

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

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

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Attitude Adjustment Group-Janet B., Alt. GSR
Dunnellon New Beginnings B.B.-John S., GSR
Holder Way of Life-Al M., GSR
Keep In Step Group-Mary S., GSR
Monday Night Men's Step-Rick T.
Rainbow Group-Ron B., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Won Rebos-Lisa B., GSR

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-8 groups were represented.

Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the April 27, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Income and Expense Sheet and Contribution Report for May 2014 were on file. A motion to accept same was made, seconded and passed.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Denis reported that he had obtained a copy of the replica Big Book and added it to the Archives collection. He is looking for more old-timers who are willing to have their stories recorded. He has located a person who has the technology and ability to put 10 CD's on to one DVD, which will make it easier to circulate the stories that have been recorded. He will check with the GSO to see if there is a requirement regarding the number of years' sobriety for archives recordings.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B

During this shortened reporting period I revisited the sites that use our meeting schedules the most. The following were restocked: County Probation at the Salvation

Army, State Probation and Parole, S.W. Central Driver Improvement School, Share Club, the Emergency Room at Citrus Memorial Hospital, the laundromat at Highland Boulevard and the Central Motel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M. offered some remarks on this matter. Men's Corrections is inactive at this point. It is difficult to get into the facility because of all the new rules. We are wanted there, but nothing is scheduled at this time. We have 4 or 5 guys lined up, but they still need to complete their paperwork. An active chairperson is needed; the Chair doesn't have to be a GSR. Paula remarked that she would really like to have a Men's Corrections Chair; people have been filling in.

Women's Corrections Report: (no report)

Grapevine Report: (no report)

Literature Report- (no report)

NCI Liaison: Paige B. reporting for Toni T.

NCI has a new hotline; it is up and running. From the feedback that has been received it seems to be working well. The new person is doing a good job.

We had the softball game this afternoon. It was a great time, really good burgers and a good turnout.

The Founder's Day breakfast will be on June 7th. The cooking crew is all lined up. We learned from our experience last year and will be doing as much of the food preparation as possible the day before. We will be serving a full country breakfast. The event will be at the First Baptist Church in Crystal River; it is a beautiful facility, seats 240 people. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. The custodial crew at the church will take care of the set-up and take-down of the tables and chairs.

We are scheduling a Picnic in Park event, it will be in November. Also, the website is being updated; there have been a lot of hits.

Treatment Report- (no report)

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

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

He has reserved two rooms at the Marriott in Lake Mary for the next District meeting; they are for the night of Saturday, July 12. These are for groups that cannot afford to send a representative, one room for a male, one for a female. The rooms will be cancelled on July 9th if there have been no takers. Contact him at northsea@usa.net to let him know.

Regarding Where and When's, the last printing was in March and they are almost gone. There will be another printing in June; he will proceed in about one week. There have been a few meeting changes; please let him know if there are any additional corrections or changes to be made.

He has contacted the webmaster to get the username and password so he can log on to make changes and updates on the site. Debra will be the new webmaster. He will upload the software on Debra's computer so she can begin making changes and maintain it.

He is in the process of verifying all meetings, times and locations. Also, he will upload the recent District 28 meeting minutes to the website.

He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

DCM Report for May 2014: Paula D.

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

The 2014 dates for the North Florida Area Assembly are:

- April 4-6 – Conference agenda items
- July 11-13 – Area Inventory
- October 17-19 – Elections of new officers

You can make reservations for these on the North Florida Area website at <http://www.aanorthflorida.org>.

Paula thanked everyone for allowing her to serve.

Old Business:

At the last meeting Paula asked everyone to give some thought to suitable topics for our next District workshop, and this discussion was renewed. Announcement of a proposed workshop was made to the home groups but there was little feedback. The suggestion of having a “Wet Drunk” workshop was presented. It has been several years since a workshop on that topic was held. In the past District 28 has partnered with NCI and surrounding District groups. Paula remarked that a former DCM, Dan E., does a really good job on the topic, and perhaps he would agree to facilitate the workshop for us.

The concept of “Wet Drunk” workshop could take in a lot of different considerations, and a discussion was held on what would be a proper focus for our program. It was noted, for example, that if someone is in immediate need of transportation to a treatment facility, the hotline responder should have another recovering person present during the transportation. Rick T., who handled the hotline for three years, advised that calls came in at all different hours. It is important to have a current list of men and women 12th Step volunteers from different areas of the county so that appropriate referrals can be made. It was suggested that perhaps religious clergy could be invited, as some have received training in the area and may be willing to serve or provide assistance to responders. It was acknowledged by the group that the Hotline is one of the most important outreach functions of AA, as it is where so many people in need turn first for help. There are some special issues in the 12th step process, including how much a person has had to drink, how long since the last drink, and are the “DT’s” a concern.

From the discussion it became apparent that perhaps the original concept of “Wet Drunk” workshop was too narrow and could be expanded to cover more issues than initial contact. Paula asked for suggestions for a broader topic name and received several good suggestions from the group. As a first order of business, there was a motion and second that we have such a workshop; the motion passed without opposition. A motion was then made to have Paula contact Dan E. to see if he would help facilitate the program. This motion was also seconded and passed. For planning purposes, a discussion was held regarding an appropriate date for the workshop. In addition to the time frame between August 16 and September 27, the month of October might also be appropriate. We will try to work around Dan E.’s schedule.

After additional suggestions for a formal topic of the workshop were made and discussed, a motion was made, seconded and passed that the title of the workshop would be "I Am Responsible: The 12th Step In Action." Paula will check on Dan's availability, with a view toward an October date, and will coordinate with Paige regarding the NCI calendar.

New Business:

- A. A proposal to consider collecting old Grapevine magazines for re-distribution was tabled to the next meeting.
- B. The question of establishing a recommended limit on service positions that could be held by one person was also tabled to the next meeting. It was noted that honoring the spirit of rotation of positions is important to encouraging people to become active in service.
- C. Regarding the possible need for a new Chairperson of the Treatment committee, Paula acknowledged this is something to be considered, and if anyone wants to help in the meantime, it would be appreciated. Al M. pointed out that the problems of the current chairperson were not his fault. New security rules have been imposed by CCA and it is difficult to set up meetings.

As a general proposition, Paula reminded everyone that a chairperson's position is also partly administrative in nature. It is okay for a chairperson to get other people to help out, and to delegate tasks to willing volunteers.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.