

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes (Revised)
January 30, 2011

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Pat H.
Alt DCM - Paula D.
Treasurer - Char S.
Secretary - Steve N.
Men's Correction Chair - Walter R.
Women's Correction Interim Chair - Paige B.
Intergroup Liaison - Beverly H.
Treatment Chair - Rock P.
Literature Chair - Darral M.

Groups Represented at Meeting

Bright Spot - Rock P.
Floral City - Darral M.
Floral City Men's - David N.
Holder Way of Life - Don G.
Inverness Friday Night - Beverly H.
Last Chance - Paige B.
Monday Night Men's - Rafael T.
No Name - Kevin G.
Rainbow - Steve N.
Resentment - Willie A. (Alt)
Won Rebos - Bruce P. (GSR) Lina R (Alt)
Yulee Beginners Meeting - John C.

Welcome by DCM

Pat H. welcomed group and called meeting to order at 6:00 PM
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement
Recognition of New GSR's - None present

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call:
Minutes of December meeting. - Reading of Minutes waived, Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept with clarification that committee chair reimbursement for attending assembly was increased to \$35.

Treasurer's Report

Total income was 234.50, expense was \$89.47 for net income of \$145.03 for month. Beginning balance was \$3,497.15 and ending balance was 3642.210. Groups contributed 210.50 for the month. See details in attached report from Char S. Moved, seconded and passed unanimously to approve report.

Introduction of Officers

Pat H. introduced the District 28 officers for Panel 61

7th Tradition Basket went around

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections - Walter M. reported.

Being a past and present member of the Corrections Committee the last four years, I now have the privilege to serve the district as the Corrections Chairperson. We currently have 12 committee members. Mike W. is waiting for his application to be approved by (CCA). This is the report for the month of January 2011. Wed. 5th (28 Inmates Attended) Wed. 12th Cancelled 1/12 BY Officer Tucker Wed. 19th (18 Inmates Attended) Wed. 26th Cancelled 1/26 BY Officer Tucker. Several books and many Where & When's were taken by the inmates. If any one is interested in becoming a corrections committee member and is able to attend the meetings in the jail then please call me @352-489-2238 or email me @ walter@citruspainting.com. for information

Women's corrections Pat H. reported

Chair Ruth M. is in Life care recovering from a broken bone. One meeting was held at jail in January. More volunteers are needed to become carded jail visitors. Paige B. is acting as interim chair until Ruth's return.

Treatment - Rock P. reported

There is a new half-way house in Inverness for veterans. We have been asked to furnish literature to a half way house in Crystal River. Both will be checked to see that there is a zero tolerance policy for alcohol and drugs and Rock will let us know. Lina R. (Alt Won Rebos) questioned why there was a zero tolerance policy if the literature could help someone. It was explained that half way houses in question were under auspices of The Path which has its own program and discourages AA participation by residents.

CPC/PI - No Chair

Pat H. noted that the position is vacant and asked for a volunteer. We need help at this important position.

Literature - Darral M. said there was no report but he asked if there was any particular AA General Service approved literature needed in the

district. It was suggested we need more of the pamphlet "The AA Member - Medications & Other Drugs."

Grapevine - No chair

NCI Liaison - Beverly H. reported

15 groups were represented at Intergroup meeting. The annual audit turned out well. There was a loss of \$48 on the alcathon. The hot line had 164 calls - 123 AA, 6 Alanon, 9 NA, 4 rides, 17 outside area, and 5 detox. The sales at the store are good. There are nine volunteers and more are needed. The gratitude dinner will be held November 6, 2011 and a chairperson is needed. There will be a chili cook-off on May 8th at 4:00 pm at Ft. Island Beach. Intergroup was asked to participate in some fund raising activities. Darral mentioned that the intergroup store would set up a table for literature, etc. sales at the chili cook-off. Four meeting dates were changed for 2011 due to holidays falling on the last Sunday of the month. April meeting will be April 17. May meeting will be May 22. November meeting will be November 20. December meeting will be December 18.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D. reported

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as your Alt . DCM

Where and When's

Updates

The Intergroup has a stock of Where and When's and they can also be picked up at the District meetings.

The Early Bird meeting that was at 7am at the Masonic Building in Inverness has been cancelled.

Please let me know of any changes in meetings so I can keep the Where & When's updated for the next printing.

Assembly

Room Reservation

Make sure you make your reservation early to be eligible for the block room rate.

If you are the GSR of a group that does not have funds to send its GSR to assembly, please let me know so I can make room arrangements for the April Assembly which will be April 9, 10 & 11.

Name Badges

Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can have a name badge printed for you.

Area Grapevine Workshop

Our Southeast Regional trustee El N. shared on the current state and future of our meeting in print. This information came from the 4 question survey regarding use of the Grapevine was circulated throughout the fellowship. The resulting data from 8,000 responses (67% from Areas and 69% of registered groups) seems to have indicated that:

- 96% of respondents believed the magazine should continue to be published
- while most thought of it as a service tool most used it as a recovery resource
- Those new to sobriety were most enthusiastic about it in its current contents, while those older in sobriety would like it to cover more history issues within the fellowship and links to the conference.
- Younger people want to go digital while older folks prefer a hard copy.

The question then became: how to meet the fellowships desire to continue to publish when the current model is not working?

We now have a new publisher, Ami, who believes digital is the way of the future; with the Grapevine not simply posted on the internet but interactive.

The Grapevine board has historically gone to the General Service Board for money to cover it's deficits. The last General Service Conference did not wish to go into the general fund any longer.

During the next Assembly, we will be discussing: How can we as individuals support the Grapevine? How can our groups support the Grapevine? How can we as a District support the Grapevine? The Grapevine can be utilized as a Recovery Tool, a Service tool and in Group discussions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Also, If any group cannot afford to pay for their GSR to attend then the district will have two rooms, one male and one female, for those GSR's. If this service is needed you must contact Paula before April 2nd so the rooms can be cancelled without cost if not needed.

DCM Report report given by Pat H.

Greetings to all GSRs & Committee Chairs of Panel 61, District 28. Together with each of you I'm expecting an informative as well as "fun" time. One of our goals is to strive to implement rule 62...."Don't take things so seriously".

I want to “thank” all of you who” suited up & showed up” at the Area Assembly earlier this month. The weather was very cool, but we were all treated warmly by the Area Officers. The hotel was first class accommodations. There were 218 voting members at the Sunday morning business meeting. Seven of the nine, from District 28, were among those present.

My goals for the next 2 years are to create an agenda for district 28, get participation, and have you actually enjoy coming to the meetings. Together we can “carry the message” to both those in need as well as the community at large.

(see concepts and traditions from Pat H. at end of secretaries report)

Old Business - No old business

New Business

Willie from the Resentment Group said a **Chili Cook-off** will be held May 8th and invited the District to participate heavily including having all group GSR's attend. He said the contestants will be from all over the United States and we can all exhibit the Unity of District 28 AA by both intergroup and district participating and helping out. The competition is open to any individual, member or group from A.A.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to move four district meeting dates in 2011 to avoid conflict with holidays. **April meeting will be April 17. May meeting will be May 22. November meeting will be November 20.** December meeting will be December 18. All meetings will start at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made seconded and passed with one dissent to continue to pay for one subscription for a year's issues of the Grapevine to be used at the DCM's, discretion.

Minority Opinion - I thought we were trying to save money.

Group conscience was to continue to support Grapevine with this subscription.

Announcements

The donation address will be changed from the past treasurer's address to the District's P.O. Box. The secretary will change the donation forms.

The new donation address for groups to contribute to District will be:

District 28

**P.O. Box 640914
Beverly Hills, FL 34464**

Rock P. asked why the Dunnellon groups were members of District 28, but also listed in the Ocala Where and When. It was explained that the Dunnellon groups due to proximity to Citrus all obtained group conscience to change to District 28 and all were accepted and also approved at Area. As some Dunnellon residents on HWY 40 and HWY 200 are closer to Ocala groups the District 17 Where and When carries the Dunnellon meetings as a courtesy.

The treasurer now has instant electronic access via the Internet to the District account.

Concepts/ Tradition

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?

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to close the meeting.

Closing---Lord's Prayer

The next meeting will be on February 27, 2011

Humbly submitted,
Steve N.

Attachments: Updated District Resource Page (Please contact Steve Northsea for Changes), Treasurer's report, Contribution Form

Contribution Form

**Contributions to District 28
Make Checks Payable to District 28**

**Contributions to Area 14:
Make checks payable to NFAC**

**Contributions to General Service
Make checks payable to General Service
Board**

**Contributions to Intergroup
Make checks payable to Nature Coast
Intergroup**

**District 28
P.O. Box 640914
Beverly Hills, FL 34464**

**NFAC
Attn: Bob C.
5322 Coppedge Ave
Jacksonville, FL. 32277**

**General Service Board
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station, NY
10164-0371**

**Nature Coast Intergroup
111 Main St. - Suite 305
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***

**Attention:
Please remove District 28 Resource Page from Minutes
and Financial Report before posting at your meeting
place. Thank you.**