

INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Officers Present:

Tom H., Chairman
Jim H., Secretary

Nanette P., Vice Chair

Officers Absent:

Treasurer, Open

Steering Committee Members present:

Paul S., Central Office Manager
Melody B., Unity Meeting Chair
Lou G., Anniversary Dinner Chair
Steve C., Helpline Chair

Adele S., Web Site Chair
Angela L., Picnic Chair
Sue A., Acting Plain and Straight Chair

Steering Committee Members absent:

Mike M., Where and When Chair
Gratitude Dinner Chair, Open

IG Liaison to District, Open

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Voting: 39

New: 8 Reps:

Dave, Free Spirits
Sue, Today in Sobriety
Allison, After Work Bunch
Barbara, Blind Pass
Kate, Step Up to the Plate
JC, San Martin
Martha, Primary Purpose
Tammy, Our Common Problem

Kent, Last Call

Non-Voting: 8

New: 2 Alternate Reps:

Kerry, Free Spirits
Eva, Back Porch

Total 47

Reading of previous month's intergroup meeting minutes

Sue, Countryside, made a MOTION to accept the Intergroup Meeting minutes.

Fred, 3rd Tradition, SECONDED the motion

All in favor – the motion PASSED

Chairperson's opening Remarks – Tom H. Chairperson – January 16th, 2009. In 1984 I had lived in Pinellas County for about 25 years, and yet when my first wife decided that I needed to go to AA, it was necessary for me to look in the phone book and call Intergroup (AA) to locate a meeting. Unfortunately I didn't stay in AA, I still had many things to lose and I did, but AA had spoiled my drinking. In January of 1990 I called Intergroup (AA) again. This time not only for a meeting location, but also I found someone who knew about my drinking and how I was feeling. That conversation convinced me to give myself a chance to live sober in AA. This month I celebrate 19 years of continuous sobriety. The reason I am telling you this is so you will know I am qualified to be here, but more importantly why I am so passionate about the need for Intergroup Central Offices.

You have given me a once in a lifetime opportunity to serve as your Intergroup Chairman, and my goal is for Pinellas County Intergroup / Central Office to make certain that we are on par with the best of the nearly 1000 Intergroup / Central Offices serving AA, around the world.

I am "goal oriented" and have several ideas which we will bring forward during the upcoming year, which we can discuss, and possibly implement. Listed below are some of the things I have in mind:

1. Is to continue to conduct our business meetings in a professional, organized and orderly manner making sure that everyone is treated with dignity and respect.
2. To establish a Mission Statement for our Intergroup / Central Office organization. This mission statement to be read at the beginning of each of these Business Meetings:
Draft: "Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc. is a not for profit corporation established by all Pinellas County AA groups to provide information about AA and AA Meetings to Pinellas County residents and visitors. Intergroup's Central Office also maintains an inventory of AA supplies and literature available so that AA groups and members are able to take advantage of volume discount pricing. Intergroup / Central Office is part of AA's service structure and is supported by voluntary contributions, and various fund raising projects."
3. To establish a permanent Facility Maintenance Committee for Central Office. To take care of minor repairs, painting, hurricane preparedness, etc.

Please take the Goals 2 and 3 back to your groups, and come to the next meeting prepared to express your group's conscience on them.

Treasurer's Report – Jim H. Acting Treasurer - January 16th, 2009 Our Treasurer-elect has resigned and according to our by-laws, the Secretary will fill in until a new Treasurer can be elected. Therefore I am submitting this report.

All reports have been created and are attached. We finished 2008 with a small profit of \$222.45. This is about \$8,000.00 less than 2007. The largest single decrease was in Miscellaneous Income which was \$4,500.00 lower than 2007. This line item contains contributions from individuals and could be expected to vary widely. For example, there was a single contribution in 2007 of \$2000.00. We certainly cannot count on high levels of income in this area. Nor, should we be too concerned when the levels fall. The rest of the decrease can be attributed to no longer buying literature for Pasco County and normal variations in donations and sales. We will have to monitor the situation to see if the current economic situation is having an impact. By resolution, we will be distributing \$5241.02 to Area 15, District 1 and GSO. The calculations are as follows:

	Expenses Per Month	Average of Last 12 Months
January 2008	4,792.89	
February 2008	4,723.08	
March 2008	4,176.09	
April 2008	4,174.10	
May 2008	9,251.23	
June 2008	4,317.58	
July 2008	3,269.65	
August 2008	5,180.19	
September 2008	3,273.81	
October 2008	6,976.06	
November 2008	4,402.08	
December 2008	4,737.25	
Total	59,274.01	4,939.50

Checking Account	12,702.01	
Savings Account	12,297.01	
Total Cash on Hand		24,999.02
Less: Accounts Payable		0
Less: One month's expenses		4,939.50
Less: Prudent Reserve (3 * Average Expenses)		14,818.50
Over / (Under)		<u>5,241.02</u>
Available for Distribution		5,241.02
District 1		2,096.41
Area 15		2,096.41
GSO		1,048.20

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2008

	<u>Dec 31,</u> <u>08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Checking Account	12,702.01
104 · Savings Account	<u>12,297.01</u>
Total Checking/Savings	24,999.02
Accounts Receivable	
105 · Accounts Receivable	<u>90.41</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	90.41
Other Current Assets	
102 · Undeposited Funds	-510.36
120 · Inventory Asset	28,296.00
222 · Equipment & Machinery	386.50
228 · Leasehold Improvements	1,245.93
233 · Accumulated Depr.Equip&Mach	-386.50
239 · Accum.Amort.Leasehold Improve	<u>-1,245.93</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>27,785.64</u>
Total Current Assets	52,875.07
Fixed Assets	
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	<u>5,711.25</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>5,711.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>58,586.32</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
305 · Sales Tax Payable	293.81
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	253.92
351 · Federal W/H Payable	392.98
352 · Suta Payable	-1,777.10
353 · Futa Payable	<u>-20.26</u>
Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>-1,150.46</u>

Total Other Current Liabilities	-856.65
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-856.65</u>
Total Liabilities	-856.65
Equity	
560 · Opening Bal Equity	1,123.22
561 · Retained Earnings	26,387.12
565 · Fund Balance	31,710.18
Net Income	<u>222.45</u>
Total Equity	<u>59,442.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>58,586.32</u>

Profit and Loss as of December 31, 2008

	<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>Jan – Dec 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
600 · C.O. Revenue		
601A · Group Contributions	3,923.17	49,548.67
601B · Unity Meeting	284.20	3,094.41
601C · Miscellaneous Contributions	100.00	1,593.67
601D · Birthday Plan	0.00	200.00
602 · AAWS Sales	2,674.24	43,324.52
603 · Medallion Sales	1,213.80	15,619.10
604 · Where & When Sales	60.00	1,477.00
605 · Grapevine Sales	144.80	2,449.45
606 · Anniversary Dinner		
606A · Anniv. Dinner Contrib. & Raffle	0.00	0.00
606B · Anniv. Dinner Income (Tickets)	1,020.00	8,740.00
606C · Anniversary Dinner - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>892.00</u>
Total 606 · Anniversary Dinner	1,020.00	9,632.00
607 · Gratitude Dinner		
607B · Grat. Dinner Income (Tickets)	0.00	4,416.00
607C · Gratitude Dinner - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,589.00</u>
Total 607 · Gratitude Dinner	0.00	6,005.00
608 · Picnic		
608A · Picnic Contributions	0.00	2,381.33
608B · Picnic - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,583.46</u>
Total 608 · Picnic	0.00	4,964.79
609 · Anniversary Cards	120.00	1,217.50
615 · Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2.33</u>
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue	<u>9,540.21</u>	<u>139,128.44</u>
Total Income	9,540.21	139,128.44
Cost of Goods Sold		
700 · Cost of Goods Sold		
720 · AAWS Cost	2,262.30	37,350.02
721 · Medallions Cost	566.57	6,621.55

722 · Where & When Cost	250.36	4,467.08
723 · Grapevine Cost	144.69	2,334.00
724 · Anniversary Dinner	1,426.50	7,108.79
725 · Gratitude Dinner	0.00	2,823.27
726 · Picnic Costs	0.00	2,848.84
730 · Anniversary Cards	150.13	1,172.80
735 · Miscellaneous	-69.61	-178.10
740 · Shipping	25.19	566.50
Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,756.13</u>	<u>65,114.75</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,756.13</u>	<u>65,114.75</u>
Gross Profit	4,784.08	74,013.69
Expense		
656 · Payroll Expenses	2,521.84	31,416.70
800 · C.O. Operating Expense		
801 · Contributions	0.00	20,196.82
803 · Bank Charges	0.00	38.58
805 · Internet and Web Site		
805A · Web Site - PCI	33.80	813.80
805C · Internet Connection	53.99	513.81
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	87.79	1,327.61
807 · Collection Allowance	-14.83	-102.55
808 · Discounts Taken	0.00	-308.10
815 · Rent	898.00	6,589.00
816 · C.O. Improvement Expense	0.00	454.11
822 · Plain & Straight	120.00	1,480.00
824 · Answering Service	65.00	780.00
825 · Telephone	156.36	2,004.78
826 · Office Expenses	124.11	1,932.07
831 · Postage	41.00	223.80
837 · Utilities	49.10	1,173.36
838 · Business Insurance	151.80	2,200.67
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	27.33	308.73
840 · Cash Over/Short	0.00	-3.93
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	84.00	1,147.66
844 · Shipping Expense	0.00	-3.00
846 · Licenses and Fees	0.00	61.25
847 · Professional Fees	200.00	1,300.00
849 · Payroll Taxes		
850 · SS and Medicare	192.92	2,403.38
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	32.83	801.68
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	225.75	3,205.06
800 · C.O. Operating Expense - Other	0.00	13.40
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	<u>2,215.41</u>	<u>44,019.32</u>
890 · Inventory Adjustments	0.00	-1,578.91
Total Expense	<u>4,737.25</u>	<u>73,857.11</u>
Net Ordinary Income	46.83	156.58

Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
620 · Other Income		
621 · Reimbursements	0.00	9.36
622 · Interest-Savings	<u>0.00</u>	<u>56.51</u>
Total 620 · Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65.87</u>
 Total Other Income	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>65.87</u>
 Net Other Income	 <u>0.00</u>	 <u>65.87</u>
 Net Income	 <u><u>46.83</u></u>	 <u><u>222.45</u></u>

Group Contributions as of December 31, 2008

	<u>Dec 08</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
2250 Group	0.00	400.00
3RD Tradition Meeting	0.00	342.00
4th Dimension	0.00	84.40
5th Ave Group	0.00	150.00
A Safe Place	0.00	307.29
AA By The Sea	0.00	218.00
ABC	0.00	25.00
ABES Place	134.44	1,791.42
After Work Bunch	57.51	1,535.36
Alive Again Group	120.00	120.00
All Ages	450.00	950.00
Amazing Grace	0.00	56.75
Archangel Group	0.00	400.00
At The End Of The Rainbow	122.38	1,080.53
Attitude Adjustment	110.00	2,170.00
Back Porch Lunch Bunch	0.00	100.00
BAIGIS	0.00	180.00
Bayou Group	0.00	50.00
Beach Bunch	0.00	375.00
Beacon Group	0.00	50.00
Bill's Bunch	0.00	100.00
Blind Pass Group	0.00	300.00
Center Of Hope	0.00	100.00
Central Group	0.00	128.72
Circle Of Friends	0.00	100.00
Clearwater Central	0.00	250.00
Clearwater Group	30.00	410.00
Common Solution	9.74	82.98
Countryside Group	0.00	200.00
Countryside Men's Group	0.00	300.00
Countryside Women	100.00	195.00
Couples Growing Together	0.00	143.01
Don Vista Group	75.00	75.00
East Lake Group	0.00	699.46
Feelings Group	0.00	156.80
Find Yourself	0.00	525.00

Forty Niners	0.00	300.00
Free Spirits	0.00	765.00
Free To Be Me	50.00	100.00
Getting It Together	0.00	120.00
Go After Your Sobriety	0.00	100.00
GOYA	0.00	500.00
Grow Up Group	0.00	169.93
High Noon Daily	0.00	275.00
Highpoint	0.00	410.00
Holiday Isles Group	0.00	500.00
Hopeful Group	48.81	115.31
Humility Group	286.00	286.00
Indian Rocks Beach	100.00	200.00
Intergroup Meeting	46.00	580.04
Into Action	0.00	50.00
Just For Today	0.00	50.00
Keep It Simple	0.00	641.72
Ladies' Beach Serenity Break	0.00	50.00
Ladies Night	0.00	50.00
Lake Seminole Speakers	0.00	177.00
Last Call Group	0.00	527.00
Living Sober	0.00	172.80
Log Cabin Speakers	0.00	100.00
Love And Tolerance	0.00	25.00
Lunch Bunch	0.00	2,506.56
Maximo Point	0.00	25.00
Mixed Nuts	40.00	40.00
Monday Night Speakers	250.00	725.00
New Freedom/New Happiness	107.00	307.00
Not So Late Nite	0.00	243.61
Oakhurst	0.00	250.00
Off Your Chest	0.00	415.00
Oldsmar Group	590.00	2,243.00
One For The Road	0.00	187.00
Open Door	0.00	500.00
Our Common Problem	100.00	450.00
Ozona Group	0.00	2,703.80
Palm Harbor Group	13.00	1,248.00
Philippe Park	0.00	37.50
Pinellas Beginners Group	80.00	80.00
Primary Purpose	84.18	466.12
Progress Not perfection	0.00	39.75
Rivera Group	0.00	25.00
Saturday Morning Men's Step	0.00	282.79
Saturday Morning Mens Group	135.00	135.00
Saturday Night Group	0.00	700.00
Saturday Steppin' In	0.00	420.00
Seminole Group	120.00	600.00
Serenity Seekers	76.00	1,233.50
Shore Acres Gratitude	0.00	426.43
Snowbirds	0.00	142.00
Sober In Paradise	0.00	955.00
Sober Spirits	0.00	75.16

Spirit Group	0.00	758.54
St Pete Beach Young Peoples Group	0.00	158.40
St Pete Group	0.00	40.00
Step Sisters	0.00	50.00
Step Up To The Plate	0.00	50.00
Steps For Sobriety	0.00	425.00
Stonewall Men's	0.00	69.00
Sunday A.M. Big Book	0.00	160.00
Sunday Brunch	0.00	140.00
Sunrise Sunset	368.00	3,865.00
Sunset Beach	0.00	1,153.84
Sunshine City	100.00	150.00
TGIS Women's Meeting	0.00	313.00
THE GOD STUFF	0.00	737.00
The Kirk	0.00	268.00
The Real Happy Hour	30.11	651.87
Thursday Night Speakers	0.00	50.00
To The Max	0.00	88.40
Today In Sobriety	50.00	550.00
Triangle	0.00	35.00
Tuesday Night Men's	0.00	10.00
Tuesday Night Step	0.00	75.00
Turner Street Evening	0.00	225.00
Unity Meeting	284.20	3,094.41
We Don't Know Yet	40.00	782.80
Weds Nite Men's Step	0.00	25.00
What's Your Motive	0.00	126.22
Women In Step	0.00	60.00
Women Stepping Up	0.00	31.00
Women With Freedom	0.00	360.00
Wonderful Program	0.00	261.86
TOTAL	<u>4,207.37</u>	<u>52,643.08</u>

Jim was asked how much we made on Pasco County sales and he answered that he did not know but would research. Paul's report stated that the items were sold at cost. He was also asked if the contribution decrease would affect operations. Would we have problems with the Picnic, Gratitude Dinner, etc.? The answer was no. These were small differences when looked at in context of the overall amount of money that goes through IG. Also, we contributed excess funds of about \$20,000 last year to District, Area and GSO so small variances would not affect us. Finally, the events are run as self-supporting entities so normal contributions should not affect them.

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT- Paul S. - January 6th, 2009

December Statistics

Calls for Information:	313
12 Step Calls:	4
Calls for Al-Anon:	7
Calls for Other Programs:	7
Other Calls:	40
Hang Ups:	10
Telemarketing:	5
Total Calls:	384
Visitors:	274
On Line Orders:	7

1. Congratulations to our new Executive Board; Tom H. incoming Chair, Nanette P. incoming Vice Chair,

Jim H. incoming Secretary and Loretta S. incoming Treasurer The staff and volunteers at Central Office are looking forward to working with our new Trusted Servants.

2. In preparation for using the upstairs "conference room" by the incoming Steering Committee, I have undertaken to get information regarding the upgrading of our a/c system. Two separate inspections led to the following conclusion; the existing a/c units are beyond repair and need to be replaced. It has been suggested that to avoid problems with the landlord and the Building Dept. that we simply purchase a 9,000-12,000 btu portable unit which will be more than adequate to cool the upstairs room. These units are capable of cooling up to 400 square feet while our room is only 225 square feet. Prices range from \$400.00 to \$1,000.

3. This year world events have had an impact on us here at Pinellas County Intergroup. Our total revenue for 2008, is down from 2007. Contributions and event income from our Picnic and Dinners remained fairly steady. Unfortunately, sales of AAWS and Grapevine literature are down from last year. This may also be in part due to West Pasco Intergroup spinning off on its own. This may actually be better for P.C.I. as we always sold to W.P.I. at cost. Our total volume may be less but our net revenue is up.

4. On a lighter AA works note, we sold three foreign language Big Books: one each in Russian, Polish and Vietnamese.

UNITY MEETING REPORT – Adele S. - JANUARY, 2009

12/6/2008 PRIMARY PURPOSE	69		\$57.00	
12/13/2008 SAN MARTIN	88		\$66.86	
12/20/2008 THANK YOU MEETING	68		\$50.50	
12/27/2008 LUNCH BUNCH	63		\$55.12	
	644	3605	\$229.48	\$3,018.12

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

MELODY B. WAS ELECTED AS UNITY CHAIRMAN AT THE DECEMBER INTERGROUP MEETING AND IS TAKING OVER AS OF JANUARY 1, 2009. I BELIEVE THAT SHE WILL DO A FINE JOB.

BECAUSE THE UNITY MEETING IS A MONEY MAKING ENDEAVOR OF INTER GROUP WE STRESS THE AMOUNT OF THE DONATIONS. IN 2007, THE GROSS DONATIONS WERE OVER \$3,000 AND AGAIN IN 2008. THE ATTENDANCE IN 2008 WAS 100 OVER 2007. I BELIEVE THIS IS REMARKABLE.

AT MELODY'S REQUEST I WILL BE THE ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON AND THE PLAIN AND STRAIGHT REPORTER. WE HAVE FOUND THAT BECAUSE THE CHAIRMAN'S JOB IS SO GREAT THAT IT IS BEST TO KEEP THE FORMER CHAIRMAN ON AS ALTERNATE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. I ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO TELL THE JOKE EACH WEEK.

IN LOVE AND SERVICE – ADELE S

01/24/09	Common Solution
01/31/09	Palm Harbor Group
02/07/09	Our Common Problem
02/14/09	3rd Tradition Group
02/21/09	Don Vista
02/28/09	Clearwater Central
03/07/09	Thursday Night Speakers
03/14/09	----- Available -----
03/21/09	Sunshine City
03/28/09	Hopeful Group
04/04/09	New North
04/11/09	Serenity Seekers

04/18/09	Real Happy Hour
04/25/09	Oldsmar Group
05/02/09	Mixed Nuts Group
05/09/09	----- Available -----
05/16/09	----- Available -----
05/23/09	----- Available -----
05/30/09	----- Available -----
06/06/09	----- Available -----
06/13/09	----- Available -----
06/20/09	----- Available -----

PLAIN AND STRAIGHT REPORT – Susan A. - Date: January 6, 2009

- Submit articles!! Tell us about your Homegroup. Is it a new group that can use some support? Or has your group been around for a long time? Fellow AA’s from around Pinellas County would like to know!
- Suggestions: Circulate the Plain and Straight at your Homegroup! Maybe place them on chairs around the room before the meeting starts. Make an announcement that the “new” Plain and Straight issue is available.
- What do you want to read about? Email me ideas for topics. The Plain and Straight is YOUR monthly newsletter. What types of topics would you like to see in future issues?
- Do you have a “Wow” sobriety story? Or one you’ve heard? Pass it on! Tell me about it or email it to me and I’ll publish in the Plain and Straight.
- Articles should be submitted no later than the last day of the previous month. For example: to submit an article for the February issue of the Plain and Straight, the last day to email the article to me would be January 31st.
- Email articles to plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type “Article submission” in the subject line.
- Anniversary submissions have the same deadline – the last day of the month. Example: the last day to submit January Anniversaries (which will be in the February issue) is January 31st.
- There are 3 ways to submit group members Anniversaries: fill out the *Anniversary Submission Form* and hand it to me before or after the Intergroup meeting, follow the link on the website – www.aapinellas.org – click on *Group Submissions* then click on *Anniversary Information* and follow the directions, or email submissions to me directly at plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type “Anniversary Submissions” in the subject line.

Helpline Report – Stephen C - January, 2009

December Statistics

Pinellas County AA Helpline was staffed during the month by:

- **40** volunteers
- And **2** AA twelve step groups

Call Statistics for December 2008

- **Total Inbound Calls :** **461**
- **Total Inbound Calls** equals the number of inbound messages left by individuals seeking helpline assistance
- when Central Office was closed or their phone lines were engaged (when Central Office’s phone lines are in
- use calls roll over to the answering service). Calls not accounted for are calls to volunteers from the
- answering service.

WHERE & WHEN REPORT – Micheal M - 01/05/2009

- Newest issue is GREEN.
- Don’t throw out old issues

- Activity for last month
 - 2 Group requests
 - 0 Additions
 - 2 Changes
 - 0 Deletion

The best and most efficient way to present additions or changes to the Where and When is to fill out the form on the website.

For changes:

http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting_change_form.asp

For new meeting:

http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting_add_form.asp

It is important to give as COMPLETE INFORMATION about type of, and location of your meeting(s). Your meetings will have a greater chance of success if other people can actually find it!

Please include a contact Name, Phone #, and Email address in case we have questions. If there is no access to a computer please call the Central Office to make the addition/correction. If you have provided an Email address a notification will be sent asking that you check your updated meeting information on the web site. If it is not correct respond back and I will make the necessary changes.

It is important to inform me, or the Central Office if a group stops meeting. We want the Where & When to as accurate as possible. Please convey this at all meetings you attend. Even if the group does not have an Intergroup Representative, they should keep us aware of their meeting status.

A question was raised about old meeting lists and the reps were told that if they would bring back the old ones to Central Office, they would receive a new one for every two old ones.

WEB SITE REPORT – Adele S - JANUARY 6, 2009 - Web site statistics for the month of December, 2009:

Total visits: (The total number of times people have visited the web site.)	13,497
Total page views: (The total number of web site pages that have been viewed.)	82,193
Total hits: (A request to the web server for a file such as a web page, image, etc.)	161,088
Referred from Alcoholics-Anonymous.org:	134
Referred from Area15AA.org	10

Don't forget:

To submit anniversaries, events, and meeting changes, or to sign up for the Unity Meeting, 12-Step List, or Helpline, go to www.aapinellas.org and click on "Group Submissions" in the left-hand navigation. Then click on the form you need.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER – Lou G - January 2009. Well, it's January and we have a little less than one month to go before the really big show. There are still some things to be ironed out. I would like to bring to the body a proposal. I propose that the Intergroup office release the remaining tickets for sale to the I.G. representatives on consignment. Tickets sales are going slow. Some speculate it's the economy, I think it's accessibility. It is my belief that more tickets would get sold at the group level as opposed to having to travel to central office. I have discussed this with some of the committee members and they seem to feel the same way.

I have arranged a meeting with Jen Trinder, the Anniversary Dinner coordinator on Tuesday afternoon, January 20th. We will be doing a walk through to get an idea of where and how to set up the dance floor and greeting area. All my committee chairs will be in attendance. We are still having problems with the liability insurance. I've been informed that our carrier no longer does events. Faye Hughes, our agent, is on the case. I still need a person to do

the sobriety count down and I have to pick up a plaque for the speaker and a gift for him. That's all I can think of right now and if you have any questions I'd be glad to answer them.

A great deal of discussion ensued around the issue of giving the IG reps tickets to sell on consignment. This resulted in the following motion by Sandra, Serenity Seekers and seconded by Lucy, Philippe Park Group: "Give IG reps tickets on consignment until February 6, 2009." The motion passed.

PICNIC REPORT – Angela L - January 2009. The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, *April 26, 2009* at Fort Desoto Park. This is always been a fun event and I am excited to serve as the Picnic Chair for 2009! Volunteers are the core of every event we put on. An event of this size (approximately 2000 people) does not happen by itself. There are many opportunities and ways to get involved.

FOUR MONTHS TO GO !!!

Committee Meeting - We will have our first committee meeting on January 31st at 1pm – 1250 Seminole Blvd in Largo. Everyone is welcome to attend. The more the merrier!! If you have any questions or would like to be involved, I can be reached at (727) 455-6091.

Banner Contest - Showcase your group with our annual Banner Contest! Be creative and design a banner that captures the spirit of your group. This is a great way to get everyone in your group involved and excited about the picnic. I have seen many previous banners hung proudly in group meeting places and used as a landmark for group picnics. Now is the time to make your group shine!!

Camping - Although the actual event takes place on Sunday only, many participants enjoy camping at Fort Desoto for the whole weekend. It's a wonderful time for fellowship and fun! More information about camping can be found by visiting www.pinellascounty.org/parks or by calling the Fort Desoto Campground at (727)582-2267.

2010 Shelter Reservation Fees - There is now a fee for shelter reservations at Ft. Desoto Park. We were grandfathered in this year at no charge, but current reservations are going for \$53.50. If your group reserved a shelter last year for the 2009 picnic, you are also grandfathered in. However, these fees *will* be charged for next year's shelter reservations! Payment is due at the time of the reservation. Reservations may be made in person or on line.

THE EVENT FLYER WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SOON!!

Accept/decline all reports

Sue, Countryside Group, made a MOTION to accept all reports.

Steve, Keep It Simple Group, SECONDED the motion.

All in favor – the motion PASSED.

Old business

- Plain & Straight Chair went unfilled. The election will be held again in January.
 - The position requires 2 years sobriety and 1 year of Intergroup experience in any Intergroup, not just Pinellas County

New business

- Announced Election of Treasurer would be held in February.
 - The position requires 5 years sobriety and 2 years of Intergroup experience in any Intergroup, not just Pinellas County.
- Announced Election of Intergroup Liaison to District would be held in February.
- Announced Election of Gratitude Committee Chair would be held in February
 - These position requires 2 years sobriety and 1 year of Intergroup experience in any Intergroup, not just Pinellas County

Dan, Sober Spirits, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Fred, 3rd Tradition, SECONDED the motion.

All in favor – the motion PASSED.

The meeting closed at 8:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer.