

***DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 27, 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 Chair - Ruth M.
Intergroup Liaison - Beverly H.
Treatment Chair -
Literature Chair - Darral M.

Members in Attendance

Attitude Adjustment Group - Ernie P., GSR
Big Book 164 Study Group - John W., GSR
Floral City Group - David N., GSR
Floral City Men's Group - Darral M., GSR
High Noon Group - Paul B., GSR
Holder Way of Life Group - Don G., GSR
Inverness Friday Night Group - Beverly H., GSR
Keep in Step Group - d'Adjoa N., GSR and Ruth M., Alt GSR
Last Chance Group - Paige B., GSR and Connie D., Alt GSR
Monday Night Men's Step Group - Rafael T., GSR
Rainbow Group - Steve N., GSR
Woman's Friendship Group - Brenda R., GSR and RoseAnn N.,
Alt GSR
Won Rebos Group - Bruce P., GSR and Lina R., Alt GSR

Guests in Attendance

Holder Way of Life - Martha G.
Dunnellon - John L.
District 13 DCM - Lori P. and
District 13 GSR - Claudia H

Welcome by DCM

Pat H. welcomed group and called meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
She announced business meeting would be short as Alt. Delegate
from Area 14 (Marilyn B.) will be presenting the Agenda items for
the conference in N.Y.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Recognition of New GSR's - No new GSR's

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call

Minutes of February meeting. - Moved to accept, seconded and approved

Treasurer's Report

See Attached - Moved to accept, seconded and approved

7th Tradition Basket

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections –

District 28

March 26, 2011

Men's Corrections Committee Report

We currently now have 13 committee members. Two others are waiting for their applications to be approved by (CCA). This is the report for the month of March 2011. Wed. 2nd (26 Inmates Attended) Wed. 9th 20 Inmates Attended) Wed. 16th (14 Inmates Attended) Wed. 23rd (Cancelled by the CCA) Wed. 30th Awaiting approval. Two books, Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of March. 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.

Sincerely, Walter R.

Men's Corrections Committee Chairperson

Women's corrections Paige B. for Ruth Moheit

WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2011

Two meetings were scheduled for the month of March. The first, a speaker meeting, was facilitated as planned and very, very well attended. The second meeting was canceled as a result of a last minute change in availability.

One new volunteer application was received this month and turned in to Officer Tucker for processing making a total of two new volunteer applications, “in the works.”

Copies of the newly formatted applications are available for any woman interested in carrying the message in this way.

A long-term, Spanish speaking, female inmate requested a copy of the *12 & 12* in Spanish. A copy of the *12 & 12* in Spanish and the *Big Book* in Spanish are on order. A copy of *Living Sober* in Spanish and A copy of *Came To Believe* in Spanish were purchased and will be delivered to the jail this week. The jail is otherwise, very well stocked with pamphlets in both English and Spanish and books in English.

Two meetings are planned for the month of April, one on the 6th and one on the 20th. Hopefully, we will have news of newly approved volunteers.

Treatment –

CPC/PI -

Literature –

Grapevine –

NCI Liaison – Beverly H. (Highlights of Minutes sent to Secretary)

The following groups present:- Attitude Adjustment Group, Big Book 164, Brightspot Group, Crystal River Group, Dunnellon Group, Floral City Group, Floral City Mens, High Noon Group, Holder Way Of Life, Inverness Friday Night, Womens Friendship Group, Womens New Beginnings.

Webmaster Ron B. sent an e-mail to say that he had added a new link to the website for Florida District 5 of Alanon/Alateen meetings. This covers Citrus, Hernando, Sumter, and Pasco Counties. The link can be found on recovery links. He also says we need a new webmaster.

Hotline:- Kurt W. reported a total of 86 calls and 3 for Alanon.

April 17th and May22nd are the new dates for intergroup meetings

Darral M said that we have sufficient personnel for the May 8th chili cook off.

He said profits from funnel cakes etc will be put into a discretionary fund. He asked that the groups submit chilis for the cook off.

Willye is still the proposed chair for the gratitude dinner if he is sufficiently recovered from his illness. John L. said that he would pick up the commitment if Willye is not available.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

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

Where and When's

Updates

Please let me know of any changes in meetings so I can keep the Where & When's updated for the next printing. The most current version of the Where and When is posted on the NCI website.

Area Assembly

Room Reservation

I will be cancelling the GSR room reservation on Friday, April 1st, unless I hear from you that you are needing one of the District rooms.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Paula Delong

DCM Report - Pat H.

I attended the workshop on the Conference Agenda Items in Gainesville, Fl. On Saturday March 26, 2011. There were approximately 35-40 GSR's & DCM's present. The workshop lasted for 3 hours and was presented by the Area Delegate, Alt. Delegate and various committee chairs.

It was a most informative session, and covered a variety of topics, ranging from the Policy/Admission Committee, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, and PI. formats.

These are the items to be discussed in St. Augustine at the Saturday workshops on April 9, 2011. If you are going to Area it is advised that you select the committee that you are most interested in, and attend that workshop. Your input into that workshop will be what our Delegate; Cecelia R. will be taking to New York the first week in May. It is true that the Agenda items are already decided, but how she votes is up to you.

If you are interested in literature, you might want to have a vote on the issue re: adding the Preamble to the front of the Big Book. How about developing a publication about the General Service office? These are just two of the literature topics to be discussed that Saturday.

The Finance Committee will be discussing changing the pamphlet on the group's contributions to AA Service Entities. Should the pie chart be changed? Should we include the Grapevine in our contributions in addition to buying Grapevine subscriptions? Go to Grapevine workshop to talk about this.

All the committees will have interesting and informative issues to work on. Pick your favorite, and GO to the meeting!!!

The Area Treasurer, Bob C. reminded us to be sure and tell our groups to please include their group ID# on all donations to Area and GSO.

There are duplications of group names in North Fl., and if the # is included, your group will be credited correctly.

Hope to see you all at the Area Conference in St. Augustine the weekend of April 8-10, 2011.

Old Business

None

New Business

Alt. Delegate from Area 14 (Marilyn B.) presented Agenda items liable to make a floor vote for the 61st General Service Conference in N.Y.

The following information was presented on various proposals:

1. Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference agenda items. - The current deadline is in January. The GSO does not meet in November and December so the deadline would be pressed back to October. The upside is more time to work on items. The downside is last minute thoughts and ideas like the poster for high schools would have to wait a year for consideration.

2. Consider the comprehensive plan and estimated cost from the Conference Inventory Planning Committee for the General Service Conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself. - The GSC has never done an inventory of itself. The problem is that it would cost \$70000 to \$90000. Under those circumstances are the current evaluation sheets done each meeting enough.

3. Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that "the trustees' Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous."

The basic question that has come up is "can atheists and agnostics be spiritual?"

4. Consider revisions to "Understanding Anonymity" which include text on the topic of anonymity in the digital age and answers the question "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the A.A. members they may meet?"

An example would be what should be in an obituary of a member of A.A. Rather than say the deceased was affiliated with AA, say he was a friend of Bill W. That way AA members would know and be able to attend the funeral, but others would not know the deceased was an alcoholic.

5. Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" forwarded from the trustees' Finance Committee.

This is the pamphlet that contains the formula for dividing and sending funds which is a suggested formula but is treated by some as strict rule. Consider alternate contribution distribution percentages.

6. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition

7. A.A. Grapevine, Inc., be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.

Is electronic distribution going to replace paper products? Older AA's will not like that. The Big Book and 12 & 12 on the other hand are already being distributed electronically.

8. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.

Grapevine is losing money and is being funded from GSO. It needs to be self supporting in order to continue. This is one suggestion for funding.

9. Discuss report on the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Convention unlike others in past actually made money (\$400,000). The next international convention will be 2015 in Atlanta. Look at report and adopt policies that ensure no loss of money.

Announcements

55th Florida State Convention will be July 20 - 24, 2011 at Doubletree Hotel/ Universal. Orlando

Concepts/ Tradition

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

- In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- Do I let language, religion (or lack of it); race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic

arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. — the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”?

Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?

Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

Closing---Lord’s Prayer

Submitted in Service,
Steve N.
Secretary District 28