

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM-Paula D.
Alt. DCM/Where and When-Steve N.
Treasurer-Debra S.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Grapevine Chair-Debra S.
Archives Chair-Denis S.
CPC Chair-Janet B.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Attitude Adjustment Group-Janet B., Alt. GSR
Crystal River Group-Sandy H., GSR
Dunnellon New Beginnings B.B.-John S., GSR
Rainbow Group-Ron B., GSR
Real Happy Hour Group-John C., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Won Rebos-P. J. O., Alt. GSR
Won Rebos-Diane P., Visitor

Welcome by DCM:

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

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Roll Call: P. J. O. took roll call and minutes.

Roll call-7 groups were represented.

Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the February 28, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Debra S.

Debra pointed out for the group that two reports are submitted this month, instead of one, because there was no business meeting in March. Both the March report and the April report are presented today. In commenting on contributions from Home groups, Debra encouraged everyone to check the Contribution Report to make sure the contribution made by your group is listed. By way of clarification, it was explained that Rent to Intergroup for Storage has been paid through July. Also, the April Report was amended to reflect that the correct figure for that line item, 5120, Rent to Intergroup, is \$324.36.

Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's Reports for March 2014 and April 2014, as amended, were approved.

Paula confirmed that the District does not have to file tax returns.

In response to a question from the floor regarding the necessity of expenses pertaining to the Area Assembly, the Chairperson pointed out that the priority of budgeted expenses is 1) to send the DCM to the Assembly, 2) Rent for the Holder meeting facility, and 3) Publication expenses for Where and Whens. The DCM attendance at Area Assembly is essential as a conduit of information to all the groups. The question was clarified to address the issue of whether the expenses for the second day of the Assembly are necessary, in view of the fact that the Sunday morning

sessions sometimes adjourns early. Further discussion developed that the Sunday sessions also sometimes run late. Paula offered to discuss the matter further after the meeting.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

The Archives were on display at a recent workshop entitled "What Is an Intergroup."

People in the district are continuing to donate items of interest to the archives. These donations are much appreciated.

Acid paper has been secured and every effort will be made to preserve archived items in the best possible condition.

Archives did purchase one of the First Edition Big Book reprints. Denis observed that the stories at the back of the book are very important for archival purposes, as they were contributed by members of AA very early in the history of the organization, at a time when they would have had only about four years' sobriety at most.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B.

To quickly sum up March, it was spent getting the new schedules to all of our usual sites.

On March 29, a county-wide Resource and Job Fair was held at the Salvation Army facility on Rt. 444. The weather was horrid and as a result the attendance was sparse. Most of our time was spent networking with other agencies. As a result of a conversation with Barbara Wheeler of the Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition, the NCI Hotline will be included in the next printing of their pocket directory.

On April 10 I attended a presentation by the SADD clubs and the Anti-Drug Coalition of Citrus County. This was a chance to get acquainted with the groups who are working with young people who as they grow are faced with decisions that will impact their futures.

April finished with restocking busy sites with our Where and Whens. We have added the Central Motel and the Highland Laundry as sites and, thanks to Ernie P., the VA Clinic in Beverly Hills.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: (None)

Women's Corrections Report: Char S.

We had 2 meetings this month, on April 4 (makeup for the March 28 cancellation) and April 11. The regular meeting scheduled for April 25 was cancelled by CCA. There were about 8 inmates in attendance at both meetings. There are plenty of Big Books available but we need more copies of Living Sober, and I will obtain some before our next scheduled meeting on May 9. Groups are always welcome to donate new and/or gently used copies of any Conference-approved books and literature as well as Grapevines.

Grapevine Report: Debra S.

April Area Assembly:

Agenda Item up for Grapevine is the cost of La Viña, running \$140,000 over budget: Conference has tied Grapevine's hands by having the paper type, font, cover, and binding be done in Conference recommended style and format. This is up for change. Do we want to untie Grapevine's hands and let them decide on the type of paper, font, binding, and cover should be used? What about letting the Spanish AA members be surveyed for suggestions on what they want to see in La Viña?

The May Issue of the Grapevine:

Features stories focused on members with special needs. Although in AA we have no special members, there are those who do have special needs. Lack of hearing or sight, illness, head injuries, lack of wheelchair access can all challenge a member's ability to receive the AA message. In this month's feature section, we include powerful stories of acceptance, hope and action by some of these members.

Grapevine Online Exclusives like "Shattering My Shell" can be read online only. So if the printed Grapevine is not for you then, get an online subscription which includes:

- Online edition of monthly Grapevine magazine
- 5 new online only stories per week
- Access to archives 1944-present
- Audio recordings of stories

For only \$34.97

A yearly subscription for the printed version of Grapevine is only \$28.97. If you are interested in having both the online and printed Grapevine, your group can purchase a package that includes:

12 issues of GV print and online

12 issues of audio recordings

6 issues of La Viña online

For only \$49.97

If your group is not getting the Grapevine, you and your members are missing out on a lot of information and wonderful stories. This is our history and we must know the past in order to proceed into the future.

Literature Report- (None)

NCI Report (Presented by Paige B. for Toni T.)

Eight group representatives were in attendance at the recent meeting; there were no new representatives. Eight reports and the minutes from the previous meeting were presented and approved, including the Treasurer's report. The NCI's tax return, as a not-for profit organization, has been filed. NCI now has a designated "person of record" for official notice purposes. The failure of the Hotline to be answered consistently was the subject of a group discussion; Paige will be talking to Rick about this in the near future. Several people have expressed an interest in helping out, so the problems should be remedied soon. We presently do not have a chairperson for the NCI Journal. The new Journal is not out yet, as publication has been delayed so that all of the information concerning upcoming events could be gathered and included in the publication. Until a new chairperson has been designated, it is anticipated that

publication will take place every other month. The next Journal, for April/May, will likely be bigger than past editions.

The Softball game is scheduled for May 18 at Bicentennial Park. Tickets are available, \$3 per person.

The May meeting, previously scheduled for May 25th, is being advanced to May 18th due to the fact that the 25th falls on Memorial Day weekend. On the 18th, the Softball game starts at 1:00 p.m., and the NCI meeting will be scheduled for 5:00 to 5:55 p.m.

Treatment Report- (None)

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

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

District has two rooms reserved at Area Assembly for Saturday night July 12 at Lake Mary Marriot for the next Assembly. I will cancel rooms on Wednesday July 9 if I do not hear from anyone who needs them. Email (northsea@usa.net) your name, address, and phone number as well as name of your group to me if you need a room.

Where and Whens were printed in March and the new template sent to the web site manager. I dropped off W&W's at Holder (they are in the racks and more are in the cabinet if anyone needs them at this meeting.), St. Benedicts and also Club Recovery. Any additions or changes to the Where and Whens should be emailed to me at northsea@usa.net. I will change the template for the next printing and then send the information to the web master.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and I hope to see more of you all as my time in Jacksonville comes to an end this week.

DCM Report for February 2014: Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as your District Committee Member (DCM) for Panel 63. Paula thanked everyone who joined her at the Area Assembly, Al M., Paige B., Brenda R., and Lina R. It was a great opportunity for us to let our Area Delegate know what our thoughts were on some very important issues that will be taken up to the Conference. The Saturday meetings were lengthy in order to cover the pre-conference agenda items, and most of the workshops focused on the agenda items. Paige B. also commented that the meeting ran over the allotted time, into the dinner hour, in order to discuss some very important issues that were also very contentious. Some of the proposed changes address how changes can be made to the language in the Traditions, and there is even some question as to what Bill W. meant in the language that is in the Service Manual. Paula pointed out two other issues that were of particular concern. One was whether changes could be made based on the wishes of groups that responded, regardless of what percentage of the total home groups were represented by the responses, and a second big issue was the use of the 'Circle and Triangle' on official Conference literature.

Old Business:

Paula solicited feedback on the question of what might be appropriate topics for District Workshops this year. Recent Workshop topics have included The Home Group, Spirituality and Money, The Fourth Step and The Three Legacies. Paula asked that the GSR's raise this matter with the Home Groups for member input, and that this matter,

along with the question of when the Workshops might be held, would be discussed further at our next meeting. Paige B. provided information regarding the dates on which events are already scheduled so that conflicts could be avoided: June 7 (Founders' Day Breakfast), May 18 (Softball game), August 16 (Picnic in the Park), the Gratitude Dinner (November) and perhaps a second Softball game later in the Fall.

New Business:

- A. Because the regular date for the monthly meeting of District 28 in May would be May 27th, Memorial Day weekend, Paula suggested that the meeting be advanced to May 18th instead. A motion to that effect was made, seconded and passed.
- B. A discussion was held regarding funding for the Founders' Day Breakfast on June 7. NCI officially requested that District 28 join NCI in financial support for the event. The event this year will probably be held in a church facility that would have room for sufficient seating and parking to accommodate a large crowd. Last year NCI and District 28 split the costs of the event on a 50/50 basis, with District 28's contribution being slightly in excess of \$200. Tickets last year were \$2 per person but will be \$6 per person this year. The tickets are being priced at the new level in order to try and have a break-even cost outcome. It was not felt that the price increase would hurt attendance, as the figure is still considerably less than what you would pay in a restaurant, and it is well-known that food prices have gone up this year. The Founders' Day event is regarded as very important, as we should honor those people who made AA possible for all of us. A motion to have District 28 join NCI in equal financial sponsorship of the Founders' Day Breakfast was made, seconded and passed.
- C. Debra S., Treasurer, reported that she had done a study of the printing costs that she has incurred as Treasurer. She was of the belief that the current budget allows for only one print cartridge every two years, and this was insufficient. She distributed a print-out of her research and asked that everyone look it over, compare it to their own costs, and asked that we discuss this matter at the next meeting. The study was based on the use of her printer, and she acknowledged that the cost might be different on other printers. She had compared printer costs at different stores. Comments from the group suggested that the printing costs were reimbursable. Another comment pointed out that there are two line items that might cover these costs in the budget, Office & Misc. Supplies, and Printing, Etc. It was suggested that the question of printing costs in the budget be placed on the agenda for next meeting, and that the budget be modified as may be appropriate. Paula advised that this matter will be taken up under Old Business at the May meeting. Also, everyone was encouraged to turn in their expenses for reimbursement, because it makes budget planning very difficult if the incurred costs have not been taken into consideration.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:0 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.