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INTERGROUP MEETING AGENDA

September 19, 2022

9/19/2022

1. Renaming/Roll Call
2. Call to Order
3. Open with the Serenity Prayer
4. Welcome to all new Representatives
5. Statement of Purpose
6. Reading of Tradition 2
7. Chairperson's Remarks -upcoming Agendas
8. Questions regarding Previous Month's Meeting Minutes– (PCI webpage)
9. Motion to accept minutes
10. Treasurer's Report
11. District 1 Liaison Report
12. Accept/Decline all reports

13. Old Business
- Vacancies (Vice Chair ,Office Chair , Tech Chair,Finance chair Volunteer chair ,Helpline Chair ,Ft Desoto Picnic chair)
- Polish literature update
- RFFs

14. New Business
- Elections update
- Gratitude dinner update
- Anonymity statement

15. Pass the Basket / 7th Tradition
16. Group Announcements
17. Motion to Adjourn
18. Recognize Anniversaries
19. Close with Prayer

September 2022 COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT/ REMARKS

- **(NONE SUBMITTED)**

2023 Anniversary Dinner Report

Anniversary Dinner Report- Todd R

We have no changes to last month's report

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Inventory: A inventory count is scheduled for Saturday October 15, 2022.

The I.C.O.A.A Conference Denver: Many office manager's from the states and Canada attended this great conference were we shared Idea's in running the offices more efficiently, I found out that PCI is way more advanced than a lot of intergroups throughout the country, I had realized that my training in person and online was a lot more advanced than the regular office manager had endured and was asked to help several other intergroups understand quick books a little more. I'm not a QB expert but what I was taught was a lot more than the regular office manager had known. I was asked to help with inventory issues in QuickBooks from an office a manager in Oklahoma and we agreed to help each other as she new ways to save money with a credit card merchant. What I also heard from these other manager's was they use a lot of outside sources to handle things' such as payments coming in billing, accounts payable and so forth, they hired CPA's and Accountants to really take care of these operations where here we do a lot of this in house. Intergroups also came into an abundance of access of funds and put them to use buying new computer's hiring extra staff for their offices and updating software in the office like quick books, windows, new desk, and increasing their prudent reserve for extended months. All in all,

we have agreed to help each other we have a weekly meeting every Friday on zoom where we will discuss day to day operations. I am blessed to be able to have met such a group that does what I do because they understand more than anybody the challenges, we face in doing this Job.

A member from GSO attended the ICOAA conference and we discussed lowering certain book prices giving us a better discount if we ordered a certain number of books and dropping the shipping cost on all orders opposed to just orders over $500.00

Operations:

a. Day to day operations looking to input a new credit card merchant in PCI that will charge the customer a service fee instead of us this will save us in between $200.00 -$500.00 a month will be working with the Oklahoma City Intergroup to get this done.
b. I would also like to use some of the idea's that were presented at ICOAA conference, having a book of the month were the books that aren't selling quick we put on display as our book of the month and sell it at a discounted price for that month.
c. Lakeshore management has a new property manager that is aware of the problems the consist in our office and seems to be on top of them so hopefully we get the A/C replaced soon and brackets on the building Before winter.
d. General Liability Insurance was secured for the upcoming year as well as coverage for our events the total cost was $1661.00
e. Gratitude Dinner Tickets selling out fast so you will see a up stick in sales for the month.

Attendance:

a. Visitors/Customers: 197
b. Volunteers 9

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D1 INTERGROUP LIAISON REPORT

District 1 Intergroup Liaison Report, Barbara B

One of the most exciting items of the August District 1 business meeting is that D1 will host the July 2023 Area 15 Quarterly at the Tampa Airport Marriott! It takes a full year to organize and execute smoothly an event of this size, and at least twelve committees are already being populated by volunteers: [all titles are preceded by Dist. Quarterly] Chair, Alt Chair, Hotel Liaison, Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Committee, Greeter Committee, Program/Speaker Committee, Banquet Committee, Coffee Committee, Hospitality Committee, Accessibilities Committee, Room Scanners, and Ready Squad. Wow! If you want to participate in an exciting service adventure, please talk with your GSR or contact your D1 Liaison.

Other issues addressed include the Ad Hoc Committee researching feasibility and possible locations for live District 1 meetings in 202d3. The vote on whether to resume live business meetings will occur in the next few months. The new D1 website is getting closer and closer to its actual launch date, and the Carry the Message Day will truly and finally occur on Sept 10th at St. Jerome's Church!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service – Barbara Bondurant, D1IGLiaison

Elections Committee report

Elections Committee September 2022 Monthly Report

Members: Connie Wilhelm Miller, Chair

Barrie P. Blind Pass Group

PCI will be at Carry the message. We will have the clip boards and would like our current chairs or some need volunteers to drum up interest for these positions.

Below is the list of potential incoming officers and chairs for publication of service resume and promoting at meetings. Can each of these individuals send Evan a short resume and can we insert this onto our webpage before our IGR BM in September to announce to all our IGR's????????

1) Tanya T. – willing to stand as PCI Chair
2) Evan S. – Willing to stand as Tech Chair
3) Connie WM – willing to stand as Rules Committee Chair
4) Ray W.– Willing to stand for Vice Chair
5) Bill S – Willing to stand for Unity Chair
6) Volunteer Coordinator: Bob C.
7) Johnny D. - District 1 Web chair will stand for web chair at PCI - service resume on way

8) Virginia M. - Vice Chair for PCI (Former Treasurer of 2015)
9) Marik will stand for Unity
10) Rob V, July F - Picnic Committe Chair/alt Chair
11) Frances M - PCI Finance Committee
12) Lenny K. - Plain and Straight Committe (not the chair!)
13) Ginny L - Willing to stand for Vice Chair
14) Steven - Willing to stand for Where & when chair
15) Barbara B. - Willing to stand as Treasurer
16) TODD R. - Vice Chair for PCI (former Vice Chair in 2018)

So at CTM I was able to recruit quite a few folks for chair positions! I'm working on service resumes, but they may just show up at October meeting!

Elections in October 2022 – Committee will done.

Allen to reach out to District 2 web chair to run our October elections as a third party.

Please find attached spreadsheet for recording our election results.

Elections are by 3rd legacy voting unless they are standing unopposed.

FINANCIALS/TREASURER REPORTS

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Transaction Detail By Account
August 2022

Date	Name	Amount
600 · C.O. Revenue		
601-1 · Contributions		
601A · Group Contributions		
08/04/2022	1-2-1 Group	100.00
08/01/2022	2250 Group	100.00
08/15/2022	4th Dimension Group	75.00
08/18/2022	A New Start	50.00
08/24/2022	AA By The Sea Group	100.00
08/15/2022	After Work Bunch	174.93
08/12/2022	At The End Of The Rain...	392.00
08/25/2022	Batman's Men's Meeting	210.00
08/02/2022	Countryside Group	60.09
08/01/2022	Dunedin Sunset at Wea...	256.97
08/31/2022	Dunedin Sunset at Wea...	321.51
08/11/2022	Experience Strength & ...	9.00
08/15/2022	Keep It Simple Group	141.07
08/23/2022	KOINONIA Group	75.00
08/31/2022	Ladies' Beach Serenity ...	35.00
08/15/2022	Living Sober	250.00
08/01/2022	Lunch Bunch	500.00
08/01/2022	Never Too Late Group	121.12
08/18/2022	New Freedom / New Ha...	38.00
08/19/2022	No More Isolation	200.00
08/17/2022	Peacefully Sober	50.00
08/12/2022	Recovery Road	102.20
08/15/2022	Sat. Morning Women's ...	305.17
08/01/2022	Saturday Morning Men'...	37.00
08/29/2022	Saturday Morning Men'...	43.00
08/01/2022	Seminole Group	171.00
08/22/2022	Seminole Nooners Group	251.00
08/15/2022	Serenity Seekers Group	152.51
08/23/2022	Shore Acres Gratitude	150.00
08/15/2022	Sick and Twisted	40.00

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Transaction Detail By Account
August 2022

Date	Name	Amount
08/11/2022	Sunrise Sunset Group	35.00
08/03/2022	Sunset Beach Group	260.00
08/15/2022	TGIS Women's Meeting	200.00
08/11/2022	Today In Sobriety Group	329.90
08/16/2022	Walsingham Group	32.00
08/29/2022	Walsingham Group	90.00
08/19/2022	Wheel Of Recovery	40.00
Total 601A · Group Contributions		5,498.47
Total 601-1 · Contributions		5,498.47
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue		5,498.47
TOTAL		5,498.47

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2022

	Aug 31, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
101A · Achieva Credit Union	21,168.66
101B · Achieva Savings Account	545.93
101I · Petty Cash	159.02
Total Checking/Savings	21,873.61
Accounts Receivable	
105 · Accounts Receivable	(50.67)
Total Accounts Receivable	(50.67)
Other Current Assets	
102 · Undeposited Funds	1,088.92
104A · Allocated Funds	3,115.50
104B · Event Savings Account	3,024.00
104C · Prudent Reserve	10,232.09
104D · Tax Credit - ERTC	9,971.51
110 · Prepaid Rent and Security	
110A · Prepaid Rent	881.27
110B · Security Deposit	1,566.00
Total 110 · Prepaid Rent and Security	2,447.27
111 · Prepaid Expenses	
111A · Prepaid Anniversary Expenses	1,000.00
111B · Prepaid Gratitude Expenses	400.00
111C · Prepaid Picnic Expenses	53.25
111E · Prepaid Travel	722.37
Total 111 · Prepaid Expenses	2,175.62
120 · Inventory Asset	30,351.24
Total Other Current Assets	62,406.15
Total Current Assets	84,229.09
Fixed Assets	
222 · Equipment & Machinery	6,914.05
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	8,694.24
228 · Leasehold Improvements	1,629.28
233 · Accumulated Depr.Equip&Mach	(15,018.97)
239 · Accum.Amort.Leasehold Improve	(1,245.93)
Total Fixed Assets	972.67

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2022

	Aug 31, 22
Other Assets	
Prior year inventory adjustment	(960.54)
Total Other Assets	(960.54)
TOTAL ASSETS	84,241.22
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	3,260.64
Total Accounts Payable	3,260.64
Other Current Liabilities	
2110 · Direct Deposit Liabilities	76.84
305 · Sales Tax Payable	213.88
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	391.68
351 · Federal W/H Payable	172.00
Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities	563.68
403 · Deferred Gratitude Revenue	3,456.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	4,310.40
Total Current Liabilities	7,571.04
Total Liabilities	7,571.04
Equity	
565 · Fund Balance	59,357.14
Net Income	17,313.04
Total Equity	76,670.18
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	84,241.22

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Profit & Loss
August 2022

	Aug 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
600 · C.O. Revenue	
601-1 · Contributions	
601A · Group Contributions	5,498.47
601B · Unity Meeting	256.65
601C · Intergroup Contributions	10.00
601D · Birthday Plan	20.00
601E · Personal Contributions	131.62
Total 601-1 · Contributions	5,916.74
602-1 · Merchandise	
602A · AAWS Sales	3,236.28
602B · Hazelden Sales	137.74
602C · Grapevine Sales	239.80
603 · Medallion Sales	1,115.81
609 · Anniversary Cards	70.00
614 · Meeting in a Pocket	182.30
617 · Miscellaneous Items	250.34
Total 602-1 · Merchandise	5,232.27
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue	11,149.01
Total Income	11,149.01
Cost of Goods Sold	
700 · Cost of Goods Sold	
720A · AAWS Cost	2,760.36
720B · Hazelden Cost	101.27
720C · Grapevine Cost	167.96
721 · Medallions Cost	587.23
730 · Anniversary Cards	32.25
733 · Meeting in a Pocket	55.92
736 · Miscellaneous Items	128.39
740 · Shipping	31.67
700 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00
Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold	3,865.05
Total COGS	3,865.05
Gross Profit	7,283.96
Expense	
656 · Payroll	
656A · Payroll Expenses - Wages	2,560.00

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Profit & Loss
August 2022

	Aug 22
658 · Direct Deposit Fees	7.00
Total 656 · Payroll	2,567.00
6999 · Uncategorized Expenses	30.02
800 · C.O. Operating Expense	
803 · Bank Charges	
804PP · PayPal Servicing Charge	109.14
Total 803 · Bank Charges	109.14
805 · Internet and Web Site	
805C · Internet Connection	129.98
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	129.98
814 · Software	1.99
815 · Rent	783.33
822 · Printing	
822A · Plain & Straight	145.00
Total 822 · Printing	145.00
825 · Telephone	99.96
826 · Office Expenses	108.78
829 · Travel	505.00
831 · Postage	120.00
837 · Utilities	185.87
838 · Business Insurance	1,661.00
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	231.00
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	48.15
847 · Professional Fees	50.00
849 · Payroll Taxes	
850 · SS and Medicare	195.84
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	0.00
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	195.84
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	4,375.04
880 · Depreciation	97.20
Total Expense	7,069.26
Net Ordinary Income	214.70
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
620 · Other Income	
622 · Interest-Savings	0.13

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc
Profit & Loss
August 2022

	Aug 22
625 · Sales Tax Collection Allowance	8.29
Total 620 · Other Income	8.42
Total Other Income	8.42
Net Other Income	8.42
Net Income	223.12

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 2022

Attendee's: Dan and Connie. Barbara on sick leave. Woodie stepped down. Dan considering stepping into FC position.

The Finance Committee continues to review existing RFF's. Finance Committee reviewed following and recommends as follows:

Where and When – Adobe 179.00

Executive Committee – 3x Adobe for $537.00

Unity RFF – 169.25 for literature to be used for raffle of free book

Finance recommends passing necessary software requirements for all committee work. Finance Committee reminds Steering that group conscious in April, May, and August of last month denotes Unity Meeting as a Pinellas County AA meeting that follows same traditions (2, 4 and 7) that all other PCI AA meetings follow. Hence, Literature is paid for in accordance with 7th tradition; however, Unity should be considered as Tax Free as it is a PCI AA meeting.

Bookkeeping Contract:

Draft bookkeeping contract reviewed by finance committee. Allen to send to Woodie following steering committee meeting to adopt for execution. To date, Woodie serves as bookkeeper for $50 per month without a formal contract or defined duties. Draft contract resolves and standardizes service dates, quick book activities, and necessary payroll activities.

Finance Committee also developed a solicitation for bookkeeping services on the off chance PCI needs to seek new book keeping services.

Several IGR's have asked we streamline the review of the 3 monthly BM financial reports:

1. Finance Committee in April determined 3 reports would be provided monthly
2. Finance Committee in April determined semi-annual budget will be reviewed
3. Finance Committee in April determined quarterly 5 reports will be provided

As the reports are attached in advance, the Finance committee would like to propose to steering what top items should be pointed out for a no more than 5-10 min of financials at BM.

Annual Budget – Finance Committee should bring to Steering in September; however, our treasurer is recovering. We will do best we can.

Yours in service,

Connie WM

PCI Chair

GRATITUDE DINNER REPORT

- **(NONE SUBMITTED)**

HELPLINE/12STEP REPORT

Helpline Performance Aug 2022

- Missed calls consistent with recent levels (44% vs 45% 3-month moving average)
- 55% of missed calls allowed one ring or less
- 96% of calls that rang at least once were either answered, the caller successfully called again, or we attempted to returned the call

PLAIN & STRAIGHT REPORT (DRAFT)

Plain & Straight

Monthly Newsletter of the Pinellas County Intergroup — September 2022

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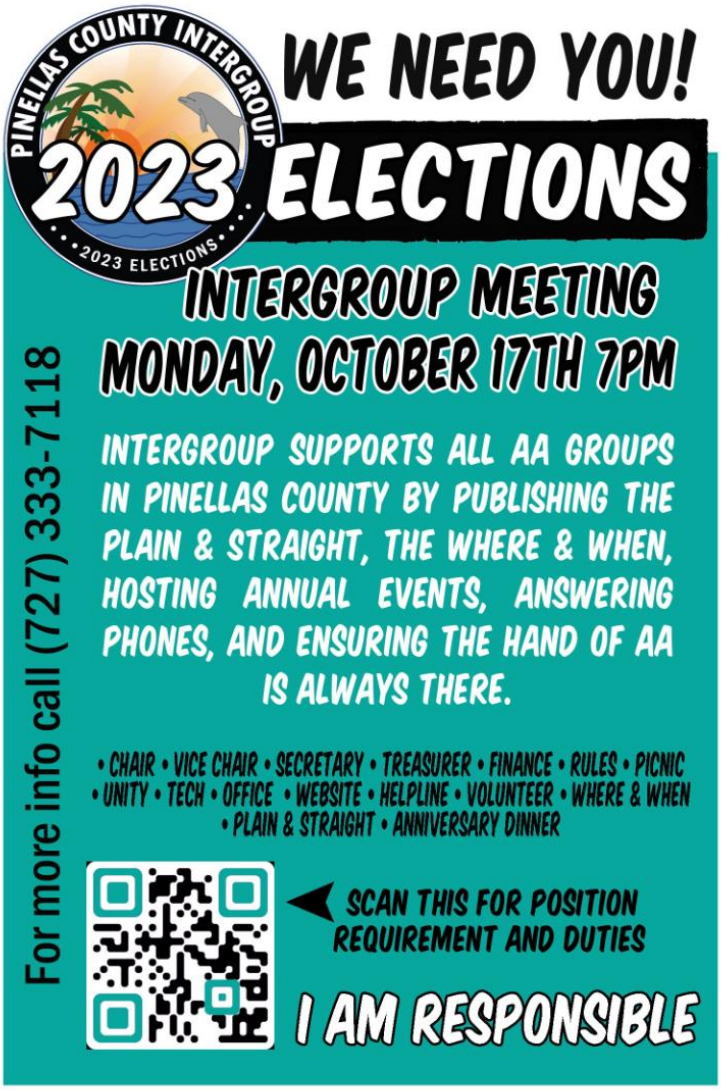

MEETINGS

- **Changed Meetings**

St pete group woman's meeting is now an open meeting

Saturday Evening Men's Group is an indoor meeting

A Work in Progress Group is in person. This information is only for Thursday 10 AM meeting on First Unity campus, 460 46th Ave N in St. Petersburg

St pete group Sunday speaker meeting is now meeting at 7PM instead of 8

- **New Meetings**

The Virtual Easier Softer Way Thursdays at 10am Big Book ID: 878 3883 5719 PSWD: softer

- Canceled Meetings

Into Action Group Campfire Meeting

I sacrifice my opinions and judgements of others and focus on myself. Taking inventory of myself allows me to get right with myself and my higher power. When I am right with myself and with God, I have no need to insert myself between others and their higher power.

ARCHIVES

Dr. Jack

Dr. John L. Norris, known to AA as Dr. Jack, was a medical director at Eastman Kodak. While he did NOT have a problem with alcohol, he had a passion to help those that struggled with an alcohol problem. Bert, a janitor, helped him understand more about recovery. Jack established a program to help alcoholic employees at Kodak. His work to use AA's voluntary services in helping employees has resulted in the recovery of thousands. Starting in the early 1940s, he was introduced to the fellowship by members within the Kodak work family. In the 40's, launching an employee alcoholism program was a bold step. It was popular opinion that excessive drinkers were "people who were drunken bums." Jack said "the idea that the person in trouble with alcohol was sick (except when suffering from a hangover) was a relatively new concept". Few physicians would accept chronic alcoholics as patients for they weren't good patients. They rarely gave accurate medical history (at least about their use of alcohol), they rarely followed instructions or paid their bills. Problem drinkers at Kodak were referred to Dr. Jack but he had few answers to offer. That changed when he met and was "educated" by Bert, a Kodak janitor who Norris had sent to AA. Bert sobered up and he and Norris became a team, working together to help other employees with their drinking problem. Dr Jack said "our success rate was astonishing!".

Bert became the doctor's AA helper-taking him to open meetings, including two at which Bill Wilson spoke. Dr. Jack served as Chairman of the local Chapter of the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism working to promote awareness of alcoholism and the medical treatment of the disease. Eventually, Dr. Jack would serve for 27 years as a Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee of AA's General Service Board. He also was Bill Wilson's close friend and confidante. The John L. Norris Alcoholism Treatment Center is named in his honor. He spoke at Bill Wilson's funeral service and said: "Bill was no saint. He was an alcoholic and a man of stubborn will and purpose. How else could he have lived through the years of frustration, failure, and discouragement while the steps,

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No More Isolation Group meets Sundays at 6:30pm at 1100 8th Ave SW, in Largo. Spoke on 8/7/21. Basket $50.

Mallory SD 3/15/19 "I did what I was told to do, and was able to keep my job, and my relationships are better, and family is proud of me. I am in Grad School now, and I try to help kids who are lost, like I was."

Mike SD 5/17/20 "I found out that this is a 'WE Program" and I started reaching out, and I am doing better, and I just keep meeting great people, reading the Big Book, and doing things to the best of my ability, and it's working."

Walsingham Group meets every night at 7pm on Indian Rocks Road. Spoke on 8/14/21. Basket $49.

Sal "During the last few nights of his drinking in his room, he talked to Jesus, and asked Him for His help. He got pulled over in his sister's car. He only got a ticket. Jesus heard his prayers."

Lisa "From a dysfunctional family, and relocated. She went to Celebrate Recovery, and started doing fellowship. She now has 8 years of sobriety, and her children."

Ken "Got shot in a bar. He got complacent and went back out. Staying sober gets easier when he has sober people around him."

Bryan SD 3/1/19 "Tried the geographic cure. He had a heart attack and was in jail. He learned that God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves, but we have to ask Him for His help. He did his 8th and 9th Steps."

Strange Paradox Group meets online on ZOOM at 12 noon Monday thru Friday. Spoke on 8/21/21. Basket $35. ID: 668064382 PW: 653069

Tony M. SD 4/1/91 "I worked hard to get sober, and did what my sponsor told me to do. I'm happy now to be the chair of the finance committee of Intergroup, happy to be of service."

Saida SD 1/1/93 "The program began working for me, by listening to other people's stories. If you are wondering what happens next, just get to another meeting."

Friday Night Men's Group meets at 7pm at 1733 South Pinellas Ave the Dry Dock in Tarpon Springs. Spoke on 8/28/21. Basket $52.

Lanny SD 8/30/91 "Got sober at 301 Club. Some guys came there with a passion in their heart. When we take one drink, we get physical craving."

Mike SD 12/5/16 "I stay sober by trying to follow the program, and doing service work, and doing the next right thing no matter what."

Larry SD 12/14/07 "Carry the message, give back what was so freely given. Doing service, like chair meetings, sponsorship, and calling around 6 people a day."

Anthony SD 8/20/17 "Ended up in the hospital. Reached out and got a sponsor. Got one some back after one year sober, and now got the other one back."

Brett 9/24/19 "Drinking for 30 years and thought I would live forever. I was living in fear and anxiety."

Next Month's Groups:

9/11 After Work Bunch;

9/18 Saturday Evening Men's Mtg;

9/25 Design For Living;

10/2 TBD

10/9 Log Cabin

10/16 Sisters On A Journey

Sign up your group to host a meeting

https://aapinellas.org/intergroup-unity-meeting-sign-up-sheet/

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Blind Pass Group

Hope is found here

BLIND PASS GROUP's 21st ANNUAL PICNIC

ALL ARE WELCOME! COME JOIN THE

Where: Fort DeSota on Pavilion 2

When: Sunday, September 25th 9:30 – 4:00 pm.

Meeting: Open Meeting with Countdown 1:00 P.M.

Food: BPG will provide drinks, coffee, meat and condiments. A share/pot luck side dish is appreciated

Come join us for fellowship and fun!

Monthly Speaker Meeting

District 1 Literature Committee

Save the Date...

2nd Sunday of Each Month

3 - 4 PM on Zoom!

ID: 858 5692 9391
PSWD: 772563

- OCTOBER 9TH ROBIN K - THE 12 CONCEPTS
- NOVEMBER 13TH PATTY C. SERVICE WORK
- DECEMBER 11TH JOHN F. LOVE & ACCEPTANCE
- JANUARY 8TH 2023 LOU - BEING STOKED ABOUT AA

Blind Pass Group

Hope is found here

49'ers bring 'BACK TO THE 40's' to BLINDPASS

2 Sessions that will take you through the BB 12 steps just like the early days!

COME GET CATAPULATED INTO THE 4TH DIMENSION

Where: 7815 Blind Pass Road, above laundry Mat

When: Saturday Sept 17 & 24; 1:30-4:30 or earlier

Meeting: Open Workshop with 49'rs Rob and Terrance

Food: BPG will provide light snacks drinks, coffee and fellowship. Please feel free to bring your lunch!

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OUR TRADITIONS - NINE

SHORT FORM: "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Organization and Service Aren't Mutually Exclusive

In the beginning, our founders really felt like we didn't need much organization and structure in the Fellowship, and then they went and created a bunch of it. "It is clear that we ought never to name boards to govern us, but it is equally clear that we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us. It is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service." (12×12, Page 174)

One of the best examples of this is if you should ever find yourself needing to reach out to GSO for their ideas on a specific issue that your group, District or Area may be having; you can be relatively sure regardless of what you are asking about will garner a response that generally starts off with something like, "That's a great question. Our shared experience in A.A. is…." and they will offer suggestions of solutions from those that have gone before us to help you with your concern. They cannot tell us what to do, but they can help us.

The organization of our Fellowship is crucial to our being able to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, but that structure is not there to govern, but to serve.

Step-Tradition Parallel

The first nine steps delivered us from the bondage of our past experiences with alcohol. We finally arrived at the place where we could say to ourselves, "I have totally faced my past. And there is nothing left in my past that I'm ashamed of. There's nothing left that hurts anymore. There's nothing left in my past that's painful. There's nothing left in my past I need to forgive or need to be forgiven for. I'm at total oneness and peace with my past." Well, that's a tremendous statement to be able to say. That's an enormous statement for any person to be able to say about their life. And that's what the first nine steps give us. And the ninth tradition assures me that once my ninth step amends have been made, I will be led to that profound place of peace I have always sought in my life: divine order.

The ninth tradition not only contains the secret of divine order but also contains the personal principle that will keep an alcoholic like me in divine order. It is so simple. I give up control. I stop organizing myself. I stop trying to organize God into my limited ideas of order.

How does this ninth tradition relate to the ninth step? My life gets unimpeded flow of divine love in a triangle consisting of you, myself and God. Whenever the divine order of that relationship is disturbed, I can restore order by making the unmade amend that put my life out of order. The ninth step poses the question, "After making amends, how do I stay reconciled with you today?" The ninth tradition answers that question by implying that I remain in the divine order by not organizing you, myself or God and spontaneously being of service to you and God.

(Excerpts from the text above come from the Traditions Study developed by the Unity Insures Recovery Through Service A.A. Group, Los Angeles, CA.

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DISTRICT • AREA • WORLD

- **Accessibilities 3rd Saturday 6 PM**
  Now meeting online: ID: 636 278 2173
  pw: D1Access
  district1accessibilities@gmail.com
- **Archives 3rd Saturday 10 AM**
  2250 Group 3125 5th Ave. N., St. Pete
  districtarchives@gmail.com
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  Online. ID: 578 1170 306 No PW
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the traditions, and the conferences were being hammered out? That he had the self-honesty, the clarity of vision to see the vital necessity for the Third Step. That turning one's life and will over to a Higher Power is essential. I have seen Bill's pride and I have seen his humility. No, Bill was no saint, although many of us wanted to make him into one. Knowing this, he was insistent that legends about him be kept to a minimum – that accurate records be kept so that future generations would know him as a man. He was a very human person — to me an exceptionally human person."

With love and service from Leslie B., the archives liaison to the Plain and Straight. A statement about District 1 Archives Committee: Archives service is more than a custodial activity. It is a means by which we collect, preserve and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our fellowship. Visit our dedicated website at www.district1archives.com to learn more about the Pinellas County Archives Committee.

DISTRICT 1 TRIVIA

Q: Who in AA history made the observation "there is a solution" in his work, which later became the title of Chapter 2 in the Big Book?

Get the answer in next months Plain & Straight

God Could and Would if He Were Sought

A Power Greater Than Ourselves

Douglas W	7

Walsingham

Greg	1
Amy	1

Together We Can

Linda	5
Missy	8

Central Group

Roy F	9
Katie R	14
Elif G	1

Attitude adjustment

Rick D	37

Our Common Problem

Kevin	9

After Work Bunch

Elle H	3
Lou M	3
Melissa B	2
Ashley W	1
Lisa K	1
John F	44
Norm P	26
Hugh B	24
Annette W	16
Debbie S	16
Barnes M	10
Lech O	10
Nicole L	8
Michael W	6

Koala Group

Bill T	5
Chris	36

49ers

Doreen	40
Lauren	8
Rob B	1
Alex	26
Brian	1
Patrick F	12
Mark J	16
Kurt	1
Kim W	5
Anthony	1
Walt	6

Ladies Beach Serenity Group

Raquel	22

Seminole Group

Becky	1
Clayton	18

To the Max

Trent	1

Ozona

Laura F	23
Mark	1
Sheri	26
Jen	1
Adam	12

GOYA

Danielle M	1
Maria S	3
Debra N	5
Andrew M	10
Gene G	31
Danny C	11

Blind Pass

Barrie M.	1
Kevin	2
Liz N.	4
Halle P.	4

Beach Bunch

Angelique	33

Spirit Group

Alyssa W.	3
Beth M.	5
Geoffre G.	3
Laura R.	8
Mike W.	11
Stephanie W.	2
Steve P.	4
Tega C.	4

3rd Tradition

Dottie C.	12
Lorraine M.	48

Koinonia

Pat G	41

Koinonia Group 50 Years!

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THE "WORTH" OF SOBRIETY

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p.160

When I go shopping I look at the prices and if I need what I see, I buy it and pay. Now that I am supposed to be in recovery, I have to straighten out my life. When I go to a meeting, I take a coffee with sugar and milk, sometimes more than one. But at the collection time, I'm either too busy to take money out of my purse, or I do not have enough, but there I am there because I need this meeting. I heard someone suggest dropping the price of a beer into the basket, and I thought, that's too much! I almost never give more than $1. Like many others, I rely on the more generous members to finance the fellowship. I forget that it takes money to rent the meeting room, by the milk, sugar and cups. I will pay, without hesitation, $2 for a cup of coffee at a restaurant after a meeting or a $3 energy drink before the meeting; I always have money for that. So, how much is my sobriety and inner peace worth?

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RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

(NONE SUBMITTED)

UNITY MEETING REPORT

8/6/22-The Friday Nite Speakers Group, book raffled was a 12n12 with 57 attendees donating $63.00.

8/13/22-The Kitchen Table Group, book raffled was a Daily Reflection with 43 attendees donating $66.15.

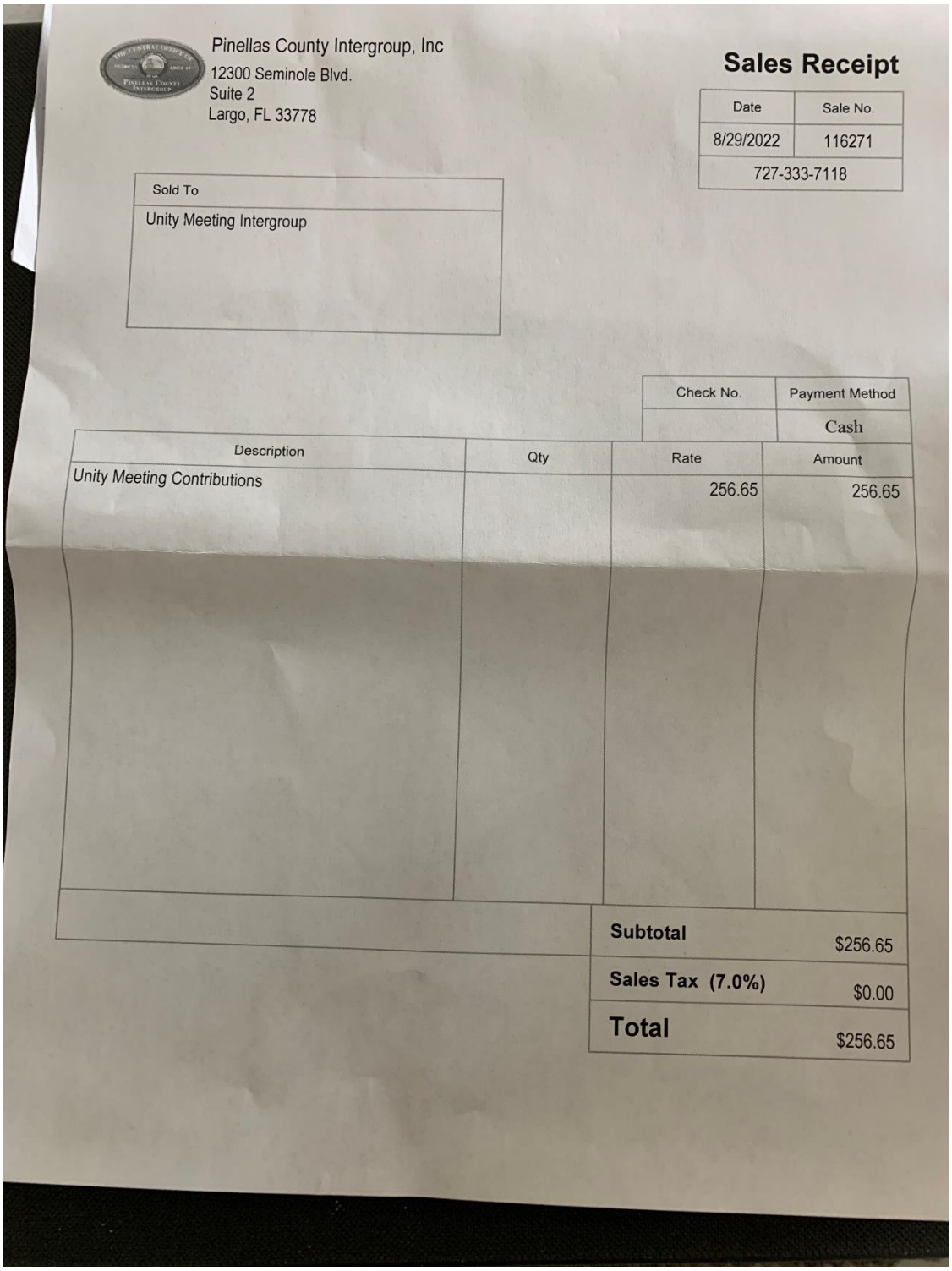
8/20/22- The Design for Living Group, book raffled was a AA Service Manual with 31 attendees donating $45.50.

8/27/22-The Feeling Group, book raffled was a Big Book with 46 attendees donating $43.00.

Total group donations were$217.65 and individual donations of $39.00.

Total attendees for August were 177 men and woman donating $256.65.

Thank you for your service from all of us at the Unity Meeting!



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Subtotal	$256.65
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Total	$256.65

TECH COMMITTEE REPORT

(NONE SUBMITTED)

WEBSITE REPORT

(NONE SUBMITTED)

Where & when committee Report

Pinellas County Intergroup Where and When Committee

Meeting Report 09/07/2022

Email Thread

Allen C
Woodie S
Charlotte H

I spoke with Central Office today and they are down to about 130 Where and When's. Next printing should be in beginning of October or end of September if it looks like will run short.

I will try to get together with Woodie in the Next couple of weeks to learn how to put the W&W together

Here is a list of the W&W Changes I am including Christie in this so she can compare with her list for P&S

Into Action Group Campfire Meeting	Canceled 8/8
Saturday Afternoon Freethinkers	Canceled 8/27
Women's Daily Reflection Online	Canceled 8/8
St Pete Group Woman's Meeting	Corrected to Open
Joy of Living	Permanently deleted from trash
Saturday Evening Men's Group	Corrected to Indoor
The Virtual Easier Softer Way	New Meeting Thursday 10:00 AM online
A Work in Progress	Changed from Hybrid to live meeting only
Come as you are	Meeting now Active Change had already been made

Amazing great	Canceled had already been canceled
	Canceled I did not get an Email for this meeting.
Beginners Basics	I know it did Close and is no longer Active

Any Ideas on Improving the Where and When are always appreciated and thank to all who have notified us of changes to meeting. Please continue to do so. The printed W&W may not be updated until the next printing, but we can update the online version at all times.

Steve S