

*DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 17, 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.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and visitors present at meeting

Attitude Adjustment - Ernie P., GSR
Crystal River - Kurt W., Alt GSR
High Noon - Paul B., GSR
Holder Way of Life - Don G., GSR; Ann D. and Martha G., Visitors
Inverness Friday Night - Beverly H., GSR
Keep in Step - Dee N., GSR and Ruth M., Alt GSR
Last Chance - Paige B., GSR
No Name - Kevin G., GSR
Rainbow - Steve N., GSR
Woman's Friendship - Brenda R., GSR and RoseAnn N., Alt GSR
Won Rebos - Lina R., Alt GSR

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

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call
Minutes of March meeting. - Moved to accept, seconded, passed

Treasurer's Report -

See Attached - Moved to accept, seconded, passed

7th Tradition Basket was passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

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 April 2011. Wed. 6th (32 Inmates Attended) Wed. 13th (30 Inmates Attended). The other 2 meetings for the month are waiting to occur. We have committee members fully scheduled for both. One book, Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of April so far. 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 - Ruth M. had no report and deferred to Paige B. Paige said three committee members have been approved for visitation and meetings are scheduled on first and third Wednesdays.

Treatment – No chair/no report

CPC/PI - No chair/no report

Literature – Not present/no report

Grapevine – No chair/no report. Pat H. is discussing the chair position with a person who may be willing to volunteer

DCM Pat H. requested people to step up and volunteer for the empty positions

NCI Liaison – Beverly H. reported 10 groups represented at intergroup. They are ready to participate in the Chili cook off May 8th with proceeds from funnel cake booth to go to the discretionary fund. 52 people called the hotline. They are exploring changing the phone book white page listing from Nature Coast Intergroup to AA - Nature Coast Intergroup. John L. is chair of gratitude dinner and is hoping to get Sandi B. to be the speaker. A motion was made to take the issue of Faithful Fivers, which was previously tabled, back to the groups. The motion was passed. Faithful Fivers would be a list of individual AA members willing to contribute \$5 per month to Intergroup to help with expenses. It would be an individual commitment and not a group commitment.

Alt DCM Report

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

Where and Whens

Updates

We have new Where and Whens. As always, the most current version of the Where and When is posted on the NCI website.

Area Assembly

I attended the April Area Assembly with our District. It was a wonderful experience being a part of reviewing and providing input into the Conference Agenda Items that our Delegate will be taking with her to New York. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the Area!

Room Reservations

The cut off time to be eligible for the block room rate is 30 days before the assembly. You can make reservations for the rest of the year and for January 2012. The dates for the upcoming Assemblies are July 9-10th and Oct 15-16th, 2011.

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 .

Name Badges

Please let me know if you need a new name badge for the assembly. They are reusable!

Thank you for allowing me to serve

DCM Report

I had a very busy and informative weekend in St. Augustine last weekend. I want to thank Steve N. D'A, Don G, Paula D, Lina R, Brenda, Paige B. Lori M and Rafael T. for attending the Sunday morning business meeting. We got a lot of business taken care of, in a relatively short time. (This is always a good thing!!) I'm sorry to say I don't know if others of you were there on Saturday, but if you were, "thank you" for your service also.

Our delegate Cecilia R. reported she would be arriving in New York for the conference a day early in order to visit and research the GSO Archives for history pertaining to North Florida AA.

There were 342 people in attendance at this weekend assembly. 207 voting members were there for the Sunday morning business meeting. We also had 60 visitors. Please advise your groups that all AA's are welcome at the assembly, and encourage them to participate in this function.

Remember that the 55th State Convention is in Orlando July 20-24th. Register as early as possible. The registration is at the stage now when money is short, and we need to get funding increased to allow for planning out of state speakers expenses. FCYPAA will be Sept. 23-25. Both these have registration forms available from the Intergroup office, as well as on line.

The time line for sending Military personnel stories to the Grapevine has been extended to July 15, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS: AREA ASSEMBLY

- PI Committee budget increased by \$800.00 (1xonly in 2011) to purchase a professional AA display to be in the property of the Area for officers & coordinators to be used at workshops, conventions, etc MOTION PASSED
- Motion to give the treasurer discretionary authority to issue payments of up to \$500.00 per incident, when emergency occurs .MOTION PASSED

- Increase mileage rate of officers & coordinators, when attending assemblies from .35 cents to .40 cents. MOTION PASSED
- Boundary lines of Districts 12-15 & 25 changed by Panel 59 to be honored by this panel. MOTION PASSED

FYI:

- Please include group # on all contribution checks to Area & GSO.
- You can now make contributions to GSO on the internet. Go to aa.org and follow link provided. Includes checking acct. contributions.
- Want to read the Service Manual painlessly? Try digesting 3 chapters at a time instead of the whole thing at once.

As some of you may already know, next month will be my last month for the next 3 months. Robert & I will be going to Vermont to volunteer at The Wilson House (birthplace of Bill W.) for June, July & August. I will be leaving you in the capable hands of Paula D. I also promise to let you know what's going on at the Wilson House. Whether you're interested or not.

I also want to thank Lina R. for her service to District 28. She will be going back to Indiana the middle of May. Lina, we will miss you and look forward to your return in November.

See ya'll next month.....same time.....same place.

YIS Pat H

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Announcements

Next month's meeting is May 22nd at 6:00 pm

Paula D. asked the group to consider combining with District 13 and going to Brooksville to head the delegate's report.

Paula D. asked the group think about workshops that District could put on. Suggestions from the floor included Ruth M. saying we could hold workshops on CPC/PI to explain what that committee does and maybe find a chair that way. Paige B. suggested a Home Group Workshop emphasizing how to become part of the service structure and understanding it is not political, but about saving lives.

Dee N. suggested a topic on how to get home group members into service.

Other suggestions included What does a GSR do.

Brenda R. asked what CPI/PI chair does and a discussion ensued.

Pat H. discussed the Concept 3 right of decision and concluded with a message to groups with no GSR or no GSR attending Area Conference that she was then tasked to make the decision for them. She also represents those groups at the district meeting and suggested that if any group was unhappy about what was happening at district, that they come to the district meeting.

Concepts/ Tradition

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?

Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups?

Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?

Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?

Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?

Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths-his lengths, not mine-to stay sober?

Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Concept IV:

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?

What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?

Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

Closing - Motion to close, seconded passed unanimously

Lord's Prayer