

**Start time: 6:15 PM PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Date: Wednesday, October 12th**

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

**Number of attendees:** 29

**New Reps: 4 forms received**

*Wellington Sunrise Sobriety - Jamie C.*

*All4114All - Frank R.*

*TGIF at Oasis - Joe M.*

*Smoke Free Sobriety - Mike W.*

**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, Roger B.**

The Triangle Club has approached us regarding updating our lease for the Intergroup Office property. I did some research into our records and found that we have been paying \$400 per month since at least 2002, the earliest record I could find. I am told that the subject of updating our agreement has come up here and there over the years, but neither party followed through. So, it looks like this is the time to do it. I have a meeting scheduled with the Club Manager this Friday to discuss the matter. I have asked former Chair, Mark H. to attend with me. Mark works professionally in commercial real estate and has a long history of service with AA financial matters. I will let you know at the next regular meeting what comes out of this meeting. After 20 years of paying the same amount, I can pretty much guarantee the amount is going up, but I don't know how much right now. What I do know is that the Triangle Club has no interest in losing us as a tenant and that they have been very responsive to our maintenance requests and have made improvements on the building over the past few years. Intergroup's relationship with the Triangle Club is the best I have ever seen it and I do not expect that to change.

If you have any further questions, comments, or greetings, you can route them through the Intergroup Office at (561) 655-5700, email the office at [pbciaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net) or email me directly at [rwbrand@gmail.com](mailto:rwbrand@gmail.com).

**Alternate Chair, Cyndi M.**

Okeehoelee Park 7715 Forest Hill Blvd. in WPB-Sat. October 15th. The Pavilion has been secured starting @ 10 am. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by Intergroup along with soda/water from 12 noon until 2 pm. Tickets for food will be issued when you arrive. Flyers are available at the desk to take back to your Home Group. If you would like to bring a side dish, a sign-up sheet is available. Volunteers are welcomed to help make this event a success! See me or Tracey if you would like to be of service.

**Treasurer, Glenn B.**

Net Revenue for September 2022 was \$4,983.17 and Total Expenses were \$5,919.75 resulting in a net deficit of -\$936.58. Last Month we ended with a deficit of \$590.31. Group Contributions for September 2022 were weaker than August, totaling \$3557.07 Sales were also down about 30%. This is a little surprising, September 2021 was much stronger across the board. Maybe our snowbirds are coming back a little later this year? The opening checking balance for September 2022 was \$25,685.27 and we closed with \$26,822.98 The Prudent Reserve Account closed with a balance of \$18,152.26 which includes .15 cents in interest. We wish to thank the Groups and AA members of Palm Beach County for their generous support.

**Secretary, Libby B.**

Thank you for continuing to send digital reports! Please note the email is [secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

**Registrar, Heather K.**

September minutes, financials, and the [Today](#), were sent out after the last meeting. October agenda was also sent out.

**Office Manager, Tracy D.**

Your Intergroup office received information from Grapevine informing us they will be raising their prices on books by \$2.49. The price of their other items will be increased as they go to reprint. That will bring the price of an average Grapevine book to

\$14.50.

Intergroup will continue selling at our same price for as long as possible. If you are need of Grapevine Books, please take advantage of the prices while you can.

Out of World: Effective October 5, 2022, the General Service Office reopened to visitors, Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., marking the first phase of the reopening process.

A.A.'s two newest PSA videos — each in 15-, 30- and 60-second versions in English, Spanish and French — are “Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall” and “Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking Is No Longer a Party.” Created and approved through the General Service Conference process and paid for by Seventh Tradition contributions, these PSAs carry the message to still-suffering alcoholics in a way that is in sync with A.A.'s policy of “attraction, not promotion.”

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium. As the Convention approaches, we will update our website with registration information. Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025!

Your Intergroup picnic is approaching and we are in need of volunteers for set-up, cooking, servers and cleanup. Please contact the office if you would like to give back to AA, Your Intergroup office and support your picnic.

I have a sign-up sheet and you can get with me after the meeting or contact us at 561-655-5700.

We are asking all groups to remember to contact us at [pbciaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net) with updates to your meetings. If you do not have an Intergroup Rep, please take responsibility for your group and contact us. We have to have updates on meeting whereabouts! Please.

The Intergroup office will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2022 in Honor of Thanksgiving.

**GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S.** No report submitted.

**North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff**

Unfortunately I have a late case in St. Pete this afternoon so Jackson and I will not be there. South County Intergroup meeting was canceled because of Hurricane Ian. Halloween at Central House in Delray will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 7 pm, bingo and customer party, \$10 entry.

**Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R**

We have been busy in our digitizing efforts. Have enlisted Cathy C. in our efforts. Very lucky to have her. She was able to help with the organizing of our folders on our iMac. We have begun the process of using funnels to organize. Catch alls for the disjointed documents, pictures, .MP3's, and .pdfs that are scattered in many areas on the computer. We have organized them in folders for our district and putting them in said folders. District 8 speakers, District 8 literature, District 8 minutes (including Book of Current practices, and Book of resolutions), District 8 archives, and District 8 Miscellaneous. This is a fairly big undertaking to put them all in one area.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information, Deborah**

Greetings, Fellowship Members. On October 17 we will be participating in the Mid County Healthy Living Expo in Lake Worth. I'm told that there will be a Latino presence, so I'm happy that Tracy recently ordered Spanish language AA pamphlets that will be available for distribution. If anyone is interested in participating in this event, please contact me.

**12 Step List: Vacant**

**Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.**

The Intergroup telephone relay has all of its positions filled and seems to getting most calls answered after normal working hours. We do have some late-night spots still available covering these are Mike H and Shea E. Thank you Mike and Shea. So we could use a couple more volunteers.

**TODAY, Niko:** Please send service opportunities, events etc. to [nikodoggett@gmail.com](mailto:nikodoggett@gmail.com)

**Birthday Club, Bonnie C.** Happy to be of service as your Birthday (anniversary) chair. The month of September we sent out 10 Bill & Bob commemorative coins totaling 264 years of sobriety!

**Website Committee, Troy C.** The website continues to be stable with no major issues but I could still definitely use help from anyone with significant experience using Wordpress or SQL databases. No major time commitment is required, just looking for some technical expertise to help guide me in the right direction improving the speed and responsiveness of the website without setting anything on fire.

Also, if you are one of the following committee chairs, please email me at [webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) and let me know if you'd like direct access to your committee chair email address, or would like emails forwarded to your personal email address:

- [bdayclub@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:bdayclub@aa-palmbeachcounty.org)
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**Group Contact Committee, Paula** The Saturday morning sunny isles meeting in Lantana changed the meeting time from 11 am to 1030am. The west Boynton women's meeting that meets on Monday has changed their name to The Broad Highway. The changes still need to be made on the meeting guide. Thanks for allowing me to do service!

**Bridging the Gap Committee, Michael H** No Report

**Institutions Committee, Gregg The** Institutions Committee's annual ***Big Book Ball*** is returning this New Year's Eve to the Triangle Club after a 2-year COVID hiatus. Live DJ music, dancing, food, fun and fellowship. Advance sale discounted tickets can be purchased at [bigbookball.org](http://bigbookball.org). More information can be found there and on the Intergroup website under events (<https://aa-palmbeachcounty.org/events/>) If you are unable to attend the event please consider making a contribution by purchasing a ticket(s). Perhaps for someone less fortunate. Mark your calendars!

The Institutions Committee is currently serving 40 facilities and carrying more than 125 H&I AA meetings each week. We serve detox and treatment centers, structured environments such as halfway houses and 4 men's state correctional facilities.

We currently have 31 vacancies and are always looking for new volunteers. Anyone looking to get involved in service with the Institutions Committee is encouraged to attend our monthly General Meeting at the Triangle Club on the first Sunday of each month. ***Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm.***

Please feel free to contact me with questions or for more information.

Grateful to Serve,

Gregg B  
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**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

***Upcoming Events: Intergroup Picnic being held at Okeeheelee Park on October 15th. Big Book Ball, hosted by H&I, held on NYE in the Triangle Club. Meeting Adjourned: 6:51 PM***