

INTERGROUP MEETING

Intergroup Meeting September 14th, 2011

Call to Order: 6:17 pm

Serenity Prayer

Read 12 Traditions

Number in Attendance: 43

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.

Chairperson's Report: **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 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 name and pertinent information and hand it to the registrar before leaving tonight's meeting. Thank you, Steve Y.

Welcome New Representatives: Justin H. /Love Faith and Life Group; Beth N. /Wellington Women's Group; Douglas N. /Somewhere to Turn Group; Mike N. /; Rocki B. / High Noon Group.

Vice Chair's Report: **Leroy:** My name is Leroy H. and I am Vice Chairman for Intergroup. Part of my job is organizing fellowship events. One such event is our 35th Annual Potluck Dinner which is taking place Saturday, September 17th, 2011. We will have an out of town speaker and great food. Tickets are \$8.00. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM and speaker at 8:00 PM. Please try to bring a covered dish or desert. We ask you to put your name on your dish and we will wash and return your plates at the end of the evening. Help is always needed with clean up, dish washing, trash, etc. In L&S, Leroy H.

Treasurer's Report: **(OPEN) Ed. B.:** I've attached this month's statements to the agenda. We had a deficit for the month of August in the amount of \$1,390.74, which was the result of seasonally low Group Contributions. The average monthly Group Contributions for 2011 are about \$3,600. Last month it was only \$1,322.81, with only 14 Groups contributing. The average number of Groups contributing per month is 23. Expenses were in line with our monthly averages and \$35.00 greater than last year. Our checking account balance was \$4,289.98 and our Prudent Reserve Account balance was \$19,545.85; which is \$2,654.15 below the required balance of \$22,200.00. I've also attached the Final Founders' Day Picnic Report which shows a surplus of \$912.55. And finally, the monthly Operating Report shows an FP&L expense of \$28.77 and a PF&L deposit of \$257.00. We needed to change the name on the account from "Alcoholics Anonymous" to PBC Intergroup Association. This required opening a new account, and a paying the refundable deposit. However, we submitted our Certificate of Exemption and will no longer be charged FL Sales Tax. This should save us about \$150 per year. The \$28.77 was the final billing on the old account.

Pass the baskets according to our 7th Tradition

Secretary's Report: **Claudia D.:** Accepted as delivered to the registrar for email disbursement.

Registrar's Report: **Gary B.:** The minutes and agenda were emailed upon receipt from the Secretary. If you did not receive the minutes, please see me after the Intergroup meeting. In L&S, Gary B., Intergroup Registrar

Office Manager's Report: **Ed B.:** Total Office Activity was 592 compared to 586 for last year. Total Website Activity was 2,269 compared to 1,991 last year. This is an increase of 278 visits. Our office hours are M-F from 9-5 and Saturday from 9:30-1:30. We had a few requests from individuals attending the General Service District VIII Business Meeting to open the Office on the second Sunday of the month from 4-6 PM so GSR's and other Group members could purchase literature. We will begin this service in October. We will distribute a flyer at the next District VIII Business Meeting and ask the GS/ Intergroup Liaison to make an announcement.

General Service/ Intergroup Liaison: **Matt J.:** The monthly General Service District 8 meeting was held at the Triangle Club on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM. The meeting began with Tom W. sharing on the 8th Tradition. Reports were given by the officers and committee chairpersons. Items of particular interest are as follows: Contributions to District 8 General Service for the month of August were \$2,046.80. All groups were asked to put their group name and ID# on their contribution checks. There will be an Archives workshop on Saturday, August 20th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the South County Intergroup Office. The next Quarterly will be at the Chateau Elan in Sebring, Fl. Hosted by District 3 on October 28th - October 30th, 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 on the second Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM at the Triangle Club. 2 Motions passed. The first was creating an ad-hoc committee to determine if District 8 should have its own Web Site. The second

motion addressed all future motions presented out of committee; that they be placed on the agenda as old business and sent back to the groups in order to inform and allow groups to provide an informed group conscience. In love and service, Alex Allen on behalf of Matt Jensen – Intergroup/ GSR Liaison.

South County Intergroup Liaison: Roger B.: Chair Sheryl opened the meeting at 7 PM with the serenity prayer and welcomed new group representatives. Office Manager, Pam T., gave the Treasurer's report, as the Treasurer's position is currently vacant. South County Intergroup will now be paying a rent of \$35 per meeting to the Delray Central House. Pam T. reported that the office would be closed on Labor Day. 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/ (open): now an open position; General Service Liaison/Liz: gave report in place of Jerry W. who was absent; Group Information/Jim S.: asked for information on any meetings that no longer exist; SCAAN/Matt: gave report in place of Beverly who was ill. They are always looking for submissions for the SCAAN; Telephone Relay/Zach: reported that all slots were filled at this time going into the new year; Where & When: 5000 new Where & Whens were just printed by the new Printer; Twelfth Step: The 12th Step workshop was held and was a great success. One 12th Step call was handled during the month. Special Events are as follows. The Serenity Scramble Golf Event will be held at the Delray Beach Golf Club on October 16th, 2011; 8:00 AM shotgun start. \$90 includes course fees, continental breakfast, and BBQ lunch. The South Palm Beach County Intergroup Gratitude Dinner, hosted by the Women Living Sober Group, will be held on Saturday November 19th, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Boca Raton. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 for a table of ten. Old Business: None. New Business: The two open positions were filled. Sarah P. is the new Treasurer and Willie is the new Bridge the Gap Chairman. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Respectfully submitted, Roger B., South Palm Beach County Liaison.

Archives Committee Liaison: Nick F.: I attended the Archives Committee Workshop on August 20th, 2011 at the South County Intergroup office. An archived audio/visual presentation was shown on the first 20 years of AA. It was decided that the District will provide new equipment to update the A/V to DVD for future presentations. A large inventory of archived Grapevines will be restored at the South County Intergroup Office on Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Call their office for more details. The next Workshop will be at the North County Intergroup office in January. Look for an Archives presentation at the upcoming Potluck dinner. If you wish to contribute A.A archive materials, please call our North County Intergroup office. L & S, Nick F.

Committee Reports

1. Public Information: John C.: The inside bus sign project is on hold for the time being while details of other options and costs are reviewed from Lamar Transportation. I contacted Century Village concerning their possible need for AA literature and was informed that they now provide the Intergroup number on their in-house television station and they don't want literature placed in their clubhouse or offices. I have also been in touch with Clear channel Communications about their policy concerning PSA's. I am awaiting their reply concerning my request for pricing and availability. Our next project is to update and re-supply the AA literature at PRIDE, a probation office that handles DUI referrals, on Congress Avenue. We will be making sure that all of their officers are aware of the Intergroup website and have copies of the "Where and When" at their disposal. I have been in contact with the Veteran's Resource Office at the VA Hospital. They will be holding a "Stand Down" event on November 11th, 2011. These events provide information on services for the health and welfare of are Veterans. I am awaiting final details of the place, times, and space availability from Maria Cabrera, the event coordinator. I was also given some new business cards with the hotline phone numbers and web addresses from Ed, the office manager. They will be used in offices and institutions where they may be needed. Finally, I ask you all to mention in your home groups that we are here to provide speakers and volunteers at schools, fraternal organizations, health fairs and events. If anyone knows of a need, please contact me or the Intergroup office so that we can help out in any way. Yours in Grateful Service, John C.

2. 12 Step List: Karen R.: Nothing to Report.

3. Phone Volunteer: Luiz C.: The Hotline has one shift opened: Sat 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Otherwise, everything else seems to be in order as far as I know. Thanks to all volunteers keeping up with this great service. Without them this would not be possible. If anyone is interested or know of someone interested in joining us as a permanent or back up shift volunteer, please contact me by phone: (561)827 5168 or e-mail: scimitar2127@hotmail.com (please put "phones" on the subject line). In Love and Service, Luiz.

5. Today: (open) Alex A.: It is with great hope and faith that this edition of the Today is error free. As you may have noticed the Business Meeting Minutes are not in this edition. They have been moved the Intergroup Web Site and provided to each Group's Rep. There is a new section entitled "Group Spotlight" in which a group and their meeting(s) will be presented to inform members about other groups in our Association. We wish to thank the Lake Worth Group and their members for the privilege in presenting their groups' information. We have received many positive responses regarding the posting of both the previous and current month's Birthday Club Celebrants and as such will continue with this format change. All Groups are encouraged 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.

6. B-day Club/Today Subscription: Dennis C.: We had 17 celebrants this month. The Today has both this month's and last month's

celebrants. For anyone wishing to join our Birthday Club, just fill out the entry form located in the Today, right next to this month's celebrants, and we'll send you a medallion.

7. Website Committee: Trish D.: Posted the August Today and the August Intergroup report.

8. Group Contact Committee: Diane K. (open): My group is forming an ad-hoc contact committee, and if anyone else wants to join, just let me know.

9. Bridging the Gap: Frank S.: The BTG was very active for the last 2 months. We have had 9 out state request - 5 women and 4 men – and 12 in state requests - 6 women and 6 men. Also, I've contacted 2 Treatment centers, Care and Recovery Resources in North Palm Beach, and provided them with pamphlets to discuss with clients on their last 2 weeks of Treatment. The last thing I am working on is finding people interested in bringing meetings into Behavior Health Cottages, located on Military Trail and 10th Ave in Lake Worth, on the third Wednesday of the month. These meetings are only once a month. Ashley set up 2 meetings there. One is for 18 through 29 year olds at 2:00 PM. I am looking for someone in there 20's to help with this meeting. The other meeting is at 3:00 PM for clients 30 years old and up. I will be sending Alex messages by email to post in the Today. They can Contact Frank S. at (772) 571-7159.

10. Where and When Committee: Meredith: At this time we have 220 Where and Whens. Attention: We will be printing in ONE week so please enter all group changes via our Group Change Forms and submit them to the Intergroup office by the end of this week. Time is of the essence! Thank you.

11. Institutions: Katie C. .: Your Institutions Committee currently brings 96 meetings a week to 36 facilities. We had 13 new volunteers this month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, October 6th 2011. Orientation for new members is at 4:30 PM followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00 PM. 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 October. Also, the Big Book Ball Halloween dance will be on Saturday, October 29th, 2011, at the Triangle Club. Tickets are \$10.00 each. There will be a costume contest, light fair, and beverages are available for purchase from the Triangle Club. There will be a Silent auction and anyone who wants to contribute items to auction off can contact me or Intergroup. Katie C.

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer position up for election.

Qualifications were read. No one stood.

New Business:

Alex makes a motion to decline the money. Motion is seconded. Alex retracts his motion.

A sense of the group is taken.

34 groups opposed to taking the money; 4 in favor; 1 abstained.

Gary submitted motions,

A sense of the group is taken regarding sending a second person to the quarterly.

12 in favor; 22 opposed.

The Concepts Workshop is announced by Luiz.

Finland house potluck dinner: Sept 17th, 2011, with an out of town speaker.

Volunteers are welcome. Extra cars are needed to transport materials to the Finland House. Volunteers should arrive at the Intergroup office around 9:00 AM to load up their vehicles.

Motion to close the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.