

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2011

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

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

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and visitors present at meeting

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP - Janet B., Alt GSR
BIG BOOK___164 STUDY GROUP - John W., GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Kurt W., Alt GSR
DUNNELLON GROUP - James O., GSR
DUNNELLON NEW BEGINNINGS B.B. - Debra S., GSR; Karie E. Alt GSR; and John S., 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
KEEP IN STEP GROUP - d'Adjoa N., GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP - Paige B.
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP - Rafael T., GSR
NO NAME GROUP - Kevin G., GSR
PRIMARY PURPOSE BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP - and Ernie O., GSR
RAINBOW GROUP - Steve N., GSR
RESENTMENT GROUP - Willye M., GSR; Ernie P. Alt GSR; and Richard L., Visitor
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Brenda R.,
WON REBOS - Bruce P. GSR
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 - There is a new group - Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group - with Ernie O. as GSR and Bill B. as Alt. GSR. Dunnellon New Beginnings has named a GSR, Debra S. and an Alt GSR, Karie E. The Dunnellon Group has named a GSR also, James O. The Resentment Group has named Ernie P. as Alt. GSR.

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call - 19 groups were represented
Minutes of June meeting. - Moved to accept as printed, seconded passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

Moved to accept as printed, seconded passed unanimously
See Attached

7th Tradition Basket - Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

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 July 2011. Wed. 6th (CCA Cancelled) Wed. 13th (CCA - Cancelled) Wed. 20th (22 Inmates Attended) Wed. 27th (CCA Cancelled). At the 20th meeting, (6), six books: Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of July. 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 352- 895-6422 or email me @ walter@citruspainting.com For information.

Women's corrections - Paige B..

Paige B. is now Women's correction chair and an alternate chair is needed. Materials were transferred from Ruth M. to Paige B. earlier this month. Ruth M. resigned due to health and was thanked by all for her long and faithful service. Several women's applications are now approved for volunteer commitments.

Treatment – No chair/No Report

CPC/PI - No chair/No Report

Literature – Darral M. reported that Area had received an idea for a new pamphlet called "This is Not a Religion." Living Sober will be updated soon. Beginning in October 2012 the Big Book will be available for Kindle. The app will be free from I-Tunes. The important thing to note is on I-Tunes the BB will be available from I-Tunes on the left and WSO on the right. If you choose I-Tunes 30% will go to I-Tunes and 70% to WSO. If you choose GSO then 100% goes to GSO.

Grapevine – No chair - The main focus at Area was how we can get more interest in Grapevine. One suggestion was to hold meetings focused around Grapevine articles. We can look at how to utilize this resource in sponsorship and recovery at the individual and group level.

NCI Liaison –Darral M. made the report.

13 Groups were represented

WEBMASTER -New webmaster Dave B. is working to upgrade the web page.

HOTLINE: Kurt W reported a total of 125 calls to the hotline as follows:- AA 85, Detox 16, NA 8, Alanon 4, Information 12.

JOURNAL: John L reported that he may reduce the print order on the journal from 450 to 400. He said that

next month's issue will be available earlier than usual.

INVENTORY AND SALES: Darral reported sales of over \$700 for the period and said he was very pleased with the way everything was going at the bookstore.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT: John W. said that the availability of volunteers for the bookstore has improved greatly and that he was very pleased with the present situation.

CHAIRMAN GRATITUDE DINNER: John L. reported that eight groups had agreed to provide entrees for the gratitude dinner so far. He reported that Intergroup will pick up costs of entrees required above those received from the groups. He made a motion that the ticket price be set at \$2.00 and the motion was passed with 13 votes for and none against.

OLD BUSINESS: Darral M reported that he had renewed the lease on the bookstore for a period of six months.

NEW BUSINESS: (a) John L proposed that intergroup sponsor three picnics a year, one in the south east of the county, one in the north east and one in the west side of the county. He made a motion that we commit to the first one in cooperation with the Floral City Group in early September. The motion was passed unanimously. Debra S. offered to help with the one in the northeast area.

(b) Darral said that he had attended an area conference and that he had discovered that leftover journals are routinely distributed by district committees to help with their work. Martha G. remarked that some people might have issues with anonymity and it was agreed that names and contact information of anyone so inclined would be removed. Darral also said that Faithful Fivers, the fundraising plan previously discussed was a common feature in other districts.

(c) Paul B. said that people were coming to the bookstore to pick up Where n When's at times when the store was not open. He proposed that a dispenser be attached to the door of the bookstore so that they would be available whenever the building was open. It was agreed to discuss the matter with building management. Ernie Porter reported that he had delivered Where n When's to the VA and the Sheriff's Depart.

(d) John L reported that the Community Center in Holder will charge us rent in future for a period of an hour and a half instead of an hour. The district will also be paying for an hour and a half.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

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

Where and When's

The most current version of the Where and When is posted on the NCI website. If there are any changes that need to be made, please put them in writing for me to have in the upcoming printing.

Updates

Thank you Steve for working with the Area Registrar to keep our current group and GSR information updated.

I want to also thank Ruth M. for her past service with Women's Corrections and Paige B. for her willingness to finish up the term for the District. I know that Paige will appreciate the support of all of us to keep this transition as smooth as possible.

Area Assembly

July Assembly

District 28 had a wonderful representation at the July Area 14 Assembly with a total of 8 votes!!!

It was great to see the following GSR's there: Brenda R., Connie D., d'Adjoa N., Darrell M., Don G., Raphael T. and Steve N.

Thank you Raphael for your willingness to serve as the translator for District 33, our Spanish speaking district, for the weekend.

Room Reservations

The cut off time to be eligible for the block room rate is 30 days before each assembly. You can make reservations online for the rest of the year and for January 2012. The dates for the upcoming Assemblies are Oct 15-16th, 2011 and January 14 – 15, 2012.

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!

New Website for Area 14

Motions are up on both the old and new websites. The new password can be emailed to you if you contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - Pat H.

Pat H. emailed traditions and concepts. She is out of town.

Old Business

Paula D. announced that Don E. would be available for the District October 1st workshop and asked that we provide him with subjects to cover by the August meeting so she can pass them on to Don E. She asked suggestions be emailed or called to her as soon as possible.

The workshop will be held October 1, 2011 at Our Lady of Fatima Church from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Darrell M. mentioned we needed to have a cleanup committee to make sure the church was left as we found it.

New Business

Paula passed out the new NFAC website password

Two subscriptions to Grapevine have been donated to District and Paula D. asked what we should do with them. Don G. suggested one to men's correction and one to women's correction. Paige B. said women's correction was covered and it was moved one would go to men's correction and one to a beginner at Gratitude Dinner. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about getting literature out into the community since we do not have a CPC/PI chair. Pat and Paula do what they can but they cannot do it all. It was suggested that volunteers in each area service places in their areas. Janet B. volunteered to help with CPC/PI. Paula will make sure Pat is in favor of making Janet CPC/PI chair.

Announcements

There are Spanish speaking meetings (District 33) on Mondays and Fridays in Dunnellon and Ocala. They are listed in the Ocala Where and When.

The Unity Meeting hosted by District 13 will be held Saturday, September 10th at Nativity Lutheran Church 6363 Commercial Way (Hwy 19) Weeki Wachee. Cecilia R., Area 14 Delegate will present her report of the General Service Conference. All are asked to bring a desert to share if possible. (Flyer attached)

The 12th Annual Serenity Weekend Women's Fall Conference will be held at the International Palms Resort 1300 N. Atlantic Blvd, Cocoa Beach, FL (321-783-2271) on September 9 - 11, 2011 with five wonderful speakers. (Flyer attached)

Concepts/ Tradition - Emailed from Pat H.

Tradition Seven – long form -

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

The Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?

Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?

If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?

Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?

Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?

How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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Concept VII – short form

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

Do we act responsibly regarding the "power of the purse?"

Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the G.S.B.?

Closing---Lord's Prayer

A motion to close was made, seconded and passed unanimously followed by the Lord's Prayer.