

5. Preliminary plan to put Pinellas County Archives on permanent display at Central Office.
6. Updating "Help Line" volunteer list to make certain we have current information on folks who perform this service work.
7. Very successful Dinner celebrating AA's Anniversary in Pinellas County. The event fell on Valentines, so the Chairperson decided to set up a dance floor and music after dinner. A very enjoyable time was had by all.
8. Our annual AA Picnic is scheduled for Sunday April 26th at Ft. Desoto Park. We anticipate several thousand AA's and their families to attend. We offer a free breakfast at 8:00 am, three meetings in a central shelter, and reduced price soft drinks and water. Many groups participate in our annual "Banner Contest". We pay for this project by raffling baskets donated by groups. Several folks camp out for the weekend at a nearby campground.

Treasurer's Report – Virginia M. All reports have been created and are attached. We had income of \$8,872.70 in March with a Cost of Goods Sold of \$4,541.94 leaving a gross profit of \$4,330.76. We had expenses of \$4,084.53 leaving a net profit of \$246.23. Virginia also explained the calculation for our quarterly distribution which is also attached. Suzanne, Monday Night Speakers Group, asked if there was a budget that could be compared to these numbers being reported. She was told that Pinellas County Intergroup has no budgeting process.

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2009

	Mar 31, 09
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Checking Account	15,092.66
104 · Savings Account	12,300.41
Total Checking/Savings	27,393.07
Accounts Receivable	
105 · Accounts Receivable	30.39
Total Accounts Receivable	30.39
Other Current Assets	
102 · Undeposited Funds	-502.66
120 · Inventory Asset	23,617.31
222 · Equipment & Machinery	386.50
228 · Leasehold Improvements	1,245.93
233 · Accumulated Depr.Equip&Mach	-386.50
239 · Accum.Amort.Leasehold Improve	-1,245.93
Total Other Current Assets	23,114.65
Total Current Assets	50,538.11
Fixed Assets	
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	5,711.25
Total Fixed Assets	5,711.25
TOTAL ASSETS	56,249.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
305 · Sales Tax Payable	397.86
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	184.16
351 · Federal W/H Payable	335.21
352 · Suta Payable	-1,892.87
353 · Futa Payable	-20.26
Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities	-1,393.76
Total Other Current Liabilities	-995.90
Total Current Liabilities	-995.90
Total Liabilities	-995.90
Equity	
560 · Opening Bal Equity	1,123.22
561 · Retained Earnings	26,606.45
565 · Fund Balance	31,710.18

Net Income	-2,194.59
Total Equity	<u>57,245.26</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>56,249.36</u>

Profit and Loss as of March 31, 2009

	<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 09</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
600 · C.O. Revenue		
601A · Group Contributions	2,704.86	10,372.57
601B · Unity Meeting	231.62	741.43
601C · Miscellaneous Contributions	100.00	289.00
601D · Birthday Plan	20.00	20.00
602 · AAWS Sales	3,717.51	11,621.78
603 · Medallion Sales	1,501.41	4,409.46
604 · Where & When Sales	130.40	406.00
605 · Grapevine Sales	209.40	539.55
606 · Anniversary Dinner		
606A · Anniv. Dinner Contrib. & Raffle	0.00	100.00
606B · Anniv. Dinner Income (Tickets)	0.00	5,040.00
606C · Anniversary Dinner - Other	0.00	773.00
Total 606 · Anniversary Dinner	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,913.00</u>
608 · Picnic		
608A · Picnic Contributions	160.00	360.00
Total 608 · Picnic	<u>160.00</u>	<u>360.00</u>
609 · Anniversary Cards	97.50	337.50
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue	<u>8,872.70</u>	<u>35,010.29</u>
Total Income	8,872.70	35,010.29
Cost of Goods Sold		
700 · Cost of Goods Sold		
720 · AAWS Cost	3,178.03	9,704.93
721 · Medallions Cost	671.02	1,905.55
722 · Where & When Cost	317.12	944.55
723 · Grapevine Cost	196.95	536.68
724 · Anniversary Dinner	0.00	4,803.86
730 · Anniversary Cards	134.68	461.11
735 · Miscellaneous	-4.24	-45.90
740 · Shipping	46.16	148.67
700 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2.22	75.33
Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,541.94</u>	<u>18,534.78</u>
Total COGS	<u>4,541.94</u>	<u>18,534.78</u>
Gross Profit	4,330.76	16,475.51
Expense		
656 · Payroll Expenses	2,065.84	7,109.52
800 · C.O. Operating Expense		
801 · Contributions	0.00	5,241.02
805 · Internet and Web Site		
805A · Web Site - PCI	137.50	405.00
805C · Internet Connection	53.99	161.97
805 · Internet and Web Site - Other	0.00	20.00
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	<u>191.49</u>	<u>586.97</u>
807 · Collection Allowance	-10.30	-20.40
815 · Rent	549.00	1,098.00
816 · C.O. Improvement Expense	99.99	99.99
822 · Plain & Straight	149.00	389.00
824 · Answering Service	65.00	195.00
825 · Telephone	311.13	623.21
826 · Office Expenses	128.19	820.87
831 · Postage	43.00	127.00
837 · Utilities	65.16	201.50
838 · Business Insurance	10.50	874.51
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	26.34	79.01
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	132.15	300.15
846 · Licenses and Fees	0.00	61.25
847 · Professional Fees	100.00	300.00
849 · Payroll Taxes		
850 · SS and Medicare	158.04	543.88
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	0.00	41.19
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	<u>158.04</u>	<u>585.07</u>
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	<u>2,018.69</u>	<u>11,562.15</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,084.53</u>	<u>18,671.67</u>

Net Ordinary Income	246.23	-2,196.16
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
620 · Other Income		
622 · Interest-Savings	0.00	1.57
Total 620 · Other Income	0.00	1.57
Total Other Income	0.00	1.57
Net Other Income	0.00	1.57
Net Income	<u>246.23</u>	<u>-2,194.59</u>

Group Contributions as of March 31, 2009

	<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 09</u>
2250 Group	0.00	100.00
3RD Tradition Meeting	0.00	40.00
4th Dimension	0.00	46.40
7 and Up	20.00	20.00
ABES Place	183.94	662.67
Absolute Sobriety	30.00	30.00
After Work Bunch	71.34	317.69
Archangel Group	0.00	150.00
At The End Of The Rainbow	64.27	178.13
Attitude Adjustment	180.00	465.00
Back Porch Lunch Bunch	150.00	286.37
Back to the book	0.00	55.00
Beach Bunch	0.00	350.00
Blind Pass Group	0.00	150.00
Cash Customer	161.37	161.37
Center Of Hope	20.00	20.00
Circle Of Friends	0.00	100.00
Clearwater Group	30.00	90.00
Common Solution	18.90	18.90
Countryside Group	160.00	160.00
Countryside Women	0.00	200.00
Couples Growing Together	0.00	42.80
Daily Reflections	0.00	100.00
Don Vista Group	120.00	120.00
Feelings Group	201.60	201.60
Find Yourself	59.00	264.51
Free Spirits	135.00	270.00
GOYA	0.00	80.00
Grow Up Group	40.00	80.00
High Noon Daily	0.00	122.90
Hopeful Group	36.34	36.34
Intergroup Meeting	37.00	130.84
Into Action	0.00	50.00
Keep It Simple	59.00	138.00
Kirk Group	0.00	133.00
Living Sober	0.00	150.00
Lunch Bunch	0.00	566.38
Maximo Point	30.00	30.00
New North	0.00	37.00
Oldsmar Group	0.00	550.00
Palm Harbor Group	50.00	250.00
Primary Purpose	0.00	34.23
Progress Not perfection	0.00	78.78
Saturday Morning Men's Step	0.00	217.00
Saturday Steppin' In	0.00	180.00
Seminole Group	120.00	120.00
Serenity Seekers	55.00	432.00
Sober In Paradise	100.00	200.00
Sunrise Sunset	350.00	1,077.00
Sunset Beach	0.00	251.00
Surfside Group	0.00	100.00
THE GOD STUFF	0.00	25.00
The Real Happy Hour	64.01	160.75
Thursday Morning Break	10.00	18.82
To The Max	108.09	108.09
Today In Sobriety	0.00	100.00
Triangle	0.00	30.00
Tuesday Night Men's	0.00	25.00
Unity Meeting	231.62	741.43
We Don't Know Yet	40.00	120.00

Women In Step	0.00	20.00
Women With Freedom	0.00	120.00
TOTAL	<u>2,936.48</u>	<u>11,114.00</u>

Distribution Calculations for First Quarter as of March 31, 2009

	<u>Expenses Per Month</u>	<u>Average of Last 12 Months</u>
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	
January 2009	10,384.54	
February 2009	5,452.63	
March 2009	4,084.53	
Total	<u>65,503.65</u>	<u>5,458.64</u>
Checking Account	15,092.66	
Savings Account	12,300.41	
Total Cash on Hand		27,393.07
Less: Accounts Payable		0
Less: One month's expenses		5,458.64
Less: Prudent Reserve (3 * Average Expenses)		<u>16,375.91</u>
Over / (Under)		5,558.52
Available for Distribution		5,558.52
District 1		2,223.41
Area 15		2,223.41
GSO		1,111.70

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT- Paul S.

February Statistics

- Phone Calls Total: 457
- Information: 354
- 12 step: 7
- AI-Anon: 12
- Other programs: 9
- Hangs up: 12
- Other calls: 33
- Referrals back to website: 23
- Wrong number: 14
- Visitors: 270

MAIN POINTS

- **Price increases**
 - a One of our vendors, Jack Csaky, who provides our plastic chips with the circle/triangle has raised his price for these chips. At this time we will not be raising our price on these chips.
 - b As of July first, AAWS will be instituting major "retail" price increases for literature. However, there is no indication as to possible "wholesale" price changes. Additionally, AAWS will continue its volume price discount and free shipping. We will wait until further information becomes available before making any suggestions regarding price changes at Central Office.
 - c Grapevine is also increasing its individual and subscription prices. Because Central Office is not involved with Grapevine Magazine sales, this will not affect us directly.

- **Donation of printer** An anonymous member of our fellowship has graciously donated an HP Model # 610 4/1, printer. As a result Central Office will be saving some money.

UNITY MEETING REPORT – Melody B.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Group Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collections</u>
03/07/09	Thursday Night Speakers	60	\$ 38.00
03/14/09	Off Your Chest Group	62	\$ 56.45
03/21/09	Sunshine City	60	\$ 50.10
03/28/09	Hopeful Group	75	\$ 55.45
		257	\$ 200.00
YTD Total		902	\$ 711.95

Hello everyone,

March was a fun month for the Unity Speakers meeting. The joke telling before the meeting proves us “not a glum lot.”

The Unity meeting is an excellent chance to showcase and promote your home group and an opportunity to involve your members and newcomers to the group in a "special meeting."

It is a chance for members in non-speaker meeting groups to share their "experience, strength and hope" with a new audience.

In addition, it provides supplemental financial support to Central Office (all proceeds from collection go to Intergroup).

The Unity Team is waiting to serve you -- sign up for a meeting TODAY!

It's easy, just go to <http://www.aapinellas.org> and complete the form to sign your home group up to host the Intergroup Unity Meeting for an Available Saturday. Or call Melody at 727-623-1296 or contact her at the Intergroup Meeting.

04/25/09	Oldsmar Group
05/02/09	Mixed Nuts Group
05/09/09	Tuesday Night Step
05/16/09	Keep it Simple Group
05/23/09	Shore Acres Gratitude
05/30/09	After Work Bunch
06/06/09	Back Porch Lunch Bunch
06/13/09	Forty Niners
06/20/09	3rd Tradition Group
06/27/09	TURNER STREET EVENING
07/04/09	Alano
07/11/09	---- Available ----
07/18/09	---- Available ----
07/25/09	REAL HAPPY HOUR

PLAIN AND STRAIGHT REPORT – John S.

1. GRAPHICS

- Graphics and organization of the P&S have been changed a bit to make it easier to read and more consistent as to where things are placed.

2. SUBMIT ARTICLES:

- Tell us about your Home group.
- Do you have a “Wow” sobriety story? Or one you’ve heard? Pass it on!

- **SUBMISSIONS are due** no later than the last day of the previous month. **EXAMPLE:** Articles for the MARCH issue are submitted by FEB 28th.
 - Email articles to plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type "Article submission" in the subject line..

3. CIRCULATION SUGGESTIONS:

- Circulate the Plain and Straight at your Home group!
- Maybe place them on chairs around the room before the meeting starts.
- Make an announcement that the "new" Plain and Straight issue is available.

4. ANNIVERSARYS:

- **SUBMISSIONS are due the last day of the month.** **EXAMPLE:** Feb anniversary submissions are due by Feb 28th.
- **There are 3 ways to submit group members' anniversaries:**
 1. Manually fill out the *Anniversary Submission Form* and hand it to me before or after the Intergroup meeting.
 2. Go to the website: www.aapinellas.org – click "Group Submissions" (on the top left), then click **Anniversary Information** and follow the directions.
 3. **Email** submissions to me directly at plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type "Anniversary Submissions" in the subject line and indicate the month of the anniversaries.

5. MEETING CHANGES and NEW MEETINGS:

- Since we announce new meetings and meeting changes in the P&S, we ask that when submitting meeting changes or new meeting to **PLEASE be clear and accurate.** Indicate whether it's a MEETING CHANGE or a NEW MEETING. To Change or Add a new meeting:
 1. Go to www.aapinellas.org
 2. Click "Group Submissions" (on the top left)
 3. Click "New Meeting Form or "Meeting Change Form"

WHERE & WHEN REPORT – Micheal M (resigned – no report)

HELPLINE REPORT – Stephen C. (not present – no report)

WEB SITE REPORT – Adele S. (resigned – no report)

ANNIVERSARY DINNER – (Open – no report)

PICNIC REPORT – Angela L. - *WE ARE ALMOST THERE!!*

The annual picnic is scheduled for this Sunday, **April 26, 2009** at Fort Desoto Park.

Seed Money The seed money is coming in. Thank you to all who donated. There's still time if your group wants to contribute. Every little bit helps! Just send it to Central Office or bring it to the picnic.

Basket/Raffle Donations Our main source of income from the picnic comes from our Raffle. We have many creative groups who donate prizes. Baskets, gift certificates, etc. are always fun. This is a great way to show your support! Basket donations can be brought directly to the picnic and placed on the table at pavilion #4.

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!!

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 IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. PLEASE MAKE COPIES AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE MEETINGS YOU ATTEND!!

Kathy asked if we could set aside seed money for next year. She was told that we haven't had any problem in raising the money in the past and don't expect it to be a problem this year. Also, the lack of a budgeting process would make it difficult to do a set aside.

Angela also reported that the gates would open at 5:00 AM and anyone wishing to come help at that time would be welcomed. Also, people tend to leave quickly at the end of the day leaving the committee with the entire cleanup job. Additional help at that time would be greatly appreciated.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER – (Open – no report)

IG LIAISON TO DISTRICT – Sue Z. - IG Liaison to District Report--March 14, 2009 meeting

Founders Day--June 14,2009--STACEYS Buffet. Tickets \$13. Speaker is Patty E. from St.Pete. Also Get the Message Out Committee will be there with information about the various programs available in the area.

Tues. Step group will be having a potluck dinner and meeting at the Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church on Mar. 24 at 6:30PM to celebrate the groups 30th anniversary. Ann K. will be the speaker.

Sun. March 29th the 49er's will host a picnic at Lake Seminole Park Shelter 13.

District officers elected:

Treasurer---Eric St Pete YPG

Registrar---Chris, Sub Dist 4

Archives--- Bruce, South County

Special needs committee will hold a workshop in April 11 to explain the program and answer any questions.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AD-HOC COMMITTEE – (John L. not present – written report read)

The following Statement of Purpose was recommended:

Pinellas County Intergroup Statement of Purpose:

The *Pinellas County Intergroup's* Primary Purpose is to assist and support the A.A groups of Pinellas County, and surrounding areas, to carry the message of *Alcoholics Anonymous* to those who suffer from alcoholism. It is responsible to the member groups of the county. The voting body consists of representatives from each group who decide on and implement the decisions concerning A.A. in Pinellas County. It is responsible for the maintenance of Central Office, which provides general information and services, maintains a 24 hour phone line, publishes meeting schedules, and makes available an inventory of approved merchandise and literature for visitors, groups, and the general public. In all of its activities and policies, the *Pinellas County Intergroup* practices and observes the spirit of A.A's Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts of World Service, and promotes unity and fellowship among all the members groups it serves.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE FORMATION AD-HOC COMMITTEE – Kelly Greetings gentleman, I have been perusing several articles and websites regarding how central office maintenance is handled. Most groups around the country use this as an opportunity for 12 step work. Bill W. specifically addressed that these tasks are only contracted out to professionals when it is clear the task at hand is not taking away an opportunity for 12 step work (see A Guiding Principle below).

The following is from the AA Guidelines on Central or Intergroup offices:

The responsibility for the maintenance of the [central] service office rests with the groups. Therefore, each group should name a central office representative to serve a specified term as the connecting link between the group and its central office.

Also:

AA Grapevine/Bill W.

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A Guiding Principle

Yet there is a principle upon which I believe we can honestly solve our dilemma. It is this: A janitor can sweep the floor, a cook can boil the beef, a steward can eject a troublesome drunk, a secretary can manage an office, an editor can get out a newspaper--all, I am sure without professionalizing A.A. If we didn't do these jobs ourselves we would have to hire non-alcoholics to do them for us. We would not ask any nonalcoholic to do these things full time without pay. So why should some of us, who are earning good livings ourselves in the outside world, expect other A.A.s to be full time caretakers, cooks or secretaries? Why should these A.A.s work for nothing at jobs which the rest of us could not or would not attempt ourselves? Or why, for that matter should they be any the less well paid than for similar labor elsewhere? And what difference should it make, if in the course of their duties, they do some 12th Step work besides? Clearly the principle seems to be that we may pay well for special services--but never for straight 12th Step work.

Look forward to hearing your thoughts.

The following recommendations are made as the result of the investigation conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee assigned to look into the feasibility of establishing a "Central Office Maintenance Committee".

1. The proposed new committee should become a "standing committee" of Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc. organized similar to the way the Unity Meeting Committee is organized.
2. The Chairperson would be elected by Intergroup, using similar sobriety requirements, and length of term in office as other standing committees.
3. The scope of the committee would be limited to maintenance items which do not require special licenses or building permits.
4. The committee Chairperson would be allowed to seek volunteer labor and materials from fellow AA members. Donations of materials and/or labor must never violate AA Traditions.

Sincerely, Kelly D.
Intergroup rep/BPLB

After much discussion on the reports, it was agreed that we would print them in the minutes which would be given to the IG reps at the May meeting and they would then be asked to take the information back to their groups. It was also decided that we would try to get them posted on the website so that groups could get an early look at them. They would have a disclaimer that these were preliminary reports for information only and that further action would be taken at a future IG meeting.

Accept/decline all reports

John, Abe's Place, made a MOTION to accept all reports.
Suzanne, Monday Night Speakers, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

Old business

- Gratitude Dinner Chairperson Election - No one stood.
- Anniversary Dinner Chairperson – No one stood.
- Web Site Chairperson - No candidate meeting requirements stated in By-laws stood. Steve, Keep it Simple Group made a motion to waive the Intergroup experience requirement. Dave, Serenity Seekers Group seconded the motion. The motion carried. Laurie C., At The End of The Rainbow Group was then elected.

New business

- Announcement of Election of Where and When Chairperson.

Steve, Keep It Simple Group made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting.
Dave, Serenity Seekers Purpose, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.
The meeting closed at 8:11 PM with the Lord's Prayer.