

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING Jan.31, 2010
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

Sue Ann A.	DCM
Hans N.	Alt. DCM
Pat H.	Secretary
Paula D.	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Al M.	Men's Correction Chair
Lori Beth M.	Alt. Women's Correction Chair
Jackie D.	CPC Chair
Rock P.	Treatment Chair
Greg H.	Literature/PI Chair
Julie P.	Intergroup Liaison
Ann D.	Grapevine Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Rock P.	GSR- Bright Spot Group
Pat H.	GSR- Holder Way of Life Group
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night Group
Greg H.	GSR- Inverness Wednesday Night Group
D' A.	GSR- Keep in Step Group
Al M.	GSR- Last Chance Group
Rafael T.	GSR- Monday Night Men's Step Group
Rick T.	ALT. GSR- Monday Night Men's Group
Julie P.	GSR - Night Cap Group
Bill W.	GSR- No Name Group
Ben R.	GSR- Sober Sand gnat's Group
Paula D.	GSR- Women's Friendship Group
Toni T.	GSR- Women's New Beginnings Group
John C.	GSR- Yulee Beginners Meeting

Visitors:

Lina R.

DCM Sue Ann A., with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity, opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Pat H. - Roll call conducted. Dec. minute's accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report Paula D. Treasurer's report for Dec... accepted.

New GSR's welcomed.

Women's Corrections Report – Charmain I: We started out the year good with January meetings. Scheduled meetings on the 6th and the 20th were both followed through. From talking to the ladies who brought the meeting in, we definitely get participation and interest from the inmates. Once again, though I have application issues. The ones I turned in oh, about 6 or 7 months ago just got returned to me because they needed to be updated. I thought it was kind of funny because if they processed them when I turned them in they wouldn't have to be given back to be updated. Needless to say a little frustrating, especially when it seems as though my approved volunteers has dropped to a very low number.

Sometime in the near future we will be having our yearly training for all jail volunteers. As soon as a date is set I will let everyone know. It is a requirement to be a volunteer in the jail to go to training once a year...

Men's Corrections Report - Al M. The month of January we had only three (3) meetings. One meeting was cancelled by Corrections. They had an administrative problem and Officer Byrne was not available for the meeting. The other 3 meetings went on as scheduled. Attendance at these meetings averaged between 20 and 29. This is excellent. Every week the Inmates have increased their verbal participation. They seem to enjoy coming to our meetings and appreciate us coming there. I called the Cedar Creek Correctional Juvenile Facility and gave them some posters and literature. Spoke briefly with a Human Resource person and explained a little of what we do. Also stated that we would like to bring them a meeting. She seemed to react in a positive manner. I left with the feeling that we might be able to bring them a meeting. Also told them that I would bring them more literature. At the Area meeting in Gainesville, a motion was made to start the formulation of literature for young people who are incarcerated. This is progress toward helping these young people, many whom are first time offenders. We have a wonderful Corrections team in place and this helps to keep our corrections efforts strong. Overall, a very good month for corrections.

Treatment – Rock P... All is well at the Drug Court and T.H.E. The Centers is well stocked with literature.

Intergroup – Julie P There were 7 groups represented. Two new trustees were elected. They are Mel And John W. Rock P. was appointed as the Hotline Chair. The Hotline had 79 calls in January. The February Journal will be out on Feb.5, 2010. See NCI website for complete minutes.

Literature/PI – Greg H. Went to the area assembly. In literature meeting we have a rough draft of the pamphlet "AA along the way", with intergroup hot line numbers, county by county ,for north Florida.

CPC/- Jackie D I actually got a lot done. I learned that Stephanie Kimble of Drug Court/Alternatives Treatment oversees drug court, teen court, mental health court and the Phoenix programs, as they are each on my contact list. She also said her office at the courthouse deals with the public and handing out literature. She asked me to bring posters to teen court and to drug court at park place. I gave the third poster to the Phoenix program at the health department in Lecanto. In regards to working with the Treatment Committee, Citrus Memorial has neither a psyche ward nor a detox ward. Seven Rivers has what is called an 'acute rehab'. They refer out to local centers or the state ward. I finished making contact with the judges at the courthouse, leaving them information on anonymity and closed meetings. The secretary at the public defender's office said that the information I dropped off was circulated to all the attorneys there. Also, I will be speaking to the staff at the state corrections office. This ties me in to the area CPC meeting I attended. There were presentation examples given by Kathy P of districts 7, 8 and by Bambi of district 32. Kathy did a manual presentation, with hard

copies of what she passes out to her CPC/PI contacts. It was very similar to what I do. Then Bambi gave a narrative Power Point presentation which I learned a lot from regarding content. Mary D from CPC at GSO was also in attendance. And, George, our area CPC chairperson, is busy responding to various organizations who've requested presentations at their conferences. Locations will be in Orlando and at Disney, and many hands are needed to support our presence there. Please let I or George know if you are interested in participating. Also discussed was accessing videos on the GSO website for particular videos or for what is called streaming videos for the professional.

Grapevine – Ann. . The Grapevine was invited to the New Year Eve Alkathon. A raffle was held. Four books were given out. Thank You Intergroup. I attended the Area Assembly Grapevine work shop. The chairperson spoke mostly about a GVR in every group and also the subscription sales.

Alternate DCM. I registered at 8 am on Saturday and would share room with Rafael, GSR in District 28. I then attended the Officer/Service Coordinator/DCM meeting at 9 am. This was more a Workshop combined with an orientation for the following agenda.

The Concepts Workshop at 10 am. Confirmed that our district is doing fine at its course but should maybe be more involved in the area process.

11:15 am. Corrections Workshop generally brought forward the standing problems with literature accessibility and distribution. This seems to be a problem that haunts us no matter what area we are looking at.

After lunch break, I attended the Public Information Workshop at 1:30 pm. and faced a chairperson that was frustrated over that the channels of information were hard to find. It is obvious that the access to the right people takes a very dedicated person to be found. A few video tapes and books were handed out to people that specifically thought they were able to successfully distribute these.

The 2:45 Finance Committee Meeting was the most important one of the day since we are a voting member. Most of the time was discussing the Prudent Reserve. It has been suggested that it be lowered as part of solving a financial problem with the large amount of money currently going from Book/Grapevine sales to the general operation cost in New York. As new business, a change in the funding of Corrections Literature and Workshops, ended up in their current budget was going to be brought up in the Sunday business meeting as per Pat H. in her report.

DCM workshop at 4:30 pm. Generally assisted our DCM: s in our local expectations and was very informational. Simple maps were handed out in order to update the current district borders and I updated District 28 to include the Dunnellon Meetings.

Dinner was ended by a Speakers Meeting at 8:30 pm. By Host District 7 and a Grapevine Lottery for a year subscription was held. Together with other sales during the day, 20 winners were given the price as part of Sunday Business Meeting. (My tickets not being one of them)

Business Meeting was held on Sunday from 9 to 12 as so well described by Pat H. in her report. It ended ½ Hr. early to everybody's delight. District 28 had 10 people at the meeting: Alt. DCM Hans, Ruth M., d A., Rafeal, Paula D., Pat H., Al M., Ben R., including 2 visitors. Lina R. and Bev. C.

Chet P. (Delegate) reported that literature sales are up from last year, resulting in a reserve fund of 12 million dollars which equals 9 months of prudent reserve. Over all group contributions are down and literature sales are up.

NEW BUSINESS: (1) Motion to change name of corporation from NFCAA to NFAC, INC. This is to assure anonymity. Since this affects Structures and Guideline, it has to go to the Growth committee, and was "tabled" till the next assembly.



DCM-SUE . I was unable to go to the Area Assembly this month; our Alt.DCM Hans went in my place. I will turn the Assembly report over to him. Thank you Hans.

Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?

Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?

Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?

Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?

Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?

Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?

Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?

Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?

Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?

Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services Should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

• Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that?

Our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and Actions reflect that?

• Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to Participate?

Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup? Meetings?

• Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home Group?

In my area?

• Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?

- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service Will work under all conditions.

OLD BUSINESS: Proposed budget presented and discussed. Motion to accept after much discussion. **MOTION PASSED.** The changes in the budget will be reflected in the Advisory Actions. A motion to change Structures & Guidelines for purpose of changing preparation and presenting proposed budget from Dec .to Nov.was presented. After much discussion, the motion was called for vote. **MOTION FAILED.** Vote was 8 for, 5 against.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON February 28, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE LET THE SECRETARY KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO THE RESOURCE PAGE!!!!

ATTENTION: Make your room reservations for the upcoming Assembly. The dates are April 9, 10, & 11, 2010 at the Paramount Hotel, Gainesville 352-377-4000.

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Make Checks Payable to District 28

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Inverness, Fl. 34452

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Contributions to General Service:
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Nature Coast Intergroup
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Inverness FL 34450

Please see that all contribution checks include: Area Number, District Number, and Group Name & Group Number. *Sample Number from GSO 14-28-654321*

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