

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2011

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

Alt DCM - Paula D.
Treasurer - Char S.
Secretary - Steve N.
Men's Correction Chair - Rafael T. (Alt)
Women's Correction Interim Chair - Paige B. for Ruth M.
Intergroup Liaison - Beverly H.
Literature Chair - Darral M.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors Present at Meeting

BIG BOOK 164 STUDY GROUP - John W, GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Sandy H. 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'A. GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP - Paige B. GSR,; Connie D. Alt GSR
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP - Rafael T.
NO NAME GROUP - Kevin G. GSR
RAINBOW GROUP - Steve N. GSR
RESENTMENT GROUP - Rick L. Acting Alt GSR
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Brenda R. GSR
WON REBOS - Bruce P. GSR; Diane C. Visitor
YULEE BEGINNERS MEETING - John C. GSR

Welcome by DCM

Paula D. 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 - 15 Groups Represented
Minutes of May meeting. - Moved Seconded and Passed unanimously to accept minutes as printed.

Treasurer's Report

See Attached
Moved Seconded and Passed unanimously to accept reports as presented.

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Raphael T., Alternate Chair

We currently now have 12 committee members. Three (3) others are waiting for their applications to be approved by (CCA). This is the report for the month of June 2011. Wed. 1st (31 Inmates Attended) Wed. 8th (CCA - Cancelled) Wed. 15th (23 Inmates Attended) Wed. 22nd (CCA – Cancelled) Wed. 29th (Scheduled to Occur) Several books: Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of June. The Corrections Committee would like to THANK the District for purchasing the allowed amount of books for our jail meetings. If anyone is interested in becoming a corrections committee member and is able to attend the meetings in the jail then please call me @352-444-0714 For information.

Women's corrections - Paige B. for Ruth M.

The two faithful monthly members have been doing a great job with very favorable feedback from the attendees at the women's meetings.

No report has been received from Mr. Tucker on the status of submitted applications. No return calls from Mr. Tucker to this date. One of the applicants only needs her picture taken to update her ID.

The Wednesday June 15th meeting was attended by 25 women and a good discussion of "Acceptance Was the Answer" from the Big Book led to a great meeting.

Treatment –

John W. mentioned that he worked for the Lecanto Centers and questioned who had told Pat H they did not need an AA meeting. He said maybe she had contacted the outpatient side, but there are 15 inpatient adolescents who are cross addicted and it is his belief they could use an AA meeting in addition to the two NA meetings they already have.

CPC/PI - Paula D. contacted Citrus County Drug Coalition and is waiting for information about when they will fo their health fair so we can provide AA literature.

Literature – Darral M. No Report

Grapevine – No chair/no report

NCI Liaison – Beverly H.

Ten groups were represented.

Hotline had 89 AA calls, 5 NA calls, 4 Detox calls, 6 Alanon Calls for a total of 104 calls this month.

The Gratitude Dinner request for groups to contribute entrees will be out for one more month to allow more groups to respond. Seven have committed to date. The store lease will be signed for an additional six months. A group of volunteers to do commitments (speaker meetings) around the county is being formed. There will be a "blip" in the Journal about this. The contact person is Paul B. (637-7120).

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 When's. 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!

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

I also appreciate the support that you have offered me in our DCM's absence. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - By Email from Pat H..

Thank you for the participation that we've had regarding the ideas for an upcoming workshop. I look forward to our Old Business for the updated discussion.

Old Business

It was moved seconded and passed unanimously after a short discussion to use the Legacy of the triangle (Recovery, Service and Unity) as the umbrella to cover role of GSR's, getting group members into service, steps, etc. as the workshop topic for this year.

Paula D. went to the District 13 Spaghetti Dinner and spoke with their DCM, Lori P. The Delegate conference report may be a week later in August than previously announced.

New Business

Darral M. brought up the fact that the three most utilized pieces of literature for the corrections program were the pocket edition of the Big Book, the pocket edition of the 12 and 12, and the Acceptance Booklet published by Hazelton. Since he found out the Acceptance booklet is not conference approved literature he moved that the District go ahead and purchase it anyway due to its effectiveness. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. Darral said since the literature was not conference approved it would take a vote of the district to purchase it. He cited David N.'s testimony as to its effectiveness.

Paige B. said she was opposed as a representative of AA to bringing in non-conference approved literature. She pointed out that while the pamphlet is valuable it is not part of our approved literature. AA does not say not read it, but as AA representatives we need to stick with conference approved literature. John C. agreed with Paige and said conference approved literature should be the only literature purchased. Paula D. pointed out that we had already established a precedence to only purchase conference approved literature when we did not vote to purchase the cheaper red version of the first 164 pages several months ago. John C. pointed out that there is a section on acceptance on the approved Big Book. Darral made a last appeal saying that if it makes a difference then let's use it. Rafael T. also supported that viewpoint.

The vote was two in favor of purchasing the literature and 12 opposed. A minority opinion appeal by Darral included the thought that we should do what was good for us as a person and that David's testimony as to the effectiveness of the pamphlet should be considered. No votes were changed by the minority opinion.

It was moved seconded and passed unanimously that the District workshop would be held October 1st.

Paula said we needed to brainstorm what we would like to see presented and possible speakers so we could set time and place at the next district meeting. Don G. suggested Chet P. as a speaker. Paula suggested Dan E. Speaker availability will be investigated at the Area Conference July 8-10. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to cover the speakers expenses.

Announcements

The next meeting will be July 31st at 6:00 pm at the Holder Community Center.

Concepts/ Tradition (Emailed from Pat H.)

Tradition Six

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

- Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
- Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Concept VI (Long form)

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principle responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"?
- Can we see a direct link to our home group?

A motion to close was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Closing---Lord's Prayer was led by Paula D.