

# INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Open Meeting.....Serenity Prayer.....Read 12 Traditions**

**Number in Attendance:** 43

**Start Time:** 6:16 PM

**Declaration of Unity:** This we owe A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; and the lives of those to come.

**New Representatives:** Apologies to all new representatives: our secretary was unable to attend out Business Meeting so you will be recognized in next month's minutes.

**Chairperson:** Steve Y.: If everyone can please turn off or silence your cell phones so not to disrupt the meeting that would be terrific. Just a reminder: all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary (Claudia), after the meeting, or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. This is just a reminder that there will be elections in Feb., 2012 for some of our standing committee chairs that have been in service for the past year; if anyone is interested, please feel free to ask any questions or see me after the meeting. As always, we are in need of volunteers for our upcoming service events. If you would like to be of service, that would be great and please see Leroy after the meeting. To our new reps: please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name, pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar, Gary B., before leaving tonight's meeting.

**Alternate Chair:** Leroy H.: Hello everyone! I am the Alternate Chair, Leroy Hull, and I would like to take a moment and thank everyone who attended and participated in our Intergroup Bake Sale and Open House; you made it a wonderful event, and the food was great! I would also like to express a warm thank you to everyone who brought in baked goods, and congratulations to all the contestants! Finally, I would like to invite everyone to come and join us for our Christmas and New Year Alcothons. Both are going to be great events so I encourage everyone to attend. Contact me, Leroy H., or the intergroup office at, 655-5799. Once again, thank you everyone for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your alternate chair. Leroy H.

**Treasurer:** (Mark H.) Total Revenues was \$7,311.96. Total expenses were \$8,011.42. We had a deficit of \$699.46. Our checking account balance is \$2,230.97, and our prudent reserve is \$20,045.85. This is my first month as acting treasurer. I will get used to the format in the months ahead. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

*\*Pass the baskets according to our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition\**

**Secretary:** Claudia D.: My sincerest apologies to everyone. Due to my absence this past Business Meeting, I will be posting the names and groups of our new representatives, and many committee reports in next month's business meeting minutes as an addendum so do not be alarmed if you are not recognized, or your report does not appear accurate on this month's minutes. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and excusing my scholastic obligations.

Accepted as delivered to the registrar for e-mail disbursement.

**Registrar:** Gary B.: The minutes were e-mailed as per the Bylaws of PBC Intergroup. In Love & Service, Gary B., Registrar.

**Office Manager:** Ed B.: Will be posted in next month's minutes.

**General Service/ Intergroup Liaison:** Matt J.: Your General Service / Intergroup Liaison Matt J. continues to suffer from medical problems and has been home bound for the past few weeks. Since his last report, there have

been 2 monthly General Service District 8 meetings held at the Triangle Club. The first was on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at 5:00 PM. The meeting began with sharing on the 11th Tradition. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. Many reports contained information obtained by committee chairs attending the Area 15 Quarterly in Sebring, FL. It was mentioned that District 8 had the highest attendance with the most votes of all Districts. Alex A. of the Lantana Group was elected ACM for sub-district 13. The second meeting was held on December 11, 2011 and all reports were given. Due to an error in emailing the proposed 2012 budgets in their entirety, the Chair postponed voting procedures until the January 8, 2012 meeting so that all groups could be presented the full budget and a group conscience could be reached. No other items were on the agenda and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. The next quarterly will be in Tampa, April 14-16, 2012. For further information go to [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org); Area 15 will be hosting the Southeast Region forum at the Boca Marriot November 9-11, 2012. Thirteen States are in the Southeast Region. This is a rare opportunity to have a Forum so close to home and will not be in our area again for another 26 years. We are keeping Matt and his family in our prayers and wish him a speedy recovery. On behalf of Matt J. - Liaison, respectfully submitted in Love & Service, Alex A.

**South County Intergroup Liaison:** Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. She reported that this Saturday 12/3/11 is the Intergroup Open House. Vice Chair Liz discussed the upcoming Alcathons and the schedule for them at Delray Central House. Volunteers are needed for the 4 hour shifts for monitors. Treasurer Sarah reported that both the quarterly report and the Serenity Scramble report are available in the SCAAN; Secretary – Cheryl – No report; Office Manager – Deanna reported for Pam T. who was out sick. Intergroup Open House will be this Saturday, 12/3/11 from 11AM to 4PM; Committee Chair Reports:

- Archives – Nick L. reported that they had archived 200 grapevines this month
- Bridge the Gap – Willie B is working to expand the existing list of volunteers
- General Service Liaison – Jerry W absent
- Group Information – Jim S. absent
- SCAAN – No report
- Telephone Relay – Zach absent
- Where & When – Todd - No report
- Twelfth Step – Bill J and Bari W explained the duties and responsibilities of the 12th Step volunteers
- H & I – Carey reported that all meetings are covered at this time
- Public Info – Kathleen reported that pamphlets and Where & Whens have been replenished at the Delray Beach, Boca Raton, and Boynton Beach libraries, as well as the Delray Beach PD. Boynton Beach PD declined any literature.

Special Events:

- The South Palm Beach County Intergroup Gratitude Dinner had no final report as no representative was present.

**Archives Committee Liaison:** Nick F.: The next Archives Workshop, hosted by our District Archivist Claudia M. is Saturday, January 7, 2012, 9:00am-noon at our North County Intergroup Office. Open to the fellowship, we come together to experience the archive collection, enjoy our history, receive contributions of memorabilia, and learn conservation methods. Our AA "history" book, AA Comes of Age is available in soft and hard cover book. Also available is a 10 CD audio set (low price of \$12). This makes a great holiday gift. Check out our office book store for details. Love & Service, Nick F.

**Committee Chairs:**

1. Public Information: John C.: During the month of November we participated in the Veteran's Day event at South Bay, a community in western Palm Beach County. With the help of Bob C., Mary and Carol we were able to distribute a lot of pamphlets and literature. We also made many new contacts from the western communities where we would like to make out intergroup activities and services more available. Thanks very much for all of the help from Bob, Mary and Carol. We are also continuing our mission to make sure that every library in the area has a copy of the Big Book on their shelves. If you happen to be at any library please take the time to check this for us, and if you find that they do not have one, please contact me or the Intergroup office

and I will make sure they get one. Wishing all a Safe, Sober and Happy Holiday Season.

2. 12 Step List: Ed W.: The 12th step list is doing well. We presently have 67 women and 40 men on our list, and I would like to thank all of you for your service. That being said, we could always use more help, especially in the western and northern end of the county. I've been announcing the need for 12th step volunteers at various meetings, but I haven't had any takers yet. I mentioned this at last week's committee chair meeting and I was given some great ideas. We've made the sign-up sheets available to all the Intergroup reps. present hear today and I would ask you to take them to your groups, maybe at your next business meeting make people aware of the need for volunteers, If you do happen to sign someone up, please E-Mail me at [ed101willis@gmail.com](mailto:ed101willis@gmail.com) or call me at, 561-876-0013. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: Hi everyone! , the hotline has been having a few difficulties, I have spoken with the volunteers of the shifts in question, and a few changes have been made also. Hopefully there will be no more problems with it. The only open shift now is the Thu 5pm-11pm, if anyone knows of members that would like to volunteer for the hotline, either taking that shift or being a backup, specially during the Holidays. If anyone knows of someone interested in being part of this incredible service. Please let me know by e-mail, [scimitar2127@hotmail.com](mailto:scimitar2127@hotmail.com) (please put Phones on the subject line), or by phone, (561) 827-5168. Thank you for all the help that has been given by the volunteers and the Intergroup office for supporting this crucial service.

4. Today: Alex A.: The December edition of The Today is before you. Due to the overwhelming support by our Groups, the 2 Alcathons have been separated between the front page listing the Christmas Alcathon and the New Years Eve Alcathon be listed on the next page. We would like to remind everyone that the holiday season can be stressful for alcoholics and not all suffering alcoholics are "new-comers". The Alcathons are there as a tool for all of us to help stay sober one day at a time. We hope to see you in attendance. All Groups are encouraged to continue to submit group activities to the Today and all members are encouraged to share their experience, strength, and hope as well. Please send all submissions to: [today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org](mailto:today@aa-palmbeachcounty.org) and remember that all group activity submissions ought to be at least 2 months in advance of the event.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: Not present

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: I have made the following changes since the last business meeting: Posted the November Today; Posted the November Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes; Updated the Events page; Posted the Meeting List; Posted Meeting Changes; Updated the Home Page.

7. Group Contact Committee: Diane K.: I am currently attending as many different meetings as possible, with other members of my home group, in an attempt to collect as much group contact information as possible so that we can fulfill our intergroup database. Our Intergroup office manager, Ed B. has discovered a plethora of files containing previous groups' contact information. These files will become my starting point, and I will update their information accordingly. I have numerous entries of updated group contact information and will forward them to our Intergroup Registrar, Gary B. ASAP, so that they may receive our minutes upon submission.

8. Bridging the Gap (**OPEN**):

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: We received our first 2000 copies of our contract. Please have all changes in the office as we will be printing after the holidays. Enjoy and remember that in the spirit of rotation the chair is available to any that wish to join.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 7 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in the rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Orientation for new members is at 4:30pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see

you in January!

**Unfinished Business:**

Bridging the Gap – Open Committee Position

Carol G. stood for the position. She did not meet the requirements. Bethany made a motion to wave the position requirements. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed

**New Business:**

**ALCATHONS:** Christmas Eve @ Triangle Club. New Years Eve @ Intergroup office.

**Upcoming Events:**

Old Timer's Speaker Panel/Spaghetti Dinner – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 6-9pm at the Finland House

Motion to close. Motion seconded.

Meetings closed at 6:55 pm.