

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 9th

Start time: 6:15 PM

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

Number of attendees: 32

New Reps: 4, info received from 2.

***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, Deb M. Good evening everyone. My name is Deb and I am in this seat tonight as the interim Chair for this meeting. As many of you already know, the former Chair, John F, resigned the position after the Christmas Alkathon, and as a former Chair I have stepped in as the interim chair. We will continue with elections of the open positions tonight - including this one. The annual elections for committee chairs is upcoming and will begin next month for the person elected to that position to take office in May. If you have held your current position for less than one year, you are permitted to continue in that position if you choose.

I would like to say this about Intergroup and the opportunities associated with service to AA. Many of you are already aware of this because you are sitting in these seats tonight. For those who haven't been with us long, please know that Intergroup and AA greatly value your willingness to serve at any level in Intergroup and AA as a whole. Unfortunately, service opportunities are not being filled the way they used to be. I don't know if this is apathy or simply an attitude of "let someone else do it". The adage that 10% of the people in any volunteer organization do 90% of the work is very true. I'd like to see that change for us. So, please, look at the Intergroup by-laws on the website and consider filling and participating in one of the chair positions, or work in an area that needs more than just one person to accomplish the goal of that seat. Thank you for hearing me out.

I would like to get a sense of the body with regard to whether or not we should bring back the Old Timers' Social this year. I would like to hear discussion and then we will take an informal vote. It is typically scheduled in April so a decision should be made tonight so that Cindy and Tracy know how to proceed. We will start that discussion at the close of reports.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. First I would like to thank Deb M. for stepping in as Interim Chair of the Palm Beach County Intergroup due to the sudden resignation of John F.

As mentioned, I have elected not to step into this position in the normal spirits of rotation since I have only been a member of this Group for a little over 6 months and do not feel I have the knowledge nor experience yet.

Hopefully, a member will volunteer to take over the Chair position since Deb M has previously held this position for some time and has fulfilled her obligation already.

Would like to remind everyone about the 65th Florida State Convention being held in Fort Lauderdale (Harbor Beach Marriott) August 3-7, 2022. If you haven't registered yet, I strongly suggest you go to <https://65.floridastateconvention.com/> and register (\$40 for weekend package) as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the Hotel is already sold out for rooms.

Treasurer, Glenn B. See attached reports.

Secretary, Libby B. Please be sure to send in written reports wherever possible to ensure as much accuracy in the Minutes as possible.

Registrar, Heather K. The minutes and treasurer information from January were sent out as was the February agenda. If you are not receiving emails, please email me at pbcregistrar@gmail.com.

Office Manager, Tracy D. Palm Beach County Intergroup is looking for a new volunteer for Thursday and Friday Mornings. Please contact us at 561-655-5700 if you are interested in service work. Please, 1 year or more and reliable transportation.

We are asking again for your help in updating our meeting information. We need your help to keep our directory up to date! Check your group's information on our website and The Meeting Guide. If you have changed passwords and or log in information for the online meetings, we need to know this!

Palm Beach County Intergroup will be closed Monday 2/21/22 in observance of Presidents Day, so please plan accordingly.

The new 2021-2023 A.A. Service Manuals are here! The large print are the size is currently available for \$5.50 each.

We have been searching for new picnic tables to replace the one lost a few years ago. We would like to make your Intergroup office as welcoming as we can. Having the tables will make it possible to work steps, meet with you sponsor and drink coffee while relaxing under our Green Buttonwood Tree. Any suggestions for inexpensive tables is appreciated!

GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S. From Lynn's written report: District 8 is hosting the April Quarterly Assembly for Area 15, April 8-10th at the Boca Raton Marriot. This quarterly is also where the 72 GSR Conference will be later in April.

Appx. 400+ AA members will attend, since this will be the first in-person quarterly since January of 2020.

Area 8 is asking AA members to volunteer to server during the event. The website has a link to volunteer: <https://district8area15aa.org/calendar/area-15-quarterly-5/>

February 19th at Delray Central House, District 8 is hosting a Changes in AA session. More info can be found here: <https://area15aa.org/delegate/delegates-corner/>

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Iris

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R Kevin is getting in touch with former Archives officers to strengthen involvement in upcoming events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Public Information:** Vacant
- **12 Step List:** Vacant
- **Phone Volunteer Committee:** Cortney D. No new report.

- **TODAY, Mike H.** Work in progress, there have been technology challenges getting things started back up.
- **Birthday Club, Bonnie C.** This month we sent out 12 hand written Congratulations cards totaling 316 years!
- **Website Committee, Troy C.** I just want to note that we did run into an issue after our January business meeting. Some extra work had to be done that the Wordpress technician determined to be outside the original scope of work, and billed us \$40 for the extra work. Unfortunately the efforts to speed the website up don't actually seem to have worked and I'll have to go back to the drawing board so I can try to see what's going on. If anyone in any of your groups happens to be experienced with SQL databases and/or Wordpress, please ask them to email me at webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org. I do want to end on a good note and say that the website is up, running, and stable. Hopefully I'll be able to figure out what's causing it to run so slowly.
- **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 95 meetings a week into 28 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 25 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

- ***Chairperson: Vacant***
- ***Public Information: Debbie stood for position; Passes unanimously. Call for volunteers announced – Please bring to your groups!***
- ***12-Step List: Vacant***

Results: Elections tabled.

New Business:

- Deb presented getting the Old Timer's event started back up this Spring. Intergroup Reps were engaged on their thoughts, and the consensus is that we'll bring the idea back to our groups, and Tracy will reach out to potential participants. Feedback is welcome at next month's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:48 PM