

INTERGROUP BUSINESS MEETING

October 12, 2011

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

Number in Attendance: 38

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: Kirsten S./Sisters in Sobriety Group; Bethany E./Young People Living Sober Group; Mike McN. (Alt)/Westside Group; Anthony H./Leaves of Gold Group; Pat F./Step Forward Group; Mary C./Free Spirited Womens' Group; John C./ Mens' 5th Tradition Group; Bill B./ Lake Worth Serenity Group; Michael T./Good Morning Group.

Chairperson: Steve Y.: If everyone could please turn off or silence their cell phones, so as not to disrupt the meeting, we would be greatly appreciative. Just a quick reminder: all committee reports shall be submitted to the Intergroup Secretary (Claudia), after the meeting or within 24 hours after tonight's meeting. To our new reps.: please make sure you have filled out the blue form with your home group's name and pertinent info, and hand it to the registrar before leaving tonight's meeting. There is a motion to make a change to our by-laws which will be voted on tonight. Please remember that it still needs to be thrice-motoned in order for said motion to move forward. We are coming to that time of the year again, the Holidays, so we will be discussing our 2 alcathons, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and to remind you that we will be having the drawing for their respective time slots at next month's (November) meeting. Furthermore, if your group wants to participate, please make sure that you, or your group's alternate rep, attend. Lastly, please take notice of our upcoming events. Your support is greatly needed and extremely appreciated. Thank you.

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 last month's Potluck Dinner; 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 their dishes of food, and thank you Tom G. for your excellent cooking. Finally, I would like to thank the men and women who participated in in every aspect of running this event; from early morning to late in the evening, your arduous contribution made our annual potluck a smooth and enjoyable experience. 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: (OPEN) Our Total Revenues for the month was \$8,168.34 with 2 noticeable line items being the Literature sales of \$3,078.69 and Group contributions of \$2,464.02 (only 17 groups contributed in the month of September). Last year at this time, we had group contributions totaling \$3,480.76 (a difference of roughly \$1,000.00). Our Total Expenses for the month was \$7,605.01 which left us with a monthly SURPLUS of \$563.33....our checking account balance was \$4,353.31. We transferred \$500 into our prudent reserve which is now at \$20,046.19. We are below our target rate of \$22,200.00 by \$2,153.81. At this time, our year to date, compared with last year, we are down \$4,840.19 in our Group Contributions (first 9 months of the year). We did not print a statement for the Potluck Dinner event because we are hoping to collect more money by the end of tonight's meeting; so far we have a surplus of \$53.12. We would like to thank all of our groups for contributing and thank everyone for their continued service, volunteering and attendance at our service events.

****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 and agenda were sent out to the database upon receipt from the Secretary. Thank you for the privilege of serving. In Love and Service, Gary B., Registrar

Office Manager: Ed B.: Total Office Activity for September was 624 compared to 620 for last year. Total Website Activity was 2,442 compared to 2,057 last year. This is an increase of 385 visits. Our office hours are M-F from 9-5 and Saturday from 9:30-1:30. We made this announcement once before, but it deserves repeating. Because we have been able to purchase AA Conference Approved Literature in larger quantities and take advantage of quantity discounts, we have reduced the price on the following items Hard Cover Big Books are \$9.00, Soft Cover Big Books are \$8.50, Hard Cover 12 & 12's are \$8.50, Soft Cover 12 & 12's are \$8.00, Living Sober is \$4.50 and Came to Believe is \$4.50. We have new Fall 2011 "Where & When" meeting lists in the office, which were current through 9/27/2011. We are only printing 2000 at a time and making revisions before each printing. The printer has agreed to agree to a 5% increase or 1.5 cents each additional for the next 10,000 copies, which means the price will remain unchanged at 50 cents.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: Matt J.: The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday, October 9, 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. The Intergroup Office will be open from 4:00 – 6:00 p. m. during the District 8 General Service meeting. Contributions to District 8 General Service from 9/11 – 10/9 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. The next quarterly will be in St. Petersburg, January 13-15. The following quarterly will be in Tampa, April 14-16. For further information, go to www.aa.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, 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 7PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. Treasurer Sarah reported that group contributions have been down; a detailed report is available in the SCAAN. The Vice Chair, Secretary, and Office Manager were all excused: there were no reports.

Committee Reports: Archives: Nick L advised that work continues on cataloging historic material; Bridge the Gap: Willie B. reported that he is building the committee for BTG; General Service Liaison: Jerry W. reported that the next quarterly will be 10/28 thru 10/30 in Sebring; Group Information: Jim S. requested that everyone please notify him of any meeting changes they know of; Hospitals & Institutions: Cary A. reported that all is well and all meetings are covered; North Palm Beach County Intergroup Liaison: Andrew reported on the latest business meeting; Public Information: Kathleen H. reported that the Delray Public Library has accepted literature for the public and that the Delray Beach Police Dept. has Where & Whens in their patrol cars to distribute at their discretion; SCAAN: Beverly W. (excused); Telephone Relay: Zack S. reported that the North County after hours phone has been having some occasional issues; 12th Step Committee: Bill J. & Bari W. (excused) Bill reported that they are going through the list to make sure it is current; Where & When: No report; Events: The Serenity Scramble Golf Event will be held at the Delray Beach Golf Club on 10-16-11, with an 8AM shotgun start. There were still some tickets left as of the business meeting. Old Business: None. New Business: None. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Archives Committee Liaison: Nick F.: The next Archives Workshop will be in January, 2012, at our North County Intergroup office: dates and times coming soon. Our website has a page of our local AA & Association history titled "Our History." An example on the page: The first Saturday night of November 1962, a group of local A.A.'s held a dinner at 423 4th street (previous location of the Triangle Club), entitled "the Gratitude Dinner." All money raised was sent to A.A. World Services in New York. Saturday night, November 5th, 2011 at the Greek Orthodox Church in WPB, the 49th annual Gratitude Dinner will be held, continuing the tradition of all money collected being sent to A.A. World Services. Join your local A.A. History and show your gratitude. In Service, Nick F.

Committee Chairs:

1. Public Information: John C.: I'm continuing my efforts to re-supply pamphlets at various offices throughout the North County area who deal with people suffering from alcohol problems, i.e. Vickers House, Pride, PBC Human Resources Office. I'm working on the details of attending Veteran's Administration "Stand Down" event in South Bay on November 11th, Veteran's Day. (The VA conducts "Stand Down" events in an effort to reach Homeless Veteran's with information concerning health, housing and recovery issues. It is a great opportunity for AA to reach out to those still suffering.) As a part of this project, I contacted the Church where meetings are held in Belle Glade and am awaiting response from this group's representative. As soon as it can be arranged, several Intergroup members and I hope to make a personal visit to the Belle Glade area. We would like to find out how Intergroup may assist this group and any others in the Western part of the county with books, speakers, literature or any support they may need. District 8, P.I. Chairman, Bob C. has also expressed an interest in reaching out to these areas where Intergroup interaction is currently lacking. Thanks to all who have offered to help in this effort to spread the AA message in these outlying areas. Your support and suggestions are always welcome. Finally, please continue to ask your group members for any opportunities they are aware of where the P.I. Committee can be of service.

2. 12 Step List (OPEN): Karen R.: Letter of resignation has been submitted to our chair. This position is now open for election: to be held this evening.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: Hi everyone! Our committee is going strong, although, we had some last minute problems with a couple of shifts I was unable to cover. The shifts on Sundays 10am-2pm and Sundays 2pm-5pm are now open. 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.: The October issue is before you and we have taken extra effort to be error free. As we head in to the end of the year, many events and activities are being planned and presented. Our yearly Holiday Alcathons are drawing near, and we are encouraging all groups to participate in at least one, if not both. The drawings for group time slots for both Alcathons will be at the November Business Meeting and will be printed in the December edition of the Today. The Today continues to receive requests to list non-Intergroup & GSO events in the Today. While many of these requests are sober events hosted by A.A. members, our group conscience established in October 2009 states that: 'only Intergroup and GSO events are to be published in the Today.' A suggestion that has been widely accepted by many Intergroups around the Country is to list these events with the disclaimer, "Events listed are in the spirit of cooperation and in service to our readers. Events are not affiliated, nor endorsed by Intergroup or A.A." While the suggestion appears sound, The Today must adhere to the group conscience until changed by a prevailing motion. 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.

5. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: The Bill and Bob medallions were sent out, and beyond that, everything is running smoothly.

6. Website Committee: Trish D.: Changes/Updates for September: Posted the September Today; Posted the September Intergroup Meeting Minutes; Updated the Events page adding the Big Book Ball and Bake Sale; Updated the meeting list; Updated the recent meeting changes 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: Frank S.: No report.

9. Where and When Committee: Meredith J.: At this time, we have received the last 2,000 printings and have concluded our contract with the printer. We will have a bid again and hope to get all changes as soon as possible. Thank you.

10. Institutions: Katie C.: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 6 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 November 6th, 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 November! Just a reminder that once again our annual Big Book Ball is Oct. 29 @ the Triangle club from 7pm-9pm (lite fare) and dancing from 9pm until midnight with a DJ. Tickets will be \$10 or 1 soft covered big book. We are also having a silent auction, please donate a service for a good cause.

Unfinished Business:

Open Officers position – Treasurer (Still Vacant)

New Business:

1. **MOTION** – to make a change to the Intergroup By-Laws: “the Intergroup office manager, or anyone designated by the Intergroup chairperson, shall attend the Intergroup meeting at the south Florida 15 quarterly on behalf of PBC Intergroup. Hotel, transportation, and meals will be reimbursed and substantiated by receipt, and returned to the intergroup office, upon conclusion of the event.” In love & service, Gary B., Intergroup registrar. ***We will be voting on this motion at this meeting.***

Motion seconded by Ed W./Getting Started Group

Motion thrice-motined by Alex A./Lantana Group

Discussion

Process for changing a motion as stated in the Bylaws was read

Motion Called to a vote: 26 in favor; 4 opposed; 2 abstained.

Motion passes.

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

3. Ed W./Getting Started Group, remains standing; position called to a vote.

Unanimously votes in favor: Ed W. elected as our new 12th Step Chairperson

Upcoming Events:

1. Concepts Workshop on Sat. Oct.22nd, from 2-5pm in our Intergroup meeting room.

2. Institutions Big Book Ball. Oct. 29th, Sat. @ Triangle Club. Lite Fare,7pm-9pm, Dancing until ? Admission is \$10 or 1 soft covered big book.

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

Motion to close. Motion seconded.

Meetings closed at 7:22 pm.