

**DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2012**

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

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

GSR/Alt GSR and Visitors in Attendance

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP	Janet B, Alt GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP	Sandy H, GSR
DUNNELLON NEW BEGINNINGS B.B.	Debra S, GSR
FLORAL CITY MEN'S GROUP	Darral M, GSR
HIGH NOON GROUP	Mike W, GSR and Paul B, Alt GSR
INVERNESS WEDNESDAY NIGHT	John R, GSR
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP	Rick T, GSR
RAINBOW GROUP	Steve N, GSR
RESENTMENT GROUP	Ernie P, GSR and Bob R, Visitor
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Genet R, GSR
WON REBOS	Bruce P, GSR
YOUTH OF THE NATION	Jeffrey E, GSR

Welcome by DCM

Pat H. 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 - 12 groups were represented.

Minutes of September meeting. Moved to accept, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Char S. (not present) (Given by Paula D)

Moved, seconded and passed to accept October Reports.

See Attached Reports

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

This is the report for the month of October 2012. We are now seeking an Assistant Chairperson for the Men's Corrections Committee. We are very pleased to have Mr. David Newland as the next Men's Corrections Chairman for the 2 year position which begins on Jan. 1st, 2013 thru Jan. 1st 2015.

September 26th (Cancelled by CCA) October 3rd (Cancelled by CCA) October 10th (Cancelled by CCA) October 17th (22 Inmates Attended) October 24th (25 Inmates Attended). During the 2 October meetings, (8) little big books & 12 donated grapevines & several Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of October. 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 - Not present

Treatment - Willye M.

It was a great pleasure and honor first to be at our NFAC and do service , attend workshops, be a part of a spiritual entity like A.A. It was all fantastic, and personal congrats to Marilyn B as our new area delegate , and to my service sponsor—sister and dear friend Astri T as Delegate on the west coast, Seattle, Washington and all others who show and do service to A.A. across the nation and around the world. Our first open meeting was kicked off at the Centers in Lecanto at 7 pm Friday with the residential youth. We had A.A.s from Attitude Adjustment and High Noon show up along with myself and Jeff to share our experience, strength and hope with the residential youth. By the way, where were you ? Remember these kids are A.A.s future and our future too, maybe even a future delegate, DCM , GSR sleeps within one of these children , so please spread the word and help carry the message , for not only am I responsible , we all are , and this we do owe to A.A.'s Future. Please join us for one hour of your time this coming Friday at 7 pm. Bring your child's heart within you and reach out to child in need. Helping carry the message of A.A. for just one hour of your time could bring a life time of recovery to ensure a child's chance and our future of A.A. In love and service.

CPC/PI - Janet B.

Most of the usual sites continue to be well stocked with meeting schedules except for the Share Club where all Where and Whens have disappeared again, and the Salvation Army which had moved to Lecanto and is in charge of County Probation. They need meeting schedules as well as "Ordered to A.A." pamphlets. I went to the Youth of the Nation young people's open meeting at the Centers in Lecanto. We had enough pamphlets "Young People and A.A." and "Too Young?" to give to each of the clients. I also stopped by City Hall, Lakes region Library, State Probation, and the SW Drivers Improvement School.

Literature – Darral M - nothing to report

Grapevine – Debra S.

Thank everyone who participated in the contest to win a 1st Edition Big Book for the District Archives. We had 18 subscriptions. Our neighboring district won with 32. Grapevine made a profit in 2011 and is already in the black for this year. They are still talking about combining GSO and Grapevine. Please everyone continue to support your Grapevine.

NCI Liaison – Steve N

Nine groups were represented. John L. said he purchased a new phone for the hotline at a cost of \$212. He also said that Intergroup will be in need of continued donations from the groups even though the bookstore is now closed. Trustees Steve N. and Darral M. proposed an ad hoc committee to examine the issue of prudent reserve and related matters. Debra S. gave an explanation of an alternative way to answer the hotline offered by AT +T.

Webmaster Dave B. said the journal was the most popular item in the website. He said he paid the domain fee of \$38.50 for the year. Dave N. sent a Hotline report of 60 calls, 58 for AA and 2 for detox. Darral M. asked the groups to download the Hotline contacts sheet from the website and pass it around so as to update the list. Darral M. said almost everything from the closed bookstore had been disposed of and he offered any items left for door prizes or auction items at the upcoming Gratitude Dinner. He said he would find out how many years of receipts we needed to keep from the bookstore. Sandy H. said all preparations for the gratitude dinner were going well. Nobody was found to replace Greg H. as Chairman for this year's Alkathons. The November and December Intergroup meetings will be combined into one meeting to be held on Sunday December 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS:- Rick T. and Sandy H. proposed going from group to group to explain the functions of Intergroup as there seemed to be too little participation.

ELECTIONS:-(a) Rick T. was elected as Chairman.

(b) Genet R. was elected as Vice Chairperson.

(c) Denis S. was re-elected as Secretary.

(d) Nobody was available for Alternate Secretary.

(e) Nobody was available for Treasurer.

(f) Paul B. was elected Trustee.

(g) Sandy H. said she will be available for the second Trustee position and that election will be held at the next meeting. Committee chairpersons will also be appointed then.

Archives - John R. - nothing to report

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

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

District

Where and Whens

If there are any changes that need to be made, please let me know.

Workshop

We had a modest turnout of 29 people for our 4th Step workshop yesterday. It certainly kept the attention of those that were there and involved wonderful participation. Thank you to everyone for your service in putting the workshop together.

Area Assembly

We had a nice representation of District 28 GSR's and Chairs at the assembly.

The dates for the next assemblies are January 18-20, 2013 and March 29-31, 2013 which will be held at Lake Mary, FL. You can make reservations for these on the North Florida Area website at

<http://www.aanorthflorida.org>

The district has 2 rooms already reserved for the January assembly for GSR's of groups that do not have funds to send their GSR to assembly.
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - Pat H.

The Area Assembly was held on Sat. Oct 13th and Sunday Oct. 14th. As I had previously told you our business meeting was held on Sat. night from 7:30pm to 10:00pm.

District 28 had twelve people in attendance, with ten of those being voting members. In fact we had the highest number of voting members of any of the districts represented.

The Treasurer reported that the Area has a prudent reserve of 11.2 months. It seems we are doing well with donations, even though we are still down from last year.

Saturday's business meeting had 179 voting members present.

Please book as early as possible for the January Assembly. The dates are Jan.18-20th, 2013. All dates for 2013 are on the website.

The 57th Fl. State Convention is already under way. There are 324 people registered for the convention and 138 for the banquet, since August 6th of this year.

Sunday Morning's election was far beyond our greatest expectations! We started promptly at 9am and ended at 3:20pm! It only took us 6 hours and 20 minutes to elect folks to 7 offices. We had 203 voting members [did I mention we had 10 of those....The most of any District?] It takes 2/3 majority in order to win. That being said, 5 of those offices took 4 rounds of voting and then ended up going to "the hat" This system was invented by Bill W. What was he thinking? It may have worked in the beginning and it still works but very slowly. I want to thank Paula, Steve, Rick, Paige, Genet, Sandy, Jeff, Debra, Brenda, John and Willie for "hanging in" to the bitter end. Marilyn B. from District 28 was elected Area Delegate for incoming Panel 63. It was a very long election process, but I have to admit I thoroughly enjoyed my last weekend at Area.

Please remember....if you are interested in being a chairperson at our District level for Panel 63 YOU MUST submit a resume indicating which committee you are interested in. Give the resume either to myself or your Panel 63 DCM Paula D.

Once again I have received a request from the Area Delegate re: a new group wanting a GSO number. When you take it upon yourself to send the form to GSO, you only slow down the process, and cause more work for all of us. Please give ALL completed forms to the District Secretary.

Remember there is NO Nov. District meeting. We will meet on Dec. 2, 2012, to complete any unfinished business for Panel 61.

Old Business

One person is possibly interested in the vacant Secretary position. Anyone else who is interested please let us know by or at the December 2nd meeting.

New Business -

Janet needs Where and Whens for distribution as well as some pamphlets.

Walter said he needed to spend the remainder of his budget (\$87) for little Big Books for the jail.

Debra proposed the 2013 budget. (see attached) It will be voted on at the December 2nd meeting.

Darral said the remainder of the materials left from the store closing will be given out at the gratitude dinner and anything left over would be given to District.

Mike announced that the High Noon Group was being evicted and would be moving. They will have a meeting tomorrow to determine location. Pat said that we would pray for a resolution to the groups problem.

Jeff announced the Youth of our Nation Group needs the support of all groups. (See attached flyer)

Announcements

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

Youth of the Nation events can be expected soon - see attached flyer

District 28 will hold combined November and December meeting on December 2, 2012.

Concept/ Tradition

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

· Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

· Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.?

Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority?”

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?

Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?

What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?

What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?

Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Closing---Lord's Prayer A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 6:50 PM
Pat requested Darral to lead the Lord's Prayer for those who wished to participate.