

INTERGROUP MEETING

July 13th, 2011

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

Call to Order: 6.19pm

Number in Attendance: 48

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.

***WELCOME NEW REP'S:** Barry B./ End of the Road Group; Nikki P./ Love Faith and Life Group; Michael T./ Good Morning Group; Bonnie M./ Bill and Bob Group; Tiffany G./ Getting Started group; Pat D./ Step Forward Group; Katie C./ Gratitude Group; Cody H./ Lake Worth Group; Ed W./ Getting Started Group; James S./ SPBCY(Liaison); John C./ Men's Fifth Tradition Group (Alternate); Matt S./ Day Opener's Group; Jason W./ Tired of the Beating Men's Group; Helen B./ Leaves of Gold Group; Wesley A./ Fern Street Group; Karen R./ Happy Hour Group.

Chairperson: Steve Y.: Just a reminder: All committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary prior to the rep. (business) meeting, or within 24 hours after the rep. (business) meeting. Any and all motions may be placed on the next month's Intergroup agenda within 7 days following the rep. (business) meeting by submitting it to the Intergroup chairperson. Seven days after the rep. (business) meeting, the chairperson will close out the agenda and forward it to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes. The secretary will have 48 hours to forward the final version of the minutes back to the chairperson for review. The chairperson will approve or amend the minutes within 24 hours and then return them to the secretary who will then forward them to the registrar for distribution. The registrar will then have 24 hours to electronically e-mail the minutes to the intergroup representatives. To our reps., please make sure you have filled out the form with your home group name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar before leaving the rep. (business) meeting today. We have 2 positions that have been vacated and are now currently open. I would like to thank Nancy J. for serving as the 12 Step committee chair. Second, I would like to thank Henry M. for serving these past 2 years as treasurer. He went beyond the call and helped Intergroup in many ways; his service will be greatly missed.

Alternate Chair: Leroy H.: We would like to thank the Groups, and all those who showed up to make our Founder's Day Picnic a success. Furthermore, we would also like to thank all those who volunteered for setting up, cooking, serving, and everything else in between. We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank Dawn, The Hope House women, and the Fern House men for doing such a wonderful job selling tickets and cleaning up after the picnic. We would also like to thank the cooks: Bill and Robert, the volleyball tournament chair: Tom G., the servers: Frank and Perry, the ticket taker: Merrill; and thank you Andy B., Ed W., and Mo for transporting the food, beverages, and ice cream to Carlin Park. Finally, we would like to thank the Hope House women for chaperoning the bounce house all day long.

Treasurer: (OPEN): Read by Ed B. Office Manager: We had a deficit of \$351.48 for the month of June. This was our first deficit since October of 2010. (At that time the deficit was \$1,400.72.) It appears that the Group

Contributions for last month were down (\$2,540.73) compared to the monthly average contributions for 2011. (\$3,727.81) Also contributions for the month of May were \$5,315.16; which was the highest in almost two years. So it appears there was a lull in the month of June; which is a usually a slow month in terms of activity. Because of the deficit and spending for the picnic at the end of the month, we did not transfer anything to the Prudent Reserve Account for the month of June. Operating expenses were in line with our YTD averages. July and August of 2010 were actually strong months, so we expect things to turn around. The Prudent Reserve Account balance is \$18,544.45, which is below our required balance of \$22,200.00 by \$3,655.55.

Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition

Secretary: Claudia D.: Accepted as posted in the Today.

Registrar: Gary B.: After some setback's attempting to send out the minutes and agenda last month, I switched to G-Mail and was able to send out the correspondence. Please note that all communication with me should be directed to pbcregistrar@gmail.com. When signing in for the Intergroup Meeting, please review your respective list: Rep, Alt. Rep., or Officer/Committee Chair; if the information is correct, just initial at the end of the line. If the information IS NOT correct, please draw one single line through the inaccurate information, fill out another registration card, and get it back to me so I can update the database. Anyone wishing to receive correspondence from PBC Intergroup need only send a request to me or fill out a registration card. Please remember this is your Intergroup, and we will gladly include anyone desiring to receive the minutes in the database. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Office Manager: Ed B.: The total Office activity for the month of June was 648 compared to 589 last year. The difference was an increase in the number of emails to the Office. The Website activity was 2,196 compared to 2,011 last year, which was an increase of 185. We currently have a full staff of Office Volunteers, but we can always use back up volunteers. The Intergroup Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Matt J.: The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday, July 10, 2011 at 5:00 pm. The meeting began with Tom W. sharing on the 7th Tradition. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. The Founder's Day Dinner and the Delegate Report were a great success and netted \$627.59. Contributions to District 8 General Service for the month of June were \$2,798.02. All groups were asked to put their group name and ID# on their contribution checks. There will be an Archives workshop on Saturday, August 20, from 10:00-12:00 at the South County Intergroup Office. The Quarterly will take place July 15-18, 2011, at the Doral Resort and Spa in Miami. The next Quarterly will be at the Four Points Sheraton in Sebring, October 28-30, 2011. For further information, go to www.areas5aa.org. Many sub-districts are in need of a D. C. M and/or A. C. M. Every group is urged to send a representative to the District 8 General Service meeting held on the second Sunday of each month at the Triangle Club at 5:00 pm.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened meeting at 7PM with serenity prayer and welcomed new group reps. Vice Chair Liz discussed election coming up next month on 07-27-2011. Treasurer's report is in the SCAAN. Both H&I and Phone Relay reported that all commitments are filled going into next year. 12th Step committee reports there will be a 12th Step workshop on Aug 6 from 2 to 4 PM at Delray Central

House. Special events – A gratitude dinner sponsored by the Women Living Sober group will be on 11-19-2001. The date for the Serenity Scramble golf tournament will be 10-16-2011. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Archives Committee Liaison: Nick F.: The Archives Committee will be sponsoring a Workshop on Saturday August 20, 2011, from 10:00am – 12:00pm, at the South County Intergroup Office. We will be restoring the Grape Vines and watching a history of A.A. from our own archives collection. We received a substantial contribution of A.A. related articles after the loss of Joe Gates. Joe passed away after 40 years of sobriety. His home group was the 'Lake Worth Serenity' group in Lake Worth, Florida. Highlights of his collection include: "AA Comes of Age," second printing, 1967 and "From the Grapevine's Best of Bill," a 1965 printing. A complete list will be added to the Archival inventory. Please feel free to contact the Intergroup Office (Attention: Archives) with contributions of your own, or from someone you know who is looking for a respected location for treasured AA memorabilia.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: John C.: Thanked Martina for her previous service as P.I. Committee Chair. Compiled a list of contacts, both public and private, and will be assessing their needs for literature and/or services we may be able to provide. 9 businesses/organizations who were contacted, have expressed interest in receiving literature or restocking their current supply. Any suggestion/ideas on how to better serve AA and Intergroup is welcome.
2. 12 Step List: **(OPEN):** No Report.
3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: As far as I know, everything else is running smooth, thank you all the volunteers that make this service possible. Currently we have a shift open on Saturday from 4 pm to 8 pm. If anyone is interested to give back, this is a rewarding opportunity. Last month we had problems forwarding the phones, and I contacted those having difficulty with it. Hopefully this issue is resolved. If any problems are noticed, please contact me by phone: **561-827-5168**, or by e-mail: **scimitar2127@hotmail.com** (please add "phones" on the subject line).
4. Today: Alex A.: All is going well with the Today. We are still seeking input and suggestions from the Groups and Members to help us better serve them in the monthly newsletter. We have coordinated with both the Registrar and the Web Site Committee regarding the Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes. Starting with the September 2011 issue, the minutes will no longer be printed in the Today. Group representatives will receive the minutes from the Registrar, and they will also be posted on the Website for all everyone to have access. The ideas we have received so far are very creative: a "spot light" on a group each issue to share the groups' history and meeting information; a forum for old timers to share their experience, strength, and hope; a "letters to the Editor" section for members to address topics and discussions current events. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in the Today. Groups are also encouraged to list any of their events in the Today. Please remember: the deadline for all submissions is the last Wednesday of each month for the following issue.
5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: All is going well. Recently, more people have joined the club and updating is underway. There is a minor issue regarding Birthday Club members joining at the end month of month, and the Today, as well as that month's birthdays, has already been published. Because we always run one month ahead on the Today, and therefore Birthday Celebrants, a decision has been made to print June celebrants in the July issue, and so on and so forth. From now on, we will be publishing the current month's Birthdays as well as last month's.
6. Website Committee: Trish D.: The Website underwent 26 updated. 17 Todays, that Ed found were never posted, were added to the website. Old groups were removed, and an Archives brochure was posted. Currently, I'm in the process of uploading the most recent meeting list. It should be on the website within the next 48 hours.
7. Group Contact Committee: Robert C.: No Report
8. Bridging the Gap: Frank S.: No Report.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: The forth printing of the where and when is at the printers. Please have all change forms either emailed or sent to the intergroup office. Thank you.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. 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, August 7th, 2011. 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 July, Katie C.

Unfinished Business:

NONE

New Business:

Open committee position – 12 Step Committee Chairperson

12-step committee chair qualifications read and opened for election. Karen R. stands and states her qualifications.

A motion is made to waive the 12 Step Committee Chairperson qualifications. The Motion seconded and passed.

Majority votes in favor to elect Karen R. as our new 12 Step Committee Chairperson.

Motion to close the Meeting

Upcoming Events:

Potluck Dinner – Finland House – Sept. 17, 2011. Saturday evening.