

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

November 9th, 2011

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

Number in Attendance: 43

Start Time: 6:15 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: Deborah/Lake Worth Group; Janice P./Palm Beach Island Group; Barbara/Smoke Free Sobriety Group; Bob/Day Openers Group; Shannon/Wednesday Womens' Group; Anne/Ladies' Step Forward Group; Jeff/ Friday Night Reflections Group.

Chairperson: Steve Y.: If everyone could please turn off or silence their cell phones, so as 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. In lieu of reading of all committee reports, tonight we will be conducting the drawing of our two holiday alcathons. You will be able to read the committee reports in our minutes which will be sent out this Friday night, (11/11/11). We will only read the officers reports: chair, alt. chair, treasurer, secretary, registrar, and office manager. Furthermore, we will be looking at the usual Unfinished and New business, as well as our upcoming event(s). To our new reps.: Please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group name, pertinent information, and hand it to the registrar before leaving tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Alternate Chair: Leroy H.: Hello everyone! I am the Alternate Chair, Leroy Hull. We are having our Intergroup Bake Sale and open house on November 19th, 2011. There will be a contest and taste test for those bringing the baked goods from home. It's going to be a great even, 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: (Read by Ed B.) We've attached this month's statements to the agenda. We had a deficit for the month of October in the amount of \$1,422.88. The reason was one of timing. Expenses for the month were higher than normal, as follows: there were five payrolls, we purchased 2,000 meeting lists, 2500 chips, restocked the medallions and made the final payment on the health insurance. All of this amounted to \$2,800.00; which would normally be spread out over a few months. For the calendar YTD 2011 there was a surplus of \$10,000.06. This was \$5,406.60 greater than last year. However revenues were down \$4,541.23 compared to last year, but expenses we also down \$9,947.83. The sharp reduction in expenses came from paying off all past due payroll taxes. October was the third month in 2011 with a deficit, however we have not had to transfer funds from the Prudent Reserve Account since January 2010. The checking account balance was \$2,930.43 and the Prudent Reserve Balance was \$20,046.51. Group contributions for the month were \$3,114.83. We can only credit Group support, prudent spending and a whole lot of prayers for our current financial health.

****Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition****

Secretary: Claudia D.: 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. I wish to commend the Committee Chairpersons for getting their reports to Claudia in such a timely manner, and especially Claudia for getting the minutes to me so promptly. WAY TO GO CLAUDIA!!! In Love & Service, Gary B., Registrar

Office Manager: Ed B.: Total Office Activity for October was 589 compared to 618 for last year. Total Website Activity was 2,273 compared to 2,208 last year. This is an increase of 65 visits. Our office hours are M-F from 9-5 and Saturday from 9:30-1:30. And we will be open this Friday, Veteran's Day. Last month we

announced the price reduction on six items, we have since reduced the price of all AA Conference Approved & Grapevine literature by 6%. The reason for this is, we have been able to purchase literature from AAWS & Grapevine in larger quantities and take advantage of quantity discounts. We have also avoided late charges and penalties by paying the bill on time.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Matt J.: The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday October 9th, 2011, at 5:00 PM. The meeting began with Tom W. sharing on the 10th Tradition. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. Items of particular interest are as follows: The Intergroup Office will be open from 4:00 – 6:00 PM during the District 8 General Service meeting; Contributions to District 8 General Service between 9/11/11 – 10/9/11 were \$1,212.11. All groups are asked to put their group name and General Service ID# on their contribution checks; There will be an Archives workshop on January 7, from 9:00-12:00 at the Intergroup Office; The Quarterly will be at the Four Points Sheraton in Sebring, October 28-30, 2011. The next quarterly will be in St. Petersburg, January 13-15, 2012. The following quarterly will be in Tampa, April 14-16, 2012. For further information go to 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; District 8 will be hosting a panel discussion and workshop on “AA and the Twelve Concepts” October 22, 2011, from 2:00-5:00 PM at the Intergroup Office. Refreshments will be served; The Traditions committee has players that will put on “Twelve Traditions” skits for your group or event. Contact Pam S. at pamcakes48@gmail.com.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. Vice Chair Liz discussed the upcoming Alcahons and the schedule for them at Delray Central House. Treasurer Sarah reported that both the monthly and quarterly detailed reports are available in the SCAAN. Pam T, Office Manager, reported that South County Intergroup would be hosting their Open House at the SPBCI office on 12-3-11 from 11AM to 3PM. Committee chair reports are as follows: Archives/Nick L.: thanked all Archive Committee members for all of their hard work and stated that they are always looking for new articles for the archives; Bridge the Gap/Willie B.: is working to expand the existing list of volunteers; General Service Liaison/Jerry W.: excused absence; Group Information/Jim S.: reminded members that Service signup sheets are available in the SPBCI office; SCAAN/No report; Telephone Relay/Zach: reported that signups are available for the new year for March and beyond; Where & When/No report; Twelfth Step/Bill J. and Bari W.: reported they are always looking for 12th Step volunteers; H & I/Carey: reported that all meetings are covered at this time. Special Events are as follows: Serenity Scramble/Sarge thanked all the committee members for their support for a great event; The South Palm Beach County Intergroup Gratitude Dinner still has 8 tables available; Old Business: None; New Business: Some groups inquired about how the Gratitude Dinner is planned, host group picked and prices set. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Roger B. South Palm Beach County Liaison

Archives Committee Liaison: Nick F.: The next Archive Workshop on Saturday, January 7, 2012, 9:00-12:00 at our 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. A personal note: I mark the passing of one of "our living and breathing archives"- Frances H., of the Lake Worth Serenity Group. Sober 49 years and a frequent speaker at our "Long Timers Panel Discussion" events, I had the pleasure of listening to many stories from Fran. Her warm smile was a pleasure to know. To the Lake Worth Serenity group, all her friends/family, she will be missed. Love & Service, Nick F.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: John C.: During the month of October, I was able to attend to VA Homeless Summit Conference. I was able to make attendees aware of our intergroup association, and the PI Committees mission to spread the AA message. I was able to distribute where and when pamphlets. We were also able to finalize plans for the VA's parade and Outreach Event, being held in South Bay. We will be distributing new where and when lists in the Belle Glade area. It is an honor for us to carry the AA message, and I thank everyone for their encouragement and help.

2. 12 Step List: Ed W.: Hi Everyone! 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; however, 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: I would ask you to take them to your groups, and perhaps at your next business meeting inform everyone of the need for volunteers. If you do happen to sign someone up, please E-Mail me at, ed101willis@gmail.com, or call me at, 561-876-0013. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Ed W.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: Hi everyone. We have been receiving reports of unanswered calls from AAs on the south part of our county calling our Office after hours. I have spoken with the South County Intergroup, and together we are trying to find out what is the problem. Just a reminder to those from the southern part of our county: in some areas it is necessary to dial the area code (1-561) to reach our number. I am also contacting our volunteers again to make sure they are not having problems forwarding the calls at the end of their shifts. Also we have 2 shifts without volunteers: Sunday 10am-2pm, and Sunday 2pm-5pm. Sometimes there is no one available to cover those shifts. If anyone knows of someone interested in being part of this incredible service. Please let me know by e-mail, 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.: In the November issue we have placed an article from AAWS Box 459 written by Bill W. regarding gratitude, and reserving this time of year to express our gratitude for our sobriety and the lives we have been given by following the simple program of recovery. Bill expresses we do this not only monetarily but also through service. We hope you enjoy this historical message as much as we have. We are seeking Home Groups to submit their groups' history for inclusion in the Group Spotlight section. This is a great way to let others know about your group ,and encourage your group to create their own group archive record. 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. In Love and Service, Alex A

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: Everything is going well, and medallions have been sent out.

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: Changes/Updates for October: Posted the October Today; Posted the October Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes; Updated the Events 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): No report.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: We have agreed on another ten thousand printing at .015 cent increase. All is well. Please send any changes to the intergroup office by using the change form available to you by internet or at our intergroup office. Thank you.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 10 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 December 4th, 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 December!

Unfinished Business:

Open Officers position – Treasurer

Mark H. stood for the position.

Motion made to waive one of the position requirements. Motion passed.

Mark H. elected as our new Treasurer.

New Business:

1. ALCATHON(S) drawing for time slots: Christmas Eve @ Triangle Club. New Years Eve @ Intergroup Office. See below for time slots of each Alcathon.
2. OPEN Committee position – **BRIDGING THE GAP**. Position still vacant.

Upcoming Events:

Intergroup Office Open House / Bake Sale. Nov.19th, Sat. from 10am-3pm.

Motion to close the meeting. Motion seconded.

Meetings closed at 7:15 pm.

Christmas Eve Alcathon List

12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch Bunch
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Leaves of Gold
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Happy Hour (EDI)
3:00 - 3:45PM	Cardinal Lane
4:00 - 4:45 PM	Happy, Joyous, and Free
5:00 - 5:45 PM	Big Book Spritual
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Monday Night Men's
7:00 - 7:45 PM	Primary Purpose
8:00 - 8:45 PM	Smoke-Free Sobriety
9:00 - 9:45 PM	Wednesday Night Winners
10:00 - 10:45 PM	Mid-day Live
11:00 - 11:45 PM	After Hours
12:00 - 12:45 AM	Friends of Bill W.
1:00 - 1:45 AM	Love, Faith, and Life
2:00 - 2:45 AM	Men's 5th Tradition
3:00 - 3:45 AM	Day's End
4:00 - 4:45 AM	Good Guys
5:00 - 5:45 AM	Women's Awaking
6:00 - 6:45 AM	Seaside Serenity
7:00 - 7:00 AM	Lantana Group
8:00 - 8:45 AM	Young People's Living Sober
9:00 - 9:45 AM	Fern Street
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Lake Worth Young People's
11:00 - 11:45 AM	Central Group
Alt - 1	Day Openner's
Alt - 2	Lake Worth Group
Alt - 3	Sober on Sunday
Alt - 4	Getting Started
Alt - 5	End of the Road

New Year's Eve Alcothon List

1:00 - 1:45 PM	Somewhere to Turn
2:00 - 2:45 PM	Ebony Group
3:00 - 3:45 PM	Good Morning Group
4:00 - 4:45 PM	End of the Road
5:00 - 5:45 PM	Day's End Group
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