

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

**Date: Wednesday, July 13th**

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer followed by the 12 Traditions.

**Number of attendees: 32**

**New Reps: 5 forms received**

*Patricia F. - As It's Laid Out*

*Bette H. - 7 AM Jupiter Group / No Matter What*

*Barbara W. - Happy Hour Group*

*Phil C. - Juno Sponsorship Group*

*Brandon B. - Day Openers*

**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:** As you can see, we now have printed TODAY newsletters for you to take back to your Groups. After our Printing Company went out of business during Covid, we searched and found a Printing Company which is reliable, can meet our deadlines, and is actually charging less than our previous printer. The Advisory Committee met on Monday. The Minutes from this meeting will be read by the Secretary during her report

If you would like to make your contributions electronically, please set up your Zelle "recipient" as our email address, [pbciaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbciaa@bellsouth.net).

We are now set up to accept fund transfers through Zelle. Right now, we are tracking transactions for Intergroup, Institutions Committee, and Birthday Club. Please add the following to the "Memo" field to make sure your contribution gets to where it needs to go: Entity (Intergroup, Institutions, or Birthday Club), Group or member first name, and Phone Number (in case we need to call back for clarification).

Examples:

Intergroup - ABC Group - (561) 555-1212,

Birthday - John S - (561) 555-1212,

Institutions - XYZ Group - (561) 555-1212.

Any questions, please call the Intergroup Office at (561) 655-5700, and thank you for your contribution!

I continue to work with the Treasurer on converting our Financial software from the "end of life" Desktop version of Quickbooks to the Online Version. This is an annual subscription model like a lot of other business software is going to. Ordinarily, this would be a cost of \$970 for the first year and then \$1940 for the years following. However, since we are a qualifying non-profit, we were able to apply for and received approval from an organization called TechSoup which provides non-profits with business software. This reduces the annual cost to just \$160 per year. We plan to pull the trigger and do the conversion on Friday August 5th which is way ahead of our goal date of September 1st.

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.** Once again, would like to remind everyone the next big event is the 65 the 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 and additional charges for Friday and/or Saturday Banquets) as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the Hotel is already sold out for rooms but I believe they have alternate hotels in the area. Check the website.

Club Oasis Group has already been assigned the time slot for the Marathon Meetings so if you did not receive yours yet, please reach out to Lara Underwood. [marathonFSC2022@gmail.com](mailto:marathonFSC2022@gmail.com)

Intergroup Annual Picnic is in the works for October. Tracy will address more of this with her Office Manager Report.

**Treasurer, Glenn B.** P&L January through June 2022 v 2021 attached. Although Group Contributions this year to date is stronger than last year for the same time period, total income is down a little.

The biggest difference I saw is in the sales of books, down 36% (-\$7600) compared to last year. Book Purchases are down in step with sales. Everything else on the income side is pretty consistent with last year.

Expenses, of course, have increased as they have for everyone at home and at work.,

- Rent/Water is up 18% (\$500)
- FPL is up over 50% (\$236)
- Office Supplies is up over 60% (\$485)
- Insurance is up a bit too.

Payroll and payroll expenses have gone up too with the recent increase we put through. But total expenses averaged out to a reasonable 12% Increase over same time period last year. Net Income is down about \$1300 or 11% this year to date compared to last year for same period.

**Secretary, Libby B. Minutes from the Committee meeting this past Monday will be in a separate report.**

Please be sure to send in digital reports to [secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:secretary@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) to ensure as much accuracy in the Minutes as possible.

**Registrar, Heather K.** The minutes and financials from June were sent out after the meeting last month and the agenda for this month was distributed as well. If you are not receiving the emails and should be, please email me at [pbcregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pbcregistrar@gmail.com). In service, Heather

**Office Manager, Tracy D.** We have received our back-ordered "Big Books" and "As Bills Sees It". If your group is in need of these books, please see us after the meeting.

Intergroup's annual picnic will be held at **Okeehelie Park**. We are looking at 2 dates in October, Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> or Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. We need to choose 1 tonight as I need to reserve the pavilion tomorrow with a security deposit.

We want to be in the Micanopy pavilion across from "Shark Park". Burgers, dogs, soda, water and goodies will be available.

The children's play area, restrooms and Pooch Park is located not so far from us, so make sure to bring your fur baby as well! (Dogs must be leashed at ALL times)

Palm Beach County will not allow us to sell anything at their facility. We will have a discreet basket set up to accept contributions to help offset the costs of the event.

Intergroup will be in need of volunteers with a truck or SUV the day of the event. Please contact us at 561-655-5700 if you are willing to do some service work

**GSR > Intergroup Liaison, Lynne S.** Our district hosted two events this past month. The first was a luncheon with our Delegate Tom W, at the Triangle Club on June 12. We had a large turnout and our delegate reviewed the Advisory action that passed at the 72 General Service Conference in April. These can be found online at Area15aa.org password for the documents is GSC72.

Founders day was celebrated at Delray Central house on June 25. Again, a great turnout and a fascinating speaker from Louisville KY spoke to AA and the Military and the Military in AA. Very informative.

Area 15 has a Quarterly Assembly this month in Miami, July 22-24. There are several motions on the agenda. Please ask all your home group members to look at the motions and attend your business meetings. Your GSRs need to know your groups conscious to carry to the assembly on each motion. Your GSR are there to carry your voice to the Area!!! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me. 561-768-6945 Lsammons02@gmail.com

**North/South County Intergroup Liaison, Jeff:**It was a very short meeting with many folks absent. There were no SCAANS at the meeting. I will try to pick some up before the meeting. I collaborated with the North County Liaison for his report.

**Archives Committee Liaison, Kevin R:** We have the quarterly coming up, and the state convention. Great opportunity for our fellowship and for each of us to be of service. Here is a list of some of the more important dates in our history. Will mention a few but of course you can read in our minutes....Our international Convention of AA happens in Vancouver, Canada in 2025 in July.

July 1-3: 1960 – 8700 attend 25th Anniversary of AA in Long Beach, CA

July 2

1960 – Father Ed Dowling dies.

1965 – Best of Bill and pocket-sized 12 & 12; first sold.

1965 – First La Vigne, the Canadian version of the Grapevine, is published.

1993 – 50 years of AA celebrated in Canada.

July 2-3 1955 – 5000 attend 20th Anniversary at our St Louis Convention; Bill W. turns “the fellowship over to the fellowship” at 4:00 PM

July 2-4

1965 – 10,000 attend 30th Anniversary of AA in Toronto, our Responsibility Declaration is adopted.

July 4

1939 – First AA meeting in Flatbush, NY starts.

July 3-5

1970 – 10,900 attend 35th Anniversary of AA in Miami; Bill W. gives his last talk to AA.

July 3-6

1980 – 22,500 attend 45th Anniversary of AA in New Orleans; first true marathon meeting is held here.

July 4-6

1975 – 19,800 attend 40th Anniversary of AA in Denver; worlds largest coffee server serves 1/2 million cups a day.

July 5

1985 – AA gives Ruth Hock 5,000,000th Big Book during 50th AA Anniversary in Montreal, Canada.

1990 – AA gives Nell Wing 10,000,000th Big Book during 55th AA Anniversary in Seattle, WA

July 3-6

1980 – Gay AA's have own program at 40th AA Anniversary in New Orleans.

July 5-7

1985 – 45,000 attend 50th Anniversary of AA in Montreal; House of Seagrams flies their flags at half mast for 3 days.

July 7

1940 – Bill attends first summer session at School of Alcohol Studies at Yale University

July 5-8

1990 – 48,000 attend 55th Anniversary of AA in Seattle. 75 countries are represented as the former Soviet Union's members attend for the first time.

July 8

1940 – First AA group formed in Dayton, Ohio.

July 10

1941 – Texas newspaper publishes anonymous letter from founding member of Texas AA Group.

July 14

1939 – Blythewood Sanitarium; Dr Harry Tiebout gives Big Book to Marty M. who promptly throws it back at him.

1979 – Dr. Ernest Kurtz publishes Not God, a history of AA

July 16

1965 – Frank Amos AA Trustee dies.

July 20

1941 – First AA group forms in Seattle, Washington.

July 22

1877 – William Duncan Silkworth born in Brooklyn, NY.

July 22

1980 – Marty M. early AA woman and founder of National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (NCADD) dies.

July 23

1940 – Philly AA's send 10% of kitty to Alcoholic Foundation, setting precedent.

July 23

1943 – Esther C.'s sobriety date; she died sober Jan 15, 2005.

July 23

1943 – New Haven Register CT reports arrival of AA's to study with E.M.Jellinek.

July 24

1943 – L.A. press reports formation of all-Mexican AA Group.

July 28-30

1950 – First AA Convention celebrates 15th anniversary of AA in Cleveland.

July 31

1972 – Rollie H., former baseball player, dies sober in Washington DC.

Still working on organizing our archives digitally...It has been a slow process...We have a long way to go...Could use some help with this....Appreciate all of you....Want to hear a story of AA international in Seattle, Washington that I attended in 1990 July?

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Information: Deborah** There is not much activity to report during this period, as I was out of town for much of it. The District PIPCP chair has established contact with a DUI school, which is interested in bringing in AA speakers. If anyone has a history of DUI(s), and would be willing to speak at the school, please reach out to me.

Additionally, in response to the District Chair's motion, the General Service representatives approved the allocation of additional monies to establish Spanish PSAs (Public Service Announcements) on the local Spanish language TV station. This augments the English language PSAs currently running on 3 local channels.

**12 Step List, Michael:** *Currently collaborating with Mike H. on the phone list*

**Phone Volunteer Committee, Mike H.:** The Intergroup telephone relay has eight new volunteers from this past month. I want to give them a warm welcome. They are: Theresa P, Michael H, Willie C, Corrine S, Tammy T, Drew N, Bonnie and Karen.

We still have about 5 spots still open, 4 of which are 11pm-6am. Any night owls out there, we could use your help. Just call Intergroup 561-655-5700.

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

**Birthday Club, Bonnie C.** The birthday club is a wonderful way to give back to the community that has given so many a new life. We send celebrants a commemorative Bob & Bill coin for their donation of \$1.00 for every year of their sobriety. Also, they are acknowledged in the "Today" newsletter. And now it is super easy to sign up---we are able to accept donations via Zelle.

In the memo box please include:

Birthday Club, name, address, telephone #and Sobriety Date.

Please bring back this information to your groups. We've been getting mostly participation from those with double digit sobriety. Let's expand our club and celebrate what we do together!

For the month of July, we sent out Bill & Bob coins to 9 celebrants who had a total of 249 years of sobriety!

**Website Committee, Troy C.** The website is up and running. If you're an Intergroup officer or committee chairperson and have not done so already, please let me know your email preferences by contacting me at [webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-palmbeachcounty.org). I can either set it up to forward emails directly to your personal email, or give you access to your "official" intergroup email directly.

**Group Contact Committee, Paula:** No report

**Bridging the Gap Committee, Ken:** No report

**Institutions Committee, Gregg:** The Big Book Ball is back and will be held on New Year's Eve at the Triangle Club. The DJ is already booked! More will be revealed in the coming weeks but mark your calendar now.

The Institutions Committee is currently serving 38 facilities and carrying more than 115 AA meetings each week. We serve detox and treatment centers, halfway houses and 4 state prisons. Palm Beach county jails may be opening to our meetings in the near future.

We currently have 27 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. The next 3 meetings will be August 7th, September 4th and October 2nd. *Orientation for new volunteers is at 4:30pm followed by the General Meeting at 5:00pm.*

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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: 6:53 PM***