmas and New Years.

The drawings at our next meeting will not be for slots, but for a number to choose a slot. Priority will be given to all groups that have reps show up.

A second drawing will be made for groups that cannot attend the Intergroup meeting but would like to participate.

If slots are still left over we will attempt to fill them from groups calling in to the office to outright arm-twisting.

It should be a great event, and we will have a sign up sheet for volunteers. It is always nice to sign up for the hour before or after your group has their meeting.

The meetings themselves are 45 minutes long, and the group can choose their own format.

There is no better way than to be present for your fellow alcoholics during the holidays. Please support this event, in person! thank you.

Alternate Chair: Cindy *It is with pleasure I volunteered and was approved to be the Alternate Chair of the PBC Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (North) at the September Business Meeting.*

While I am relatively new to this Group, I have been active in service at the Oasis Club in Palm Beach Gardens since my sobriety date of 7/21/2009. I truly believe service has saved my life and allows me to live freely without alcohol.

I look forward to assisting Tracy in any events we hold as well as supporting her with any needs she requests of me.

While I am not sure what all this position involves yet, I promise to “roll with it” and be of service whenever and wherever needed. However, as of the last meeting, it was mentioned we will be holding an Alcolthon starting Xmas even thru Xmas Day and I look forward to working in this with everyone involved.

Treasurer: Glenn B. *See attached reports.*

Secretary: Libby B. *Please let me know if there are any issues with the August minutes presented following the last meeting.*

Registrar: Heather K. *The minutes for September were sent out, though mislabeled as August. Oops, sorry. The agenda for October was also sent. I seem to be having a few email issues with people not receiving the email. I was one of them!*

Office Manager: Tracy D. *Palm Beach County Intergroup wishes to congratulate our volunteer Howie with 34 years this month!*

The Big Book Spiritual group will be hosting a small Alcoholics Anonymous Gratitude Dinner on November 13, 2021.

The dinner will be for 125 people or less and the contribution per ticket is \$25.00. The location of the event will be at Christ Fellowship in Royal Palm Beach -9905 Southern Boulevard. They have asked Palm Beach County Intergroup to assist with tickets they and they will be available at your local intergroup office by October 15th, 2021.

District 8 will be have a planning session for the “Community Unity” event on Saturday, 10/23/21 at 11am at the South County Intergroup office. The goal for the planning session is for each entity to have about 2-3 people there (from north county Intergroup, south county Intergroup, and district) so hopefully we can put our heads together and plan more of the specifics of the event itself.

If you would like more information on this planning session, please see me after the meeting.

BOLO (Be on the Look Out) – Lilly, (our office Orchid) has been with us for almost 2 years, she was stolen from her “Lilly Pad” on the north side of our Intergroup office sometime between Friday October 1st after 5pm and Sunday October 3rd.

She spends her weekends outside as she cannot be left in the office without sunshine for too many days. She is almost 2 and half feet tall and in full bloom with pink flowers. No questions will be asked, please bring her back! She was a gift to us.

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Vacant

South County Intergroup Liaison: Cindy U. *No new report.*

Archives Committee Liaison: Kevin R *No new report*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information: Vacant, 2 years sobriety

12 Step List: Vacant, 2 years sobriety

Phone Volunteer Committee: Cortney D. *No report. But he is amazing!*

TODAY: Vacant, 2 years sobriety

Birthday Club/TODAY: Bonnie C. *I am happy to share with the community that we sent out 8 medallions representing 181 years of sobriety!!!*

Website Committee: Troy C. *The motto for the website this month is, "no news is good news." The website is stable and working. I received a message about a week ago from the team that manages the 12 Step Meeting List plugin and was told that a bug fix had been released that should let people use the "printable meeting list" button, but unfortunately, it doesn't seem to have worked, so I messaged them this afternoon and am waiting to hear back.*

I have a lead on a Wordpress professional who might be able to help us get the website running as fast as it previously used to. I intend to get a quote from them, which I'll present to Intergroup for discussion.

Lastly, if there are committee chairs who would like to make posts on the website and are familiar with Wordpress, let me know and I can get you set up with credentials. If there are committee chairs who'd like to make posts on the website and are not familiar with Wordpress, it's probably best to send me an email and I can make a post for you.

If groups have any AA-themed events that they'd like posted on the website, please email the event info to the Intergroup office manager, Tracy, at pbciaa@bellsouth.net and we will get it posted to the event calendar.

Group Contact Committee: Paula *No report. Please email nursepaula@bellsouth.net with communications.*

Bridging the Gap Committee: Richard R. *No new report.*

Institutions Committee: Mark H. *Hello Intergroup,*

The Institutions Committee is functioning well. We carry 105 meetings a week into 34 facilities including halfway houses, treatment centers, jails, and prisons. Many of our facilities are open and we are carrying into them as allowed. Additional facilities are opening up regularly.

Importantly we recently have been successful in reopening several of the State Prisons we handle including the MCI Max prison in Indiantown and South Bay Correctional.

We currently have 27 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

- ***Public Information:*** Vacant, 2 years sobriety, 1-year intergroup rep
- ***General Service/Intergroup Liaison:*** Vacant, 2 years sobriety, 1-year intergroup rep
- ***12-Step List:*** Vacant, 2 years sobriety, 1-year intergroup rep

New Business: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:44 PM