

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 22, 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
*CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Sandy H., GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Sherry D., Visitor
*FLORAL CITY GROUP - David N., GSR
*FLORAL CITY MEN'S GROUP - Darral M., GSR
*HIGH NOON GROUP - Paul B., GSR
*HOLDER WAY OF LIFE - Don G., GSR
*INVERNESS FRIDAY NIGHT - Beverly H. ,GSR
*KEEP IN STEP GROUP - D' Adjoa., GSR
KEEP IN STEP GROUP - Ruth M., Alt GSR
*LAST CHANCE GROUP - Paige B., GSR
*MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP - Rafael T., GSR
*NO NAME GROUP - Kevin G., GSR
*RESENTMENT GROUP - Willye M., GSR
RESENTMENT GROUP - Richard L. Guest
*RAINBOW GROUP - Steven N., GSR
*WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Brenda R., GSR
*YULEE BEGINNERS MEETING - John C., GSR
Ann D., Visitor

* voting representative

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 - No new GSR's

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call (see attendance above)

Minutes of April meeting. - Amended the women's corrections report to indicate three applicants had not yet been approved. Moved, seconded accepted as amended

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

See Attached - Moved seconded, accepted

Please note - The address to send group contributions to is the District Post Office Box: PO Box 640914 Beverly Hills, Fl. 34464 and NOT the Laurel St. address in Inverness.

Also Char's phone number 613-2792.

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Presented by Rafael T., Alt Chair.

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 May 2011. Wed. 4th (18 Inmates Attended) Wed. 11th (CCA Cancelled – Quarterly Guard Meeting) Wed. 18th (CCA Cancelled – Quarterly Guard Meeting). For the month of June 2011, Raphael T. will be the Corrections Committee Chairman. Two books, Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of April so far. If anyone 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 - Ruth M.

No approval has been received to date for the applications received in the past two months. Two of those had to be redone because they were submitted in "old" forms. I asked Mr. Tucker to try and push these approvals through and was told you can't push the approval. At the present only four are approved and badged to bring the meetings to the women's facility and one is unable to serve until August. This makes it very difficult to schedule meetings.

The meeting scheduled for May 18th was cancelled due to the room being used for other purposes.

Treatment – Pat H.

I visited the Centers in Lecanto and left Where & When's as they had asked for earlier this month. I also refilled their literature rack. I offered to bring a meeting into them; however they declined at this time, but did say they would keep this in

mind for a future date. Information was given on how to get in touch with the District to arrange an AA meeting.

I have tried, without success, to get in touch with T.H.E. If anyone knows where they are located and how to reach them please let Paula D. know. (It was noted this facility is now Baycare in Hernando County, not Citrus County any more.)

Yours in service Pat H.

CPC/PI - Chair needed

Literature – Darral M.

Thanked those who give literature a heads up on a timely basis so orders can be ready. Let them know ahead what you need.

Grapevine – No Rep

NCI Liaison – Beverly H.

15 groups represented at meeting.

WEBMASTER:- Darral M reported that Martin from Floral City Men's Group is making great progress working with Ron, John L and Steve N on the website and that things look generally well for the future.

HOTLINE:- Kurt W reported a total of 96 calls to the hotline as follows:- 66 for AA, 9 for NA, 4 for Detox, 6 for Alanon and 11 for AA outside of the county.

GRATITUDE DINNER - John L will be the chairman for the gratitude dinner and he has already secured Sandy B as the speaker. Darral M. will be the MC.

A motion was passed that we ask the groups to decide if they would like to provide the entrees for the gratitude dinner and allow individuals to bring the side dishes.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

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

Where and When's

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

Room Reservations

The cut off time to be eligible for the block room rate is 30 days before each 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 a 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! (Don G has volunteered to make the nametags.

Delegate Conference Report

District 13 has invited District 28 to join them in having our Delegate give the Conference Report at their August 13th Unity Meeting.

This is held once a month on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Doors open at 6:30 pm. It is at the Lutheran church on Hwy 19 just before you get to the Hwy 50 intersection. It is toward the north end of our District so hopefully a little more convenient for the folks from Citrus to join us. I will let you know as soon as I hear that this is confirmed. We will also get a flyer up to you so that you can pass out at your District meeting. Hope this works for everyone in Citrus

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - Pat H.

I attended the Chili Cook off on Sunday May 8, 2011. This was sponsored by the Resentment Group and the Attitude Adjustment group. It was really a lot of fun and VERY well organized. The entertainment was great, as was the five chili entries we got to "taste test". The Intergroup was there selling Funnel Cakes, and appeared to be kept busy with orders the entire time I was there. There were awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plus a very nice trophy for 1st place. Unfortunately the trophy has gone "out of state" as it was won by a group from Seattle Washington. They reluctantly agreed to return next year, with the trophy, for a rematch. I visited the Centers in Lecanto. That report is written up under the Treatment Committee.

I have updated our groups in District 28 as they will appear in the Western AA directory, per request of the Area Registrar.

I will be departing in the morning for Vermont. The next 3 months will be very busy for me with the numerous activities taking place at the Wilson House. I promise to keep you informed of what I have done. Trust me I will not be "vacationing".

I will miss you all, but am leaving you in very good hands. Please assist Paula as she fills in for me.

Yours in service Pat H.

Old Business

Ideas for workshops were discussed. Willye M. suggested the principals behind the steps. D'A. Suggested service in the home group with emphasis on how to get members to do service. Wiilye M pointed out that service was the step 12 principle and we could work right from principles to service. Darral M. said sell, sell, sell service in the workshop. Ann D. mentioned that sponsors should be at workshop with sponsees to push service. Beverly H. pointed out that the triangle; recovery, unity, service covered all these topics and that should be our emphasis. It was moved seconded and passed to refer this topic of service to the groups and request confirmation that it would make a good workshop. Ask groups for feedback.

Ruth M. brought up that the job of CPT/PI chair was necessary to get us out at health fairs, etc. promoting the program. Pat H. again asked for volunteers to step forward for service in that position. Paul B noted that a woman from the VA came to the bookstore to get literature for the VA health fair.

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It was moved, seconded and passed to amend the Men's correction budget from \$150 to \$160. to cover literature needed at the jail.

Announcements

Concepts/ Tradition

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?

Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?

Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?

Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Concept V: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the "Right of Appeal", to be heard at our Home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
- What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"?
- Has our group experienced the "tyranny of the majority" or the "tyranny of the minority"?
- Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

Closing---Lord's Prayer