

Intergroup Meeting Minutes for June 2nd, 2010

Alex A. called the meeting to order at 6:20pm followed by the Serenity prayer and the reading of the 12 Traditions.

Welcome New Representatives: Susan/Sobriety & Thunder, Blackie/ Lantana Group and Tracy/After Hours Group

Vice Chair's Report: Steve Y. - Sunday June 13th Founder's Day Picnic 11am-6pm. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, soda, water, Dunk Tank, DJ and bounce house for children. Suggested donation is \$12, children under 10 are free. The event will be held @ John Prince Park, Center Pavilion. We are encouraging home groups to put together a team of 6 for the volleyball tournament. Prizes (trophies) will be given out. Please hand in ticket monies at this month's rep meeting. If you can hold on to any left over tickets for the days leading up to the picnic as we are hoping to still sell more tickets. You can then bring any left over tickets to the Picnic or to the July rep meeting. Please continue to make announcements. Thank you for your support. Saturday Sept 18th - Potluck Dinner at the Finland House. More info will be available as the event approaches.

Secretary's Report: Karen L. - Motion made to accept minutes as printed in the Today. Passed
Treasurer's Report: Henry M. - This month I will be giving reports for two monthly periods, April 2010 & May 2010. This is being done in an effort to give our members a closer to current view of our finances. In 2009 our monthly revenue for April was \$8963.67 with expenses being \$12,397.73 for a deficit of \$3434.06. These figures were taken from the June 2009 issue of the Today. The prudent reserve figures were not available. Our monthly revenue for April 2010 was \$7680.72 with expenses being \$8381.33 for a deficit of \$700.61. We were below our 3 month prudent reserve by roughly \$22,000.00. In 2009 our monthly revenue for May was \$7605.12 with expenses being \$11,873.69 for a deficit of \$4,268.57. We were below the prudent reserve by roughly \$9000.00. These figures were taken from our own records for that time period. In doing these yearly comparisons I believe we will continue to see the downward financial trend for 2009. Our monthly revenue for May 2010 was \$9388.77 with expenses being \$7625.80 for a surplus of \$1762.97. We are still below our 3 month prudent reserve by roughly \$22,000.00 but we will be making an effort to start returning funds to the prudent reserve account. This brings me to the next and hopefully final comments on our situation regarding the IRS. Our last request for removal of penalties and interest on withholding tax for Q4/2008 was denied by the IRS as there had been leniency granted in past years. Although the IRS did compliment us on our diligence in paying these debts, that in itself was not enough for them to grant our request. We have currently made arrangements to make monthly payments of \$200.00 starting in July 2010 until the roughly \$2000.00 debt is paid in full by April 2011. It is at that time that we will attempt to transfer at least that \$200.00 amount to our prudent reserve account on a monthly basis. Please realize that if revenue permits, we will be transferring a greater amount to the prudent reserve. We would have liked to transfer monies back into the prudent reserve from our current surplus but we are anticipating greater expenses in early June as we will be financing our Founder's Day Picnic.

Committee Reports:

1. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: Maggie T. - Absent

2. Office Manager: Ed Bednarz. Office hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Total activity for May was 522 compared to 560 for April. May activity is broken down as follows: 205 meeting information calls, 11 Twelve Step requests, 29 requests for other program information, 2 requests for public information, 2 requests for institutions meetings, 243 visitors to the office, and 30 e-mails for meeting information or other information. Right now all of the office volunteer shifts are filled; but I could use back-up volunteers for special projects like putting inserts into the Where & When's. If you would like to volunteer please call Intergroup at 655-5700. Also I promised to make the following announcement: the Bethesda Group did not change their meeting time. They meet on Tuesday @ 8:30 pm at the Bethesda by the Sea Church as they have for many years. There is an addendum in the Today with some corrections to the "Where & When's".

3. Public Information: Jim H. - New so nothing to report.

4. 12 Step List: Nick F. In May 70 names on list. 25 Male and 45 Female.

5. Phone Volunteer: (open)- Lisa M. - We need permanent hotline volunteers immediately! Shifts open: Tues morning 6:00 a.m - 9:00 a.m - Thurs morning 6:00 a.m - 9:00 a.m & Sat evening 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 a.m. It is a one-year commitment with one year of continuous sobriety. Anyone interested in taking the position, please contact Intergroup Office.

6. Today: Mark P. - New. Going well.

7. B-Day Club/Today: Pat D. - 0 Today's and 8 Birthday Club letters were sent out. Looking forward to the response to the new envelopes.

8. Website Committee: Larry M. - Mark taught me how to update meeting times. Whoo Hoo!

9. Group Contact Committee: (open) Debbie S. - Absent

10. Bridging the Gap: Ashley N. - 12 bridges as of today 5/31/10.

11. Institution Committee: Wendy - Your Institutions Committee currently brings 104 meetings a week to 36 facilities, we had 12 new volunteers join in the month of May. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service work. We particularly need volunteers who are willing to go through the clearance process and take meetings into the county jail and state prisons. Plan to attend our regular meeting at the Triangle Club on Sunday, July 4th, orientation at 4:30 pm followed by the full committee meeting at 5:00pm. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Hope to see you at our general meeting.

12. Ad-Hoc Committee for reviewing Intergroup By-Laws: Gary B. - The committee met last month and the Committee Chairperson's responsibilities were finalized. Steve Y. sat in on the meeting and we are grateful for the insight that he provided in fine tuning the responsibilities. When we meet next month we plan to address the policies and procedures concerning the Intergroup and Office structure. We hope to have a finalized version for your consideration by August.

Unfinished Business:

Where and When- Offered amends to groups deleted from new publication. Declined but greatly appreciated.

Picnic June 13th- John Prince Park/ Home Group volleyball tournament-Will have DJ, bounce house, dunk tank, etc.

Potluck Dinner- September 18th - Finland House-Featuring a speaker from out of area.

Unity Breakfast -January 2011

Office/ Phone Volunteers- Got all shifts covered. Thank You!

Non-Conference Approved Literature

Business Discussed:

Intergroup & Steering Committee Meeting Change - Tabled
 Service Events at Office: Traditions Panel/ Concepts Panel/ Bake Sale Competition- Very excited about upcoming events. Suggested an Archives Fair.

Motion made to form a Committee for the Where & When so as not to miss out on any changes.

Voted on by Reps. Only 1 opposed. Luiz, rep for Love, Faith, and Life Group motioned to rescind vote allowing for Non-Conference approved literature to be offered at Intergroup, motion seconded. Larry suggested to table motion so reps could take info back to groups. Census was taken to table motion, 19/11 against tabling motion. Motion to rescind previous vote defeated 21 to 6, with 3 abstaining.



Palm Beach County Intergroup Association

**Palm Beach County Intergroup
 Operating Report - 5/1/2010 - 5/31/2010**

Revenues:

Literature Sales	\$3,859.80
Sales Tax	\$248.03
Tax Exempt Sales	\$601.00
Group Donations	\$4,356.54
Picket Tickets	\$120.00
Today Membership	\$6.00
Birthday Club	\$98.65
Intergroup Meeting	\$58.75
Bowling for Big Books	\$40.00
Total Income	\$9,388.77

Expenses

Office Salary	\$2,192.32
Payroll Added	60.07
Paychex(monthly fee)	59.00
Sales Tax	\$201.44
Payroll Tax (Quarterly)	\$0
Unemployment Tax (Quarterly)	\$0
Rent	475.00
AT&T(Internet, Phone, Website)	312.80
FP&L	\$136.62
Exterminating	35.00
Printing	\$108.00
Literature Purchases	\$3,667.36
Office Supplies	\$56.79
Picnic (Insurance)	\$321.00
Total Expenses	\$7,625.80

Monthly Profit/Loss	\$1,762.97
Checking Account Balance	\$6,136.57
Prudent Reserve Balance	\$2,000.22

**Institutions Committee
 Treasurer's Report - May 2010**

Income:

Group Contributions	
After Hours Group	\$1683.98
Smoke Free Sobriety	\$26.55
Good Guys Group	\$75.00
Monday Night Men's	\$23.60
Love Faith & Life	\$5.00
Each Day a New Beginning	\$24.00
We All Had to Start Somewhere	\$40.00
Total Contributions and Revenue	\$1878.13
Bowling for Big Books Income	\$1731.00
Total Income	\$3609.13

Expenses

Rent	
Bank Charge	60.00
Big Books	79.00
Bowling for Big Books - Intergroup Share	\$0
Total Expenses	615.50
Monthly Profit/Loss	\$754.50
Ending Balance	\$2,854.63
\$10,921.99	

◆BRIDGING THE GAP◆
A TEMPORARY CONTACT PROGRAM

If you are in a correctional/treatment facility, give us a call.

Getting back into "real world" is not always easy for the alcoholic. Many of us had not been sober on the outside for a long time, and we admitted that the first days out were a little frightening. Sometimes, we did not know if we would stay sober. Even new members of A.A. usually know that they cannot make it alone. The dilemma for some of us was that we were not sure we could make it in A.A. either. We said things like, "where will I find a meeting I can be comfortable in?" or "Who will be able to trust?" It was tempting to give in to "I won't fit in", or "I'm too different." Lots of alcoholics think like this; **we did.**

To begin contact and request help from A.A. volunteers, call the following number. You will be put in touch with the Bridging the Gap coordinator and a volunteer will contact you.

(561)655-5700

From the Chair.....

We wanted to thank everyone who attended Intergroup's Founders Day Picnic on June 13th at John Prince park. What a great time we all had - with the food being fantastic, the Dunk tank a splash, the bounce house jumping, the DJ rockin', and the Volleyball Tournament a big hit! Congratulations to ODAT west and Monday Night Men's Group taking 1st and 2nd respectfully. Thanks to our Higher Power for providing such a beautiful day and to the Cooks, Fern House, and Hope House for their hard work and service.

As we go forward from here, our next service event will be the Annual Pot Luck Dinner. The Pot Luck Dinner will be held at the Finland House in Lantana on September 18th. We are currently looking to book a very special speaker for the event and will be seeking groups and members to bring dishes or entrées to be shared by all. If you would like to help out or want to bring something, please contact the Intergroup Office.

In November, we will be hosting an open house at Intergroup and a Bake Sale / Competition. We will be seeking you great bakers to submit your best item for sale and judging. There will be prizes and awards for each category and a special prize for the best over all entry. Look for flyers and updates as these event dates approach.

Again, "Thank You" for your service, support, and participation.

Yours in Spirit and Service,

Alex

Mark your calendars
Potluck Dinner
September 18th
Finland House
More details to come.

Meeting Dept.

New Meetings:

Old-timers Group, Monday, 12:00 Noon, OD (open discussion,) Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Happy Hour Meeting, Saturday, 3:30 PM, OD, Club Oasis, 10859 Prosperity Farms Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Patience, Love & Tolerance, Sunday, 7:30 PM OD BB, (open discussion Big Book,) Mary Mother of the Light, 4891 Lake Worth Road, Green Acres, FL 3346

Meeting Changes:

Shell Seekers Group, Tuesday & Thursday, 12:00 Noon, ODW (open discussion women's,) American Legion Post 271, 775 N US Highway 1, Jupiter, FL & Thursday, 12:00 Noon. **Meeting Closed.**

Sober, Alive & Free, Friday, 8:30 PM, CD (closed discussion,) St Mark's Episcopal Church, Room #308, 3395 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. **Meeting Time is now 7:00 PM.**

Women Seeking the Truth Group, Monday 7:30 PM OD BB SS, (open discussion Big Book / Step meeting,) St John's Lutheran Church, 241 Cypress Dr, Lake Park, FL. **Moved to: 7:00 PM at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 1st Ave S, Lake Worth, FL 33460.**

Love, Faith & Life, Thursday, 8:30 PM, CD, Good Shepherd Methodist Church, 2341 S Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL. **Has an ASL Interpreter every Thursday.**

Meeting Corrections:

Bethesda Group, Tuesday, 6:30 PM, OS (open speaker,) Bethesda by the Sea Episcopal Church, 141 S County Road, Palm Beach, FL. **Meeting Time is 8:30 PM.**

Heart to Heart Group, Saturday 8:00 PM, OD, American Legion Post #271, 775 N us Highway 1, Jupiter, FL. **Meets at: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 46 Willow RD, Tequesta, FL 33409**



On the other hand, maybe some of us ARE a glum lot.



BIRTHDAY CLUB

✦ *Birthday Celebrants* ✦

Pat F	16 years
Liz B	18 years
Robby B	22 years
Percy T	22 years
Leslie R	24 years
Jane N	33 years
Spence	35 years

Intergroup would like to extend its sincere appreciation to all those who volunteered at the Intergroup Founders Day Picnic. Thank you for helping make it a success!

WELCOME NEW REPS IN June!!!

Susan – Sobriety & Thunder
 Blackie – Lantana Group
 Tracy – After Hours Group
25 Reps Attended

If you know an American Sign Language interpreter who would be interested in volunteering to interpret AA meetings, please contact the office 561-655-5700.

ASL Interpreted Meetings are offered
 Thursday @ 8:30 pm at the
 Love, Faith & Life Group
 Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
 2341 South Military Trail, WPB

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Palm Beach County Intergroup Association **Service Opportunities Available**

Phone Volunteer Committee: Volunteers are needed to answer calls to the Intergroup Office when the office is closed at night and on weekends. Backup volunteers are always needed. Calls would be forwarded to your home or cell phone during the time slot of your choice. You then would forward these calls to available volunteers on the 12th Step List or simply answer questions about meeting times and locations.

The 12th Step List is also in need of volunteers to answer 12 Step calls which come into the office; six months of sobriety is required. Please consider being involved in this very crucial form of AA service. For more information or to volunteer please call the Intergroup Office or ask your Intergroup Rep. for the sign-up list.

The Intergroup Service Committee seeks to fulfill any special need or request of the groups, such as sign language interpreter. If your group is in need of a special service, please contact the Intergroup office.