

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2011

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

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

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and visitors present at meeting

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP - Janet B., Alt GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Kurt W., Alt GSR
DUNNELLON NEW BEGINNINGS B.B. - Debra S., 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 - Don G. GSR
INVERNESS FRIDAY NOGHT GROUP - Beverly H., GSR
KEEP IN STEP GROUP - Mary S., Alt GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP - Paige B., GSR; Connie D., Alt GSR
RAINBOW GROUP - John A., Visitor representing Steve N..
RESENTMENT GROUP - Willye M., GSR; Ernie P. Alt GSR;
YULEE BEGINNERS MEETING - John C., GSR

Visitors: Martha G., Holder Way of Life Group, Alex H., Resentment Group, Denis, NCI.

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 - Mary R. new Alt. GSR. for the Keep in Step Group

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call - 14 groups were represented
Minutes of July meeting. - Moved to accept as posted, seconded passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Two errors in reporting were cited caused by either software or human error. A motion was made to table the vote pending correction of errors. The report will undergo revision and be resubmitted at the September 2011 District 28 meeting for review and acceptance.

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 August 2011. Wed. 3rd (CCA Cancelled) Wed. 10th (18 Inmates Attended) Wed. 17th (18 Inmates Attended) Wed. 24th (CCA Cancelled-Guard Meeting) Wed. 31st (CCA Cancelled-Guard Meeting). On the 10th & 17th meetings, (7), seven books: Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of August. 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 352- 895-6422 or email me @ walter@citruspainting.com For information.

Women's corrections - Paige B..

Nothing to report.

The question was raised regarding the purchase of literature specifically for Women's Correction's. The Women's Correction Chair stated that monies collected for the specific purpose of literature for the prisons was in danger of being lost by not being used. A decision was made to purchase literature immediately using these funds for use in the prisons for both committees but paid, for expediency sake, initially out of the Women's Corrections budget for reimbursement by collected funds. The literature was never intended for exclusive use by one gender or another

Treatment – No chair/No Report

CPC/PI - Janet B.

How great it was to resume my past position and I have had a lot of assistance. Many of us spent many hours updating April and then August Where and Whens. Ernie P. stocked Laundromats and the VA in Beverly Hills. Mike took a stack over to St. Benedict's. The third floor lobby in the Masonic building now has a holder of updated August schedules.

I visited the following with Where and When's: Driver Improvement Education, State Probation and Parole, Salvation Army, County Probation, Citrus Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, Children's Visitation Center, Guardian Ad Litem, Inverness Chamber of Commerce, the main office of the Sherriff's Department.

In the county courthouse I filled the pamphlet rack and then visited Anita Morris of the Teen Court. I left with her age appropriate literature: What happened to Alice/Joe, Too Young and Young People in AA.

This was a good start. I hope to revisit some of the above and add more sites next month.

Literature –Darral M.

Discussed the production of pamphlets for workshop.

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 –Beverly H.

Currently working to revise the hotline procedural format.

Flyers are forthcoming for the Gratitude Dinner in November.

The Floral City Group in conjunction with intergroup (?) is planning a picnic for Saturday September

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

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

Where and When's

Last month we had new Where and Whens printed up. I have heard that there are changes that have already occurred since they were printed.

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 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 .

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report – emailed from Pat H.

Greetings from East Dorset, Vermont. The Wilson House has been a flurry of activities all summer. What a privlidge to do service work where it all began.....The birthplace of Bill W. I have met people from all over the US as well as Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Russia and 15 people from Mexico who spoke absolutely NO english. I was assigned to give them a tour of the Wilson House. They spoke no English and I spoke no Spanish. Where was Rafeal when I needed him???? Lots of pointing went on between us.

The summer is coming to an end, and I'll really miss this place, especially all the wonderful staff and volunteers I'll be leaving behind. If you ever get the opportunity to visit here, please do so. It is a wonderful spiritual journey.

Thanks to you all for all your cooperation with our Alt. DCM Paula. She has done an outstanding job.

Will see you at the September District meeting.

YIS
Pat H. DCM.

Old Business

Workshop: Dan E. will serve as moderator. Connie D. accepted the chair position for an ad hoc committee formed to move the plans and preparation for the October workshop along.

Additional chairs have been named: D'adjoa N., Unity, Don G, Service and Char S., Recovery and Setup and Teardown, Darral M.

New Business

- The last meeting listed in the Where and Whens has been cancelled.
- Willye announced forming a once a month meeting on the water to be held in kayaks and canoes. It was suggested before registering with GSO that meetings run for a period of time to establish themselves and have enough attendance to support representation and contribution. It is costly for GSO to register a new group.
- The issue of committee chair gas mileage reimbursement being raised from its current amount of \$35.00 to \$50.00 was raised. There was much discussion pro and con and the appropriateness of the presence of the DCM was mentioned. Two votes with discussion and minority opinion were taken. Both votes ended in a 5 for, 7 against and 2 abstained counts. It was decided that although a two thirds is not required, a substantial majority should be achieved in a vote of this nature. The issue was tabled until the September meeting.

Concepts/ Tradition - Emailed from Pat H.

Tradition Eight Long form –

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.

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.

Tradition Eight Checklist

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Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what

needs changing?

When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?

Do I sometimes try to get some reward-even if not money-for my personal AA efforts?

Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?

Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?

In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?

Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition-How It Developed?

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- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
- How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?
- Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The A.A.Grapevine? Do I?

Closing--Lord's Prayer

A motion to close was made at 6:58 PM, seconded and passed unanimously followed by the Lord's Prayer.

A special thanks to Paige B. for filling in for me and taking notes of this meeting while I was in physical rehab for my knee replacement.

YIS,

Steve N. District 28 Secretary