

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 11th, 2023

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.*

Attendees: 31, New Reps: 10

*Bruce C. - Conscious Contact
Sarah C. - Another Miracle Women's Group
Joseph D. - After Hours Oasis
Sherry S. - Sobriety & Thunder
Joseph A. - Day's End Group
Kate - Serenity Ladies
Arianna - Serenity Ladies
Susie (Alt) - Conscious Contact
Pearl J. - Women in Sobriety*

Chairperson, Deb M.

My name is Deb M and I am an alcoholic and sitting in this chair tonight as the Acting Chair for Palm Beach County Intergroup. Roger and I have been sharing the role of Acting Chair after the resignation of the previous Chair in December of 2021. My plan is to sit this seat through the elections in March and April when a new Chair will be installed. Currently Palm Beach County Intergroup is in very good shape thanks to the support of the groups and the local AA community.

The finances will be addressed by Glen, our Treasurer, in his report. The Advisory Committee met on Monday to touch base as to where we are and talk about the generous overage currently in the checking account. In light of the recent increases in costs including rent and utilities, we have decided to review the finances at a future Advisory Committee meeting to assess that impact. We also agreed there are some items the office is in need of and steps are in place for that - primarily replacing the shelves in the store to have a more structural and storage friendly unit.

The recent alcohons were a success and Cyndi, our Co-chair, will report further on that. The next event will be the Old Timer's Panel that will likely take place in April – details to be forthcoming.

I want to remind you that the elections for both committee chairs and officers are upcoming and we will start that process in March. I urge you to read the by-laws, and the service position requirements and speak to other members to see where you would like to step up and provide service to AA and Intergroup. That's it for me tonight. Thank you for allowing me this privilege.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M.

Alcathons: Believe Christmas Alcathons were a success and I know the New Year's Alcathons were very well attended even though there was a Big Book Ball. Many people attended the Book Ball and the Alcathon meetings as well. Tracy will have more information in her Report.

Next event we are starting to prepare for is the Old Timers Speakers' Meeting to be held in April. If you know of someone who has over 35 years of sobriety and they would be interested in speaking at this event, please let us know. Date/time/venue to be announced at a later date.

Would like to thank Roger for his past service as Interim Chairperson over the past several months and thank Deb for stepping up to the plate again as Interim Chairperson for the InterGroup. Elections will be held in March and April for May 2023 thru April 2024 service positions. [Correction to note: board member commitment is 2 years. Committee chair is 1 year.]

Treasurer, Glenn B.

Baskets were passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition.

Please see attachment for full breakdown.

Secretary, Libby B.

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

Registrar, Heather K.

The December Minutes were distributed, please see either Registrar or Secretary if you are not receiving a copy.

Office Manager, Tracy D.

PBC Intergroup has gotten calls regarding Registration and Hotel Information on the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, to be held, July 3 – 6, 2025.

Per World Services, General registration and housing information will be available on the International Convention webpage in early 2024.

Actual registration site links, forms, and hotel booking links will be communicated to the Fellowship in August and September 2024.

If you have questions, please see me after the meeting and I can research more information if you would like.

Regarding the 2023 Florida State Convention to be held in Tampa, Florida on Aug 10 – 13, 2023.

Registration starts at \$40.00 on-line with registration “packages” at \$192.00 on-line.

Please go to <https://66.floridastateconvention.com> for more info.

Intergroup will be receiving backordered literature and expect at least 2 pallets to drop later this week. Please call ahead to see if we have received what you were looking for. We can be reached at 561-655-5700; PBC Intergroup will be closed Monday January 16, 2023 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

I would also like to congratulate our phone chair and volunteer Mike, on his 3 years this month and thank him, Howie and Ms. Deb for their time and commitment to Intergroup.

GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S.

Many changes this month in district 8. We have a new panel of trusted servants. I attended the district meeting January 8th. The meeting is continuing to be a hybrid meeting.

Area15 will be holding its winter quarterly this coming weekend in sarasota. The agenda and motions are accessible at area 15aa.org. scroll down to agenda and motions. If you do not have a GSR I recommend that you read these motions and try to get your groups voice heard by contacting a local DCM.

Lynne S.

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North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff

No meeting this past month.

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information, Deborah:

Public Information participated in a Palm Beach County Urban League vaccination event on January 7. The event Covid and flu vaccines, as well as HIV testing. We were afforded the opportunity to spread awareness of our program. Pamphlets were distributed, and helpful contacts were made. We were invited to carry our message at the Urban League’s Black Heritage event next month.

12 Step List

Vacant

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.

The Intergroup telephone relay has all of its positions filled as today and would also like to welcome Anna F as are newest volunteer.

TODAY, Niko

Please send service opportunities, events etc. to nikodoggett@gmail.com - Copy of the TODAY is attached.

Birthday Club, Bonnie C.

This month we sent out 5 Anniversary Medallions which totaled 140 years of continuous sobriety. What an inspiring way to start the New Year!!!!

Website Committee, Troy C.

Nothing major to report regarding the website. Continuing to have issues regarding Google search and the website. If you or anyone in your groups has experience with search engine optimization, please let me know, otherwise Intergroup may need to consider hiring a professional SEO agency to remedy the issue. I am waiting to hear back from Roger regarding possible leads and will inquire with our web host's tech support over the weekend. Also, I believe my 2-year service commitment will be drawing to a close in a few months. I had hoped to spend more time during the past couple of years learning more about web design so I could be a better servant to our community, however my professional obligations have only come to require more and more time and energy. I haven't been able to do much more than keep the site on life support for quite some time now, and this trend is likely to worsen over time. If you have some experience with Wordpress or websites in general and want to be of service, I encourage you to stand for the position so I can hand over the reins in an organized fashion. I certainly have no intention of abandoning the post, but hope that someone with a greater skill set, or at the very least more time on their hands, will stand for the website committee chair when the time comes.

In love and service,

Troy C
Palm Beach County North Intergroup
Website Committee Chair
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Group Contact Committee, Paula Nothing new to report.

Bridging the Gap Committee

No report.

Institutions Committee, Gregg

Big Book Ball was a major success!

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 mens 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,

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Old Business: *None*

New Business: *None*

Upcoming Events: Old Timer's Panel