

PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 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.

The meeting began promptly at 6:15 P.M.

Attendees: 38

New Reps:

- David- 1369 Knuckledheads
- Jake- Good Morning Group
- Kristin- Wellington Happy Hour

Chairperson: Libby B. - Hello Everyone, Short report today - We are going to draw group names today for the Alcathon! We'll pull names for the Christmas Eve Alcathon, and then for New Year's Eve. If your group is participating, we ask that you ensure you have a reliable representative for your group in agreement to show up for that time slot. The money earned by passing the basket throughout the events will go to Intergroup (on Christmas Eve it will pay our "rent" as well.) If you have any questions, please see Tracy and myself after this meeting.

Alternate Chair, Cyndi M. - No Digital Report

Treasurer, Heather K. - Baskets will be passed in accordance with our 7th Tradition. The net revenue for October was \$6,032.10 and the total expenses were \$8,012.83, resulting in a net deficit of \$1,980.73. The issue this month was that sales were down by \$800 as well as the added expense of the picnic which was \$1,097.32. Group contributions were more than the prior month at \$4,707.93 which includes the contributions from the picnic at \$350. The opening balance for checking was \$16,353.22 and we closed with \$14,948.12. The closing balance for the prudent reserve was \$19,654.35 which includes \$.17 of interest. We wish to thank the Groups and AA members of Palm Beach County for their generous support. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Heather – PBC Intergroup Treasurer

Secretary, Cecilia B.- Please continue to send digital reports! If you are not receiving a REMINDER for your digital report, please let the Secretary know you would like to be added to the list. Please note the email is secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org if you have questions or comments on the minutes.

Registrar, Nancy.- Hello, Welcome new intergroup reps. Please make sure to fill out the new intergroup rep form (located in the center of the table).If you are not receiving emails please fill out a new rep form and write LEGIBLE. See you tonight. With love and service, Nancy D

Office Manager, Tracy D- Good Evening and Welcome, Thank you to the groups for joining us for our annual Intergroup picnic. We fed over 80 guests and receive \$170.00 in contributions and \$180.00 for the book raffle. Our total cost for the event was \$1,768.85. Intergroup is gearing up for the holiday season and have received our 2024 Calendars. They can be purchased for 13.50 at the Intergroup office. We are looking for volunteers for the Alcathons to clean, restock and assist any guests in need. If you are available, please see me after the meeting. Please remember when using Zelle for your contributions to Intergroup, we can only accept Intergroup and the Birthday Club transfers as we cannot comingle funds with other entities. Should you make that error, You will need to contact your bank / sender to get the

payment cancelled on your end. If you have had any changes to your groups location, time, days, formats or any information Intergroup needs to know, please email us at pbciaa@bellsouth.net. Your name, Group position and your phone number must be include in the email. If it is not included, no changes will be made. Intergroup will be closed Monday, November 13, 2023, in honor of Veterans Day so please plan accordingly. With Love, Tracy

Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R.- Hello district 8, Hope everyone is doing well and hope that everyone who attended the gratitude dinner had a great time. Not too much to report from Archives this month but my committee came up with the idea of setting up an Archives display for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Eve Alcathon. We had some idea of the display pertaining to things Christmas related in AA history. Also see attached important events in AA history in the month of November With Love and Service, Kevin R

Nov 1

1947 – 1st AA Group in Anchorage, Alaska.

1963 – Reverend Sam Shoemaker dies.

Nov 3

2001 – J. P. Miller who wrote screenplay for “The Days of Wine and Roses” died.

Nov 9

1966 – President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

Nov 10

1940 – First AA group formed in Minneapolis.

2001 – First of 400,000 4th Edition Big Books arrives in the mail.

Nov 11

1934 – Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning of Bill's last drunk.

Nov 12

1940 – 1st AA meeting is held in Boston.

Nov 13

1939 – Bill wants to go to work at Towns Hsp, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement.

Nov 14

1940 – Alcoholic Foundation publishes first AA Bulletin.

Nov 15

1949 – Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to discussions of the 12 Traditions.

Nov 16

1950 – Dr. Bob died.

Nov 18

1946 – First Dublin Ireland group met.

Nov 21

1939 – AAs in San Francisco hold first California AA meeting in the Clift Hotel.

1952 – Willard Richardson, past Treasurer/Chairman of Alcoholic Foundation, dies.

Nov 26

1895 – Bill W. born in East Dorsett, VT.

1939 – Dilworth Lupton gave sermon “Mr. X and Alcoholics Anonymous”. Became one of first pamphlets on AA.

Nov 28 1939 – Hank P. writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups.

Nov 28 1943 – Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943).

Other significant events in November for which we do not have a specific date:

Nov 1934 – Ebby T. carries message to Bill.

Nov 1936 – Fitz M leaves Towns Hospital to become ‘AA #3 in NY’, with Bill W and Hank P.

Nov 1937 – Bill and Dr. Bob compare notes in Akron. Count forty cases staying sober. Meeting of the Akron Group to consider Bill's ideas for how to expand the movement ... a book, AA hospitals, paid missionaries. Passed by a majority of 2.

Nov/Dec 1939 – Akron group withdrawals from association with Oxford Group. Meetings moved from T. Henry & Clarence Williams to Dr Bob's and other members' homes.

Nov 1941 – "First Mass AA Meeting" in Oklahoma City, 8 present, 1 was drunk.

Nov 1945 – Bill's article called 'Those Goof Balls' published in Grapevine.

Nov 1986 – Big Book published in paperback.

GSR - Intergroup Liaison, Ray - No Digital Report

North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Noelle – No Digital Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Information- No Digital Report

Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H. – Hello Friends-The Intergroup telephone relay still needs volunteers to fill some positions. We do have night and weekend shifts available, and some backup volunteers would be helpful. Interested people can call Intergroup at 561 655 5700. I would like to welcome Cameron S to our relay. In love and service, Mike Herbig 561 252 1080

TODAY, Niko - Please send service opportunities, events etc. to nikodoggett@gmail.com.

Birthday Club, Sherry – No Digital Report

Website Committee, Susie- I am an alcoholic named Susie and this is the Webmaster report for November 2023. Our website has been updated and a new site can be found at the same address we have always had: aa-palmbeachcounty.org. You can also search for "Palm Beach County Intergroup" or "Palm Beach County AA," and it should pop right up. If there is ever an issue with the site or you see incorrect information, Tracy is the one to contact. She also handles all requests for information to put on the site. It is a privilege to be of service, thank you for the opportunity.

Group Contact Committee, Robyn- No Digital Report

Bridging the Gap Committee, Bonnie - No Digital Report

Institutions Committee, Gregg- Greetings, I'm an alcoholic named Gregg Backemeyer and I have the privilege to serve on the Institutions Committee. The Institutions Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of every month at the Triangle Club. Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 3rd. **Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm** followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm. If you have 6 months or more of continuous sobriety and have ever considered picking up an H&I commitment, come check us out! We're always seeking new volunteers to carry the message. The Big Book Ball is back for 2023! New Year's Eve at the Triangle Club with doors opening at 7:30pm. Tickets and contributions can be made at bigbookball.org. All funds received are used to purchase Big Books that Committee volunteers take into and leave behind at their H&I commitments. Come join us for music, food and sober fun. More information can be found on the Intergroup website and in the Today publication. The Committee serves Treatment, Detox, Correctional and Structured Environment facilities. **Please spread the word at your groups and all meeting you attend!** If you have any questions about service with the committee,

please reach out to me at your convenience. My phone number is included in my report. You can also email the committee at institutioncommittee@gmail.com. Loving H&I, Gregg Backemeyer

Old Business- Discussed open positions available at Intergroup.

New Business: Drew the groups names for the upcoming Alcathon

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM with the Lord's Prayer.