

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 8th

Start time: 6:15 PM

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

Number of attendees: 21

New Reps: Julie @ 7 am Zoomers, Bill @ Westside Group, Xavier @ Men's Western Com., Cecilia @ Sunset 7 pm Virtual

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 looking forward to our Alkathon meetings during Christmas and New Years. At this point we have filled every slot in the 24 hour cycle for both events. If there is a problem with fulfilling a meeting time please let us know right away, as some other groups have expressed an interest in taking a meeting. Meetings will lead off with the noon Lunch Bunch group at the Triangle Club on Christmas and New Year's Eves. Groups can choose their own format but most have a chair and a speaker. The duration shall be 45 minutes so we can do housekeeping and set up for the next group. Each group is responsible for counting basket funds and turning them over to the Triangle Club for safekeeping. We will provide a suggested agenda for every meeting.*

There is a volunteer sign up sheet for both Alkathon events. If a group is taking a meeting we ask that you help out with cleaning up the hour before your commitment. Intergroup is providing coffee and some snacks but if an individual group brings along food and beverages it will be appreciated.

I am very grateful there has been such a positive response to these events returning, and also for so many people and groups returning to, and participating in, Intergroup meetings. Last year at this time we could count attendees with 2 hands. It was nobody's fault, just a pandemic. But it sure is great to see more people returning, and new faces too. If there are groups on the fence about sending reps please get off the fence.

In January I will be calling a meeting of the advisory committee to discuss the way forward for 2022. We will also be discussing an increase in the office manager, Tracy's salary, as she has not had one for 3 years now. Everything else is going up.

Next year, I think the first event we should have is the Old Timers meeting. It is the best event I have been a part of, and we have lost so many of these great people recently – we need to cherish this sobriety and wisdom. I will discuss this with the advisory committee.

Lastly, if anyone in attendance would like to briefly mention anyone else we have recently lost, please do so now.

Alternate Chair: Cindy *As the Holiday Season approaches, it is important to make sure everyone knows about the Alkathon being held at Triangle Club starting 1 pm Christmas Eve thru 1 pm Christmas Day. Spread the word!*

No Big Book Ball this year, but, we will have a New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Alkathon. Tracy has assured me she has everything covered regarding shopping for the Christmas Alkathon since I have a vacation planned for this time, but I will be back to assist with the New Year's Eve/Day Alkathon. With permission, I would like to post a flyer at Club Oasis advising about these two events being held at the Triangle Club during the Holiday Season.

Treasurer: Glenn B. *See attached reports.*

Secretary: Libby B. *Please let me know if there are any issues with the minutes presented following the last meeting; Sorry I missed you all last month, happy to be back!*

Registrar: Heather K. *I sent out the minutes from November and the agenda for the December meeting. I got the agenda correct on the second try...by attaching it*

Office Manager: Tracy D. *Palm Beach County will hold it's 2021 Alcothon starting 12/24/21 at 12:00 pm through 12/25/21 at 11:45 am. We will provide coffee and some goodies but ask your groups to bring any holiday cheer they would like as well.*

Intergroup will not be providing chips or medallions for each group so please keep this in mind. BYOC! Intergroup will be open till noon Friday 12/24/21 and noon on Friday 12/31/21. We will be closed Monday the 27th and Monday January 3rd, we will reopen Tuesday at 9:00am.

During your groups Alcothon slot, please locate your groups contribution envelope that will be provided in the envelope box with your name and time slot.

Please put the amount you collected on the envelope and bring the cash inside the envelope to the Triangle Club Café worker to collect, where you will be provided a receipt.

We ask your group to please pick up on and around the tables after your meeting.

Please Note: World Services has a new contribution address: P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

North/South County Intergroup Liaison: Iris *South county does not have a business meeting for the month of December. We are set up for 2 alcothons for Christmas eve they Christmas day, and the same for New Years eve. All slots have been filled. The alcothons will begin at noon on both eve's at Central house.*

General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Lynne S. *I attended the district 8 business meeting on November 14,2021. The following bullet points were discussed. There is available on the district 8 website the Legacy of Service as well as current practices for our district. They have all been updated*

Last month the district postponed the second session of the inventory for our district. The new date set is January 23,2022. If a third session is needed it will be held on February 20,2022. Everyone is welcome to monitor even if not involved in general service. I can provide zoom links if anyone is interested in attending.

The February business meeting has been changed due to the Super bowl and is now scheduled for February 6,2022.

January 2022 quarterly assembly is going to be in person at the Sarasota Hyatt. First live quarterly in 2 years. Finally.....Information on registration, rooms and agenda can be found on Area15aa.org website.

There are multiple motions presented for the body to consider, please encourage your groups GSR's to attend and cast your vote.

The district held a community Unity Day at Central house in late October. The district noted that there were no north county intergroup attendees. I have been asked to extend the invitation to join the next Unity Day event to all north county intergroup reps and committee chairs to be held on January 29,2022. This event is to attempt to strengthen unity and service within the district. I intend to attend. Hope to see others there as well. Will report more about the event next month.

In Love and Service, Lynne S. Isammons02@gmail.com, 561-768-6945

Archives Committee Liaison: Kevin R *Will be setting up a booth for the alcathons with historic references and materials to share with members.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information:

12 Step List: Vacant

Phone Volunteer Committee: **Cortney D.** *No new report, functioning.*

TODAY: Vacant

Birthday Club/TODAY: **Bonnie C.** *Last month Tracy sent out medallions to 8 celebrants totaling 178 years of continuous sobriety!*

Website Committee: **Troy C.** *The website is up and running. I've received a quote from a Wordpress web design company, Brainteaser to move the website from a sub directory to the main directory. Their quoted price is \$125. This process should improve the speed and responsiveness of the website, and also is a good "housekeeping" measure that eventually should be taken. I recommend we proceed - please let me know the group's decision. (Passed unanimously!)*

Group Contact Committee: **Paula** *Will be attending more meetings over the coming months, with John's support. Please email nursepaula@bellsouth.net with communications.*

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

Institutions Committee: **Mark H.** *The Institutions Committee is functioning well. We carry 109 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.*

We currently have 37 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.

Additionally, after many months of work, we are nearing the completion of a review of our guidelines. A motion has been presented to accept the revised guidelines and they will be voted on at our next meeting. If anyone is interested in seeing those revised guidelines let me know.

If anyone wants more information call me 561 596 1196

Old Business:

Elections

- ***Public Information:*** Vacant
- ***General Service/Intergroup Liaison:*** Vacant
- ***12-Step List:*** Vacant

New Business: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 6:48 PM