

**DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2012**

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Pat H. (not present)
Alt DCM - Paula D.
Treasurer - Char S.
Secretary - Steve N
Men's Corrections – Walter M.
Women's corrections - Paige B.
CPC/PI - Janet B.
Literature – Darral M. (not present)
Treatment - Willye M. (not present)
NCI Liaison – Steve N
Grapevine - Debra S.
Archives - John R (not present)

GSR/Alt GSR and Visitors in Attendance

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP	Janet B, Alt. GSR
BIG BOOK 164 STUDY GROUP	John W, GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP	Sandy H, GSR
NEW BEGINNINGS B.B. Dunnellon	Debra S, GSR
HIGH NOON GROUP	Mike W, GSR; Paul B., Alt. GSR
KEEP IN STEP GROUP	Mary S, Alt. GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP	Paige B, GSR
RAINBOW GROUP	Steve N, GSR
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Genet R, GSR
Visitor	John A, Rainbow Group

Welcome by DCM

Paula D. welcomed group and called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence

Serenity Prayer -

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference*

Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.*

Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Recognition of New GSR's - None

Secretary: Roll Call and Report: Steve N

Roll call - Nine groups were represented.

Minutes of July meeting. Amended CPI report to spell sheriff correctly. Also Janet visited Share Club Auditorium, not Shore Crest. Moved to accept as amended, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

Moved, seconded and passed to accept August Reports.

See Attached Reports

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

This is the report for the month of August, 2012. We are now seeking an Assistant Chairperson & Chairperson for the Men's Corrections Committee. August 1st (Cancelled by CCA) August 8th (24 Inmates Attended) August 15th (20 Inmates Attended) August 22nd (25 Inmates Attended). During the August meetings, (9) little big books & 7 donated grapevines & several Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of August. 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. Sincerely, Walter R.

Women's corrections - Paige B

Despite numerous attempts to contact jail personnel, there has been no response.

Attempts to schedule meetings for female inmates have failed. We believe, the facility has reallocated the women's time slot for GED classes.

A phenomenal suggestion to alternate meeting weeks with the men in their weekly time slot was made and agreed to by Walter, Men's Correction Chair. I will work to facilitate this beginning in September pending CCA approval.

Walter has given me a copy of the new volunteer application.

Respectfully submitted, Paige B

Treatment - Willye M. (not present) (given by Steve N from email)

It is still going very well at the centers. All the residents are enjoying living sober. Sundays, out of our living sober book, two more bridging the gap have taken place; a call from Marion County for a treatment referral and the gentleman did get into Life Stream in Leesburg. Meetings are still twice a week at the Lecanto centers and full of life and fire for the A.A. program in the youths. Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve This district and A.A. . Willye M .

CPC/PI - Janet B.

This was a fairly easy month as most sites have been previously well stocked. The SW Drivers Improvement School was as always needing Where and Whens . I stopped by the Chamber of Commerce, the Courthouse, Teen Court, Court Alternatives, the Centers at Inverness, and the Sheriff's sub-station at City Hall. Respectfully, Janet B.

Literature – Darral M (not present - no report)

Grapevine – Debra S.

The Grapevine site has CD's priced at 50% off and tapes at 75% off. Grapevine subscriptions are reduced by 27% when buy two for \$49. The competition for the 1st edition Big Book is still on. District 28 has sold 5 subscriptions.

NCI Liaison – Steve N

Nine groups were represented. John L., treasurer said that donations were down \$500 for the year so far. Sandy H. said there were a total of 48 calls to the hotline for the month as follows:- AA 33, Alanon 5, NA 2, Rides 3, Out Of Town 4, Inquiry 1. Gratitude Dinner Chairperson Sandy H. said that preparations were up to date for this year's dinner to be held November 18th in St. Benedicts church cafeteria in Crystal River. Sandy said tickets will be 50 cents each with a suggested side dish printed on the back. Sandy asked that groups contact her concerning the following matters (a)providing entrees (b)donating items for a Chinese auction and (c) offering help with set up at 1.30pm. Doors are scheduled to open at 3pm and dinner is expected in the region of 5pm. Sandy's phone number is (352)628-3981. Nominations for upcoming elections are next month(Sept)with voting and anymore nominations the following month(Oct). Darral M. sent a report that an inventory from closed bookstore is being prepared with a price assigned to each item. John L. said that these items will be offered for sale in the journal. Debra S. asked that we consider a suitable theme of the use of our website for an Intergroup workshop at the next area assembly. Greg H. may not be available to organize the Alkathons this year so anyone interested please volunteer. Representatives present said that Alkathons will also be held at St. Benedicts in Crystal River and at Club Recovery in Hernando.

Archives - John R. - (not present - no report)

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as District 28's Alt DCM

District

Where and Whens

There have been several changes to the Where and Whens. These have been sent to the Web Master for NCI and forwarded to the hotline. If there are any changes that need to be made, please let me know.

Area Assembly

The dates for the upcoming Assemblies are October 12-14, 2012 and for 2013, the assemblies will be held at Lake Mary, FL January 18-20, 2013 and March 29-31, 2013. You can make reservations for these on the North Florida Area website at <http://www.aanorthflorida.org> The district has 2 rooms reserved for GSR's for groups that do not have funds to send their GSR to assembly, please let me know if you will be needing one of these rooms. GSO India reports 250,00 calls since broadcast of AA program. In one province meetings are being led by members with two or three days of sobriety. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - Pat H. (not present - no report)

Old Business - The speaker has to reschedule the Saturday October 6th Fourth Step Workshop. The Group moved, seconded and passed October 27 as the new date. page B said food for workshop will be Chili at a cost for 40 people of about \$120. Paige asked that volunteer officers and GSR's to call her to contribute napkins, plastic ware, plates, donuts, etc. She has a list of necessary items and will coordinate the donations.

Char suggested that since there was a problem getting the women's group to meet at the jail that the men give up two of their meetings so both could meet two times a month. Walter and Paige will work on that suggestion.

New Business -

Two officers resumes were presented to stand in September's election.

Paula D. will stand for DCM and Steve N will stand for Alt DCM. No other resumes were presented but may be presented at the September election meeting. The two officers resumes are attached as well as a blank officer resume.

The advisory actions from the New York GSO Conference were passed out by Paula. D, They were provided by our alternate delegate.

Announcements

16th Annual National Archives Workshop Passing it On October 4 -7, 2012 Cocoa Beach,
Nature Coast Intergroup Gratitude Dinner - November 18, 2012 at St Benedicts Parish Hall

Concept/ Tradition

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 non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.

Tradition Eight Checklist

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers. 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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Concept VIII (Short Form) The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Concept VIII Checklist –

· 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 adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 6:50 PM. Paula D. led the Lord's Prayer for those who wished to participate.