

DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2013

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Paula D.

Alt DCM – Steve N.

Treasurer – Paige B. (interim)

Secretary – none - Genêt R. took roll and minutes for this meeting.

Men's Correction Chair – David N.

Intergroup Liaison. - Paige B.

Literature Chair – Genêt R.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and visitors present at meeting

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP - Janet B., Alt GSR

CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP – Sandy H., GSR

FLORAL CITY GROUP - David N., GSR

HIGH NOON GROUP - Paul B., GSR

INVERNESS WEDNESDAY NIGHT – John R. GSR

KEEP IN STEP – Cathy K., Alt GSR

QUAIL RUN CLOSED STEP -

REAL HAPPY HOUR – John C. GSR

RAINBOW GROUP - Ron B., GSR

WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Genêt R.

Denis S. - Visitor

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 –

Secretary: Roll Call and Report: Genêt R. took roll and minutes

Roll call - 10 groups were represented

Minutes of March meeting. - Moved to accept as printed, seconded passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Paige B (interim)

Moved to accept as printed, seconded passed unanimously

See Attached

7th Tradition Basket - Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – David N.

On March 25, 2013, I contacted C. O. John Tucker via the telephone regarding my eligibility to continue to serve as the AA Men's Corrections Chair despite my ineligibility to bring AA meetings into the Citrus County Jail. John Tucker stated that he didn't foresee a problem with me remaining in that capacity, but that he would need to verify it with his superiors. He said that he would get back with me A.S.A.P. with an answer.

I called John Tucker on four occasions via the telephone before receiving an affirmation that I could continue to serve in the capacity of AA Men's Corrections Chair on April the 9th. He further explained the possibility that future AA meetings could be moved to Fridays instead of the usual Wednesdays because of a scheduling conflict with the C.C.A. staff. On April the 12th John Tucker called me via the telephone to inform me that the AA meetings would still be held on Wednesdays. I then asked him the status of the four new applications for AA volunteers. He stated that he was awaiting the warden's signature on the applications and that he would notify me when they were approved.

On April the 25th, a volunteer dinner was held at the Citrus County Jail. I was unable to attend the dinner and am still waiting to receive the AA volunteer attendance numbers.

Nevertheless, two AA meetings were held at the Citrus County Jail with a total of fifteen inmates in attendance. Furthermore, three meetings have been scheduled for the month of May, 2013 with volunteers already in place for each meeting. Hopefully we can fill up the remainder of May 2013!

Women's corrections - Char S. (read by Janet B.)

Brenda R. and I attended the corrections workshop at the area assembly on March 29, where I received an inmate population demographic survey, which I turned in to Mr. Tucker at the jail to fill out and return to me.

I am thrilled to report that we were able to bring 2 meetings into the jail this month, on the 12th, with 8 inmates in attendance, and the 26th, with 6 in attendance. Several Grapevine issues were gratefully taken as well as some pamphlets. We need more English-language Big Books, 12 & 12's and Living Sober books.

I was present at the meeting on the 26th, and all 6 of the ladies who attended had prior exposure to AA, with several stating AA membership and all of them very appreciative of being able to attend the meeting.

We are now scheduled for every other Friday (with the opposite Fridays scheduled for a women's NA meeting) from 5:15 to 6:15 PM.

On Wednesday April 24, CCA held their annual volunteer appreciation dinner at the Inverness Golden Corral, attended by approximately 50 people, including 4 members of the women's corrections committee and 2 guests.

Yours in Unity, Recovery, and Service, Char S.

Treatment – Willye M.

Workshops and meeting are flourishing at the Centers, in-patient and open are doing well. A.A. cooperation with youth residential is stronger than ever. I have contacted our sister program Al-Anon and in hopes they will also be at the Centers with their program. I need to order Come to Believe books as we are almost finished going over the 12 and 12 with this group. What a great group of youths we have! A.A. is still stronger than ever with such energy along side. The Fri. night 7 pm has added a first of the month speaker. We are also working with different district meetings have had the honor and trust of the youth going to many outside meetings not only in our district but surrounding also , What a blessing A.A. is to all!

Thank you for allowing me this honor in serving Willye M

CPC/PI – Janet B.

March & April 2013

In checking out our sites for where and whens, most were very well filled. The share club and the emergency at CMH were added to and the Chamber of Commerce was restocked.

Rose C. continues to take care of the sheriff's substation and the YANA Club in Crystal River.

Ernie P. keeps the two Laundromats in Inverness and the VA clinic in Beverly Hills well stocked.

The Lakes Region Library and the SW Central Driver Improvement School needed to be restocked.

On March the 30th I attended the North Florida Area Conference in Lake Mary. While there I

Attended the CPC meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Janet B.

Literature –Genêt R.

GSR pamphlets and self-support packets were distributed and discussed at the District meeting. Self-support packets are free from GSO.

Grapevine –

NCI Liaison – Paige B.

The April 2013 meeting of the Nature Coast Intergroup was opened and chaired by Vice-Chair Genet R. Eight groups were represented. Minutes of the March meeting were accepted as read by Secretary Denis S. The April 2013 Treasurer's Report was accepted as read by Treasurer Bill W.

The Hotline Chair, David N., reported having technical difficulties with the phone and charger. Group discussion fostered a decision to pursue having the parts replaced by the service provider at no cost since they are under warranty.

A total of 38 calls were received in the month of April; 28 calls for AA, 6 wet calls, 1 call for Al-anon, 2 for treatment and 1 termed miscellaneous. The drop in number was attributed both to technical difficulties and the annual exodus of the "snow birds."

In March, the webmaster, Dave B., was asked to eliminate any defunct or outdated e-mail addresses connected to the NCI website. As a result, two e-mail addresses will be eliminated. news@ncintergroup.com will remain the primary e-mail address for groups and individuals to send information such as anniversaries and other AA related items to NCI. 101 visits to the website were reported for the month of April.

Discussion of the Nature Coast Journal led to the nomination and election of a new Editor, Babette V. Review of a newly formatted template and discussion of the bylaws and guidelines regarding content and practices ensued. An issue is expected to be printed and ready for distribution on or about June 1, 2013.

A Founders Day Breakfast event, hosted jointly by NCI and District 28, was discussed, voted on and unanimously approved. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 15 at 10:00am in Our Lady of Fatima Church located in Inverness.

Since the next meeting of The Nature Coast Intergroup falls on Memorial Day weekend, a discussion and unanimous vote led to the rescheduling of the meeting to Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 4:30 PM.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

ALTERNATE DCM AND DCM REPORTS

Alt DCM Report – Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Thanks to all who helped out in my recent family situations and my illness at the end of March and beginning of April. I currently am in Jacksonville on weekdays babysitting for my newest granddaughter while her mother has gone back to work teaching. I will, however, be in town on weekends. I can be reached anytime at 352-229-0662. My "Nanny" duties will end June 7th.

The latest Where and Whens are available at the Holder Intergroup and District Meetings. If you have changes in meetings or new meetings not listed, please email me those changes so we can keep the printing template current for the next printing.

The District has two rooms reserved at the Lake Mary Marriott for The July 12th - 14th Assembly. They are reserved for Saturday night July 13th and check in time is 3:00 PM. Please let me know if your group needs a district room for you. If I have no requests for occupants of the rooms on July 7th, the reservations will be canceled.

Again, thank you for allowing me to participate in service work as it does help keep me sober!
Steve N.

DCM Report – Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as the District Committee Member (DCM) for Panel 63

A volunteer, Paul B. read:

Why Do We Need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

Area 14 Assembly

I would like to thank the following GSR's, committee chairs and visitors from District 28 for being at the March assembly: Ron B., Genêt R., Brenda R., Janet B., Char S., John R., Lina R. and Paige B. A special thank you to all that helped serve at the registration desk.

There were a total of 261 in attendance with 139 voting members.

The Area Web Master will be changing the Area's website password every twelve months for security purposes.

The Florida state convention will be held July 24-28 in Jacksonville, FL.

The Literature Challenge can be found on the "Documents" tab on the NFAC Website.

Chet P., our past Area Delegate from panel 59, has been elected as our new Southeastern Regional Trustee. You will find Chet's contact information on the Resource Page of the Area minutes. Please feel free to congratulate him.

**Concept / Tradition
The Traditions
(The Long Form)**

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Tradition 4.—With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Concept IV and Checklist

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Old Business

District 28 is still in need of a Secretary and an Archives Chair. Please contact Paula with your interest in either of these positions.

Workshop topics were discussed. GSRs were asked to return to their respective groups and ask for feedback. The home group, the heartbeat of AA was discussed as a potential and resourceful topic.

New Business

A motion was made to jointly host an annual Founders Day/Gratitude Breakfast with the Nature Coast Intergroup led to unanimous approval. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM and will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church located in Inverness. There will be a speaker. The price of a ticket for admission, \$2.00.

A motion was made to change the May 2013 meeting of District 28 from the last Sunday of the month, Memorial Day weekend, to Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 6:00pm. Passed

A suggestion to remove the largely lettered date of print from the front cover of the Where and Whens was made and well received.

A suggestion was made to reduce the frequency of Area Assemblies, from four to two annually in an effort to cut costs at the area level.

Announcements

District 13 will be hosting a post-conference workshop with our Delegate on June 8th. More information to come.

Next meeting to be held on May 19th.

Closing---Lord's Prayer

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