

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2012

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Pat H.
Alt DCM - Paula D.
Treasurer - Char S.
Secretary - Steve N
Men's Corrections –
Women's corrections - Paige B.
CPC/PI - Janet B.
Literature – Darral M
Treatment - Willye M.
NCI Liaison – Steve N
Grapevine - Debra S.

GSR/Alt GSR and Visitors in Attendance

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP Pam S, GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP Sandy H, GSR
DUNNELLON NEW BEGINNINGS B.B. Debra S, GSR
FORAL CITY GROUP David N, GSR
FLORAL CITY MEN'S GROUP Darral M, GSR
HIGH NOON GROUP Mike W, GSR
HOLDER WAY OF LIFE Don G, GSR
KEEP IN STEP GROUP Mary S, Alt GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP Paige B, GSR
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP Rafael T, GSR
RAINBOW GROUP Steve N, GSR, John A, visitor
RESENTMENT GROUP Willye M, GSR; Alex H, Alt GSR
SOBER SANDGNATS Sherrie L, GSR
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP Genet R, GSR
WON REBOS Bruce P, GSR ; Lina R, Alt GSR
Marilyn B, Area 14 Alt Delegate Visitor
Lori P, District 13 DCM Visitor
Lee E. District 13, Alt DCM Visitor
J P Rick Visitor
Martha G. Visitor

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 - 15 groups were represented.
Minutes of February meeting. Moved to accept, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

Moved, seconded and passed to accept March Reports.
See Attached Reports

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

This is the report for the month of March, 2012. Mar. 7th (20 Inmates Attended) Mar. 14th (CCA Cancelled) Mar. 21st (21 Inmates Attended) During the March meetings, (4) little big books & 9 donated grapevines & several Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of March. If anyone is interested in becoming a corrections committee member and is able to attend the meetings inside 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. No report available

CPC/PI - Janet B.

At Citrus Memorial Hospital I stocked the double pamphlet holder that I set out the previous month. I was glad to see it was still there and it holds the cards AA at a Glance and our current schedules. I also affixed the Nature Coast Intergroup Manatee Logo. It looked great. I did the same to the holder at Crystal River Sheriff's Substation. While I was there I left a bunch of Where and When's at the Yana House.

Other sites stocked this month were the State and County Probation and Parole, Court Alternative Offices, downtown offices for the Centers, the Citrus County Courthouse, the main office of the Sheriff's Department, the Share Club, The Lakes Region Library, and the S.W. Driver's Improvement School.

Literature – Darral M. No report available

Treatment - Willye M.

Centers are going better than ever, what a blessing , I also received a call for placement in halfway housing after treatment here , that was, not so odd but then found out they were moving to Dalton Georgia, work , work, work, my contact was Jeff O, Donald and the placement was made and housing was furnished by The Hope Center, in Dalton Georgia ,and the client is still there to the best of my knowledge , I also have had the blessing of these youth wanting to be involved in A.A.,s structure and have named their group (YOUTH IN SOBRIETY) and upon approval of this district would like their A. A. voice to be heard also , and have elected positions within there, via proxy vote and acting as voice and GSR Alex H , due to HIPA laws etc they are not open meeting to other A.A.s Alex also has gone over meeting structures and explained open, close , step , etc , so when they get out they have the knowledge of meetings . Readings from the big book and understanding of the traditions via the 12 and 12 are really coming into play now with these kids and it's so great, again it's an honor and a privilege to serve ,

Grapevine – Debra S. No report available

NCI Liaison – Steve N

There were 11 groups represented at Intergroup meeting this month. Bob has agreed to serve as events coordinator and can be reached at Bob9545@Live.com. Since Beverly has passed on, Connie D will take care of the Intergroup corporate paperwork. Dave, web site chair, announced that directions to each meeting are coming on line as the program now works. For the third month in a row there was no hot line representative or report. That issue will be addressed at the April Meeting. The store will be closed as of March 26. Inventory will be boxed and Darral and volunteers will move it to Kate's house. Kate will distribute as requests come into the store number which has been switched to a cell phone, The same number 352-344-0290 can be used. Martha G resigned as a trustee and a new trustee will be elected at the April Meeting. Gratitude Dinner Chair person Sandy H announced the Dinner will be held November 21st at St Benedicts Parish Hall which seats 250. The fee will be \$105 to cover insurance. Full kitchen services will be available. The amendment to clarify terms of office was passed by a majority.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

We will be needing volunteers to help with our 7th tradition workshop. Please contact Char S., Paige B., Steve N., or myself for questions or to help out!"

DCM Report - Pat H.

I'm sorry to have to report that Polly P. will be unable to do a workshop for us this year. She is "booked" for the rest of 2012. She suggested we try again in 2013. I will be gone by then, so please encourage the next panel to contact her early so she can come to District 28. I was disappointed that she will not be coming this year.

I have asked Paula to be sure and remove the address and phone number of the Intergroup office, now on the cover of the Where & When's. This will be reflected on the next Where & When order.

Be sure to read the article in the spring 2012 copy of box 459, entitled "My name is ...and I'm an alcoholic". Where did this saying come from and did Bill W. ever say this? Is this a way of "qualifying" for our fellowship, and who decides who does and does not qualify??? READ THE ARTICLE!!! It is worth your time.

At our April business meeting we will need to select another topic for a second workshop, discuss the Health Fair in May, and tell you my "goodbye" for the summer. I leave for Vermont on May 21st, and will return in time for the September meeting.

See ya'll in April.

Old Business - None

New Business - Marilyn B., Alternate Area 14 Delegate, explained the agenda items for the next General Services Conference so GSR's will have an understanding of what decisions they can be involved in at the Area 14 Meeting next week. Paula D, Area Service Coordinator for the Grapevine, explained the Grapevine section of the proposed topics. An outline of the discussion is below:

I. Agenda - Handled by the Conference Committee

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 General Service Conference.

- B. Determine the inventory questions listed in the "INVENTORY PLAN," which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C. that will be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences.
- C. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.
- D. Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2013 G.S.C.
- E. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. "A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD:
 1. Discuss report on replacing the current "A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material.
 2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.
- B. Consider adding the phrase "non-alcoholics may attend as observers" to the "Singleness of Purpose" statement in C.P.C. literature.
- C. Review contents of Cooperation With the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review the draft revision of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals."
- C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- D. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Consider suggestion to increase the Conference delegate fee.
- B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests.
- C. Review proposed Self-Support Kit.
- D. Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.
- E. Review information concerning General Service Office/A.A. Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014.
- F. Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Vina per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that "La Vina continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Services Board as a service to the Fellowship."

V. A.A. Grapevine

- A. Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine's Audio Strategy.
- B. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
- C. Consider "Sunset" proposal for Grapevine items.
- D. Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position "Grapevine Representative" into the Service responsibilities and duties of the "General Service Representative."
- E. Review Grapevine Workbook.

VI. Literature

- A. Discuss progress report from the trustees' Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Consider the draft of the revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet.
- C. Consider the final draft of the revised *Living Sober* booklet.
- D. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service."
- E. Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
- F. Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- G. Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to "As Bill Sees It."

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62nd General Service Conference as observers
- B. Review dates for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.
- D. Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2011 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website.
- B. Review the final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza."
 - 2. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A., "My World."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza," a cost not to exceed \$40,000, as an addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - 4. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 5. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
- D. Consider a suggestion that A. A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about the organization to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no Interpersonal communication capabilities.
- E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven
- F. Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card.
- G. Review contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter *

- A. *The A. A. Service Manual*, 2012-2013 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
 - 2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
 - 4. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 5. Consider suggestion for revising text on "Conference Panels," on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term "panels."
 - 6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the "spirit of rotation."
 - 7. Consider suggestion to replace the "STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE" illustration on page S16 with a previous version.
- B. Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- A. Discuss trustees' progress report on the review of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - Central Regional Trustee
 - Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review report from the trustees' Nominating Committee on the "Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate."

XII. Archives

- A. Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.

- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums - Past Delegates Facilitate

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums.
- B. Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.

Marilyn B. can be reached to answer questions by clicking Alternate Delegate email address on the AANorthFlorida.org website or calling her at 352-637-9643.

Announcements

Area 14 Assembly March 30-April 1, 2012 Renaissance Resort at the World Golf Village St. Augustine

High Noon Easter Dinner and Egg Hunt - April 8, 2012 at St. Benedicts after 3 PM Meeting

Resentment Group Picnic - April 15th Hernando Beach following Hernando Meeting

District 28 Workshop - "7th Tradition Workshop" April 21, 2012 10am - 2 pm Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (See attached flyer)

Hernando County Founders Dinner June 16, 2012 at 4 PM

16th Annual National Archives Workshop Passing it On October 4 -7, 2012 Cocoa Beach, FL (See attached flyer)

Nature Coast Intergroup Gratitude Dinner - November 18, 2012 at St Benedicts Parish Hall

Concepts/ Tradition

Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. — the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?

Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?

Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?

Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?

Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?

Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?

When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

Closing---Lord’s Prayer