

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 8th, 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: 2

Erin - Don't Quit Before the Miracle

Jennifer - Jay Walkers Group

Carol - Good Morning Group Alternate

Chairperson, Deb M.

Good evening everyone. My name is Deb M and I am the acting Chair of Palm Beach County Intergroup. My apologies for not being here last month – I was a bit under the weather, but Roger filled in and all is well today. Tonight, we will be starting the elections process for Board members and Committee Chairs, liaisons, and advisory committee members, for the term to begin May 2023. The job descriptions and qualifications have been sent to you with this month's Agenda. They are also published in the bylaws and on the PBCAA Intergroup website. Hopefully we will put a good start in filling the various positions this evening. We will be foregoing the reading of the committee chair reports, but they will be contained in the minutes so that you may take pertinent information back to your groups.

World Services in New York has announced that they will be increasing prices for literature and other materials purchased by them effective in April. As an example, we buy the Big Book hard copy for about \$9.00 and sell it for \$10.85 The price increase from AAWS in NY will now be \$12.00 per book. The Advisory Committee will be meeting to discuss the matter to come up with a fair scale of increases and when that will go into effect. Our increase scale is typically 18 to 20% to cover overhead. There has not been an across the board increase by the Intergroup office for literature for many years and we are due, especially in light of the impact of current inflation. We'll keep you posted. Love and service – Deb M.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M.

We are ready for the next event - The Old Timers Speakers' Meeting to be held Saturday, April 22 nd ,2023, 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm at the Triangle Club. 1 st speaker will be at 2 pm. We have scheduled 15 speakers with over 600 years of sobriety (each speaker must have at least 35 years of sobriety). Coffee/water/snacks will be provided. Admission is free. Flyer available to take back to your Group.

Elections are being held in March and April for May 2023 thru April 2024 service positions. Would appreciate your considering volunteering for any open "service" positions.

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! Reminder that this month is elections only, all reports needed to be sent in digitally. Please note the email is secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

Registrar, Heather K.

The February minutes were distributed along with the Today and PDF of the financial reports. Please see either Registrar or Secretary if you are not receiving a copy.

Office Manager, Tracy D.

Please find on your chairs, the yellow "Safety card for A.A. Groups" and the pamphlet, "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare". (some useful information out of World Services)

As we know, World Services will increase prices in April and will generally reflect a 20% increase on books and a 30% increase on pamphlets.

I am bulking as much as I can before the increase to keep our prices as is for now. I know many of us are facing challenges with the cost of living increasing on what seems like a daily basis. I'm hoping to keep our prices as is, until my first order with the increases from World. Please be aware, we do our best to keep your cost low and feel that prices for our books are well below average. Our Hard Cover Big Books at Intergroup run \$10.85 – Amazon, between, \$19.49 and \$22.95 (New) - The Token Shop, \$14.99 – My 12 Step Store,\$14.95. (not including shipping)

Our monthly bills have increased in the last few months to numbers we're not used to seeing. ATnT went from \$207.22 per month to \$365.33 in January as they "did away with our program". We were not made aware of this, until after we got our January bill with the increase. Their suggestion was to move to fiber however at a cost well over the \$365.33 per month. FPL will increase our rates as of April 2023 to include storm surcharges. Intergroups rent went up from \$475.00 per month to \$900.00 per month in January 2023. Your groups contributions are more appreciated than ever!

Our annual "Old TIMERS" meeting roster is full with over 600 years of sobriety! Join us April 22, 2023 at Triangle Club for this free event. Starting at 1:30pm we will be serving coffee and goodies with our "Old Timers" speakers starting at 2:00pm.

Please remember when using Zelle for contributions, to include your **Group name, Not your name.** I don't know who you are or what group you belong to. Again, Do Not use group numbers. If it's for the Birthday Club, please use your name and phone number (in the memo) so I can reach out to get the information needed for our Birthday Club.

GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S.

Good evening intergroup family. My name is Lynne and I am an alcoholic.

My home group is the longest day of the year group and we meet at 5:30 7 days a week in Jupiter at the no matter what club. It has been my pleasure to be your general service representative liaison for District 8 this past 16 months.

In the spirit of rotation I will not be sitting for another position this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this great group.

Well it's general service conference time and District 8 is gearing up for review of agenda items. If interested agenda items can be found at area [15aa.org](https://www.15aa.org) in the delegates corner. Password for entry into documents is area15. Our delegate has also graciously offered zoom meetings for agenda review . Information can be found at area [15aa.org](https://www.15aa.org).

District 8 and 9 are co-hosting this April's quarterly which will be held in Boca Raton at the Boca center Marriott April 14th -16th. As always it requires many volunteers to put on such a big event and if you're interested in volunteering for the quarterly please reach out to me or go to the District website previously mentioned.

Again I have enjoyed my time with you and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me via email or telephone

In love and service.

Lynne S

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North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff

These are the highlights from the February South County Intergroup Business Meeting

1. **Annual Picnic:** The picnic is being held on Saturday March 25th at John Prince Park, 11am-3pm. Tickets are \$10. Picnic planning meetings are as follows: Wednesday, March 1st, 6pm at the Intergroup office and Saturday, March 18th, 11am at Central House.
2. **Intergroup 40th Anniversary Celebration:** Planning meetings: Monday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 28th at 6pm at the Intergroup office.
3. **Sponsorship Workshop:** Saturday, March 18th, 2-4:30pm.
4. Open committee chair position for Group Information. If interested, you can volunteer at the next Business meeting.

5. Volunteers needed: For 12th Step committee and H&I. Can sign up on the website, aainpalmbeach.org.

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R

Setting up a booth at the Way of Life Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Digital only this month!

Public Information, Deborah:

The Recovery Hub of Lake Worth, a Community Recovery Center, is being planned for the Lake Worth Beach area (one is currently operational in Delray Beach. The vision of the Palm Beach County Hub locations is to work to “mobilize resources, reduce barriers, increase awareness and support to eliminate stigma and enhance recovery through multiple pathways”. Visioning (Planning) sessions are currently taking place, and interested parties are invited to participate. Meetings are occurring on Zoom. If anyone is interested in participating in this venture, or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

12 Step List

Vacant

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.

The Intergroup telephone relay has all positions filled. If anyone would like to rotate out, please call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. We do have a couple of people who would like to volunteer.

TODAY, Niko

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

Birthday Club, Bonnie C.

Hello you fabulous Alcoholics in service. My name is Bonnie and I am your Birthday chair. It was an honor to send out 6 hand written cards and medallions totaling 145 years of sobriety for the month of February!

Website Committee, Troy C.

No major updates to report regarding the website - it's up, running, and stable. Many thanks to Roger and his web technician for resolving the Google search issue.

Group Contact Committee, Paula

No new report.

Bridging the Gap Committee

Vacant

Institutions Committee, Gregg

Hi everybody, I am an alcoholic named Gregg Backemeyer and it is my privilege to serve on the Institutions Committee.

The final results of the Big Book Ball held on New Year's Eve at the Triangle Club are in and I'm happy to report that it was a complete success. Our committee vice-chair Shai Edwards hosted and put on the event and did a phenomenal job. So, kudos to Shai. And a special thanks and shout out to our Intergroup manager Tracy for her support and assistance. She provided us with financial and operational assistance, not the least of which with things we had forgotten due to the 2-year COVID hiatus and with things we just didn't know. But she did. So, a big thank you to Tracy. And thanks to everybody and all groups who contributed and provided support for the event.

We have already reserved the Triangle Club for the 2023 Big Book Ball.

The Institutions Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club. Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm. If you've ever considered picking up an H&I commitment, come join us. We only ask that you have 6 months of continuous sobriety before taking a commitment.

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Old Business: None

New Business: Elections - See attached document for position requirements. New candidates will start new positions on 05/01.

The elections for Board and Committee members began at the business meeting on March 8, 2023. The results are below:

Chair: Libby B

Alt Chair: Cyndi M

Secretary: Not filled

Treasurer: Heather K

Registrar: Not filled

General Service Liaison: Not filled

South PBCounty Intergroup Liaison: Jeff /Jackson

Archives: Kevin

Advisory Committee: None of the 3 slots were filled

Public Information: Not Filled

Phone List: Mike H

12 Step Committee: Vacant

Today: Niko D

Birthday Club: Sherri

Website: Not filled but Troy will remain until filled

Group Contact: Robyn

Bridging the Gap: Not filled

Institutions: They do their own elections

Upcoming Events: *Old Timer's Panel, 1:30 pm on Saturday April 22nd.*

Adjourned 7:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.