

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

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

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Attitude Adjustment Group-Janet B., Alt. GSR
Crystal River Group- Sandy H., GSR
Crystal River Group- Jen B. Visitor
Rainbow Group-Steve N.
Real Happy Hour – Barbara M., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Won Rebos-P.J. O., Alt.GSR

Welcome by Alt. DCM:

Steve N., Alt. DCM, substituting for Paula D., DCM, 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-6 groups were represented.

P. J. read the minutes of the July 27th meeting, which had been compiled by Denis S. in P. J.'s absence. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the July 27th, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve announced that Debra S., Treasurer, had resigned her position due to work requirements but had submitted the monthly report for August. Steve N. presented the report in her absence and noted that revisions would be necessary due to expenses that were not reflected. Steve recommended that approval of the report be deferred until the next meeting so that the report can be updated, to which the group assented.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Denis reported that he had followed up on the suggestion that Archives should obtain another display case. He contacted the maker of the first cabinet, but he was busy and advised the price had gone up. Denis planned to look on line for another source.

Denis has done a second recording of Al A. from Long Island, who had 50 years of sobriety. The first recording had gone well but they hadn't spent any time talking about the third part of recovery, 'what it is like now', and Denis felt that should be

covered. The new recording is awesome and will be placed on CD. Denis is always looking for people with more than 40 years sobriety so he can record their stories.

While at the meeting Denis received a message from the cabinet maker and was advised that the price had gone up from \$60 to \$100 for the same size cabinet, although it would have thicker glass and would not break so easily. This figure was within the Archives budget and Denis was authorized to go ahead and order the second cabinet, as these archive displays are impressive and worth the cost.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B.

The County Courthouse and the Drug Court needed new Where and Whens. The State Probation and Parole office, as well as the County Probation office (at the Salvation Army) were restocked. The Sheriff's main Station and Sub-Station were checked, as well as the Share Club, CMH, Emergency Room, Lakes Region Library, and all were filled with schedules.

The Resource Fair is on schedule for September 19 at the Salvation Army in Lecanto. She will be getting more of our "Ordered to AA?" flyers printed for the event.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: None

Women's Corrections Report: None

Grapevine Report: None

Literature Report- None

NCI Liaison – Denis S. reporting for Toni T.

Denis reported that seven groups were represented at the recent meeting. There were 1014 tickets sold for the recent picnic at Rainbow Springs State Park, and the preliminary results indicate a profit of \$254. The event was a huge success. The Park officials have welcomed us back and will allow us to reserve a pavilion 11 months in advance, which we will do. The Treasurer reported that overall they were slightly above prudent reserve.

Regarding the NCI website, the issue regarding the address posted on the site has been resolved. There have been approximately 2300 visits to the website.

Our primary volunteer for the Hotline will be unavailable for a while. Temporary help is needed in staffing, especially on weekends. There were 55 calls recently.

Tickets for the September 27 softball game are presently being distributed. The event will be at the Adult field at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness, with the game starting at 2:00 p.m. The \$3 admission fee covers food and beverage; dessert donations will be appreciated. The Chairperson will be Steve C. and his phone number is (352) 446-3110.

The Gratitude Dinner will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Inverness on Sunday November 9th and the ticket price will be \$3 also. Sandy H. will be the chairperson for that and her telephone number is (352)628-3981. Sandy will also be looking for volunteers. Paige B. and Diane P. were appointed co-chairs for the New Year's Eve Dance and Babette VS was appointed chair for the Valentine's Day Dance. The possibility of a golf tournament, co-sponsored by AA and NA, has been raised and is under consideration.

Nominations will open soon for the upcoming election of NCI officers; information will be published in the next NCI Journal.

Information concerning the AA International Convention in Atlanta can be found on the NCI website.

Treatment Report- (no report)

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Where and Whens are available at the Holder Intergroup and District Meetings, and also at Club Recovery. 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 and can immediately update the website.

Current changes made this month included updating the location of Rainbow Group Monday and Friday 8 PM Meetings from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church to 1st Baptist Church of Dunnellon (in the little white house on Powell Road). I also chronologically corrected the order of meetings on Wednesdays. Those corrections are reflected on the web site W & W.

The District has two rooms reserved at the Lake Mary Marriott for the October 17-19th Area Assembly. They are reserved for Saturday night October 18th; check-in time is 3:00 PM. Please let me know if your group needs a room. If I have no requests for occupants of the rooms by October 12th, the reservations will be canceled.

The district also has two rooms reserved at the Paramount Plaza Hotel & Suites in Gainesville for the January 9-11, 2015 Area Assembly. The rooms are for Saturday night, January 10th. Check in time is 3:00 PM. Please let me know if your group needs a room. If I have no requests for occupants of the rooms by January 7, 2015, the reservations will be canceled.

Again, thank you for allowing me to participate in service work as it is important in keeping me sober!

DCM Report for May 2014: (no report)

Old Business:

District 28 Workshop. The Workshop is scheduled for October 11, and the formal title is "I Am Responsible: The Twelfth Step in Action." Paula has requested that we come up with specific topics for the facilitator, Dan E., to address. Steve asked the group to give some thought to the three components of the Twelfth Step for our review at the end of the meeting. The Workshop will be at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Inverness and we will have access to the Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m.; the Workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Hall has been reserved and Steve will take care of getting a check for the rental (\$30) to the Church.

Proposed Co-Sponsorship of Events by District 28 and NCI: This matter had been tabled after a preliminary discussion at the June meeting. The question had been raised regarding whether joint NCI/District 28 sponsorship of all events would be appropriate, especially in view of the different roles of the organizations and budgetary considerations. At this time, a motion was made that District 28 accept the invitation to co-sponsor the Gratitude Dinner, and that motion was seconded and passed. Co-sponsorship of other events can be taken up on a case-by-case basis.

New Business:

Steve announced that because Debra S. has resigned her position as District Treasurer, we will need a volunteer to serve as interim Treasurer for the next four months and someone to stand for election to the Treasurer position for next year. Steve advised further that volunteers were needed to serve in all of the officer positions.

P. J. announced that he had recently submitted his Service Resume to serve as Secretary for another term and would attach the resume to the minutes when they are sent out.

Paige B. advised that she would be willing to serve as Alternate DCM and outlined her resume, which will be sent to the Secretary for distribution with the meeting minutes.

Steve N. advised that he would stand for election to DCM and outlined his resume, which will be distributed with the meeting minutes.

Jen B. volunteered to serve as interim Treasurer and was unanimously accepted for that service. Jen has an accounting background. Steve and Paige will confer with her to fill her in on current status and issues. Everyone expressed their thanks to Jen and hoped she would consider standing for election to the position.

Steve advised the group that he has the blank forms for the new DCM to use in appointing Committee chairpersons. He commented that Denis S. and Janet B. who were present at the meeting have given great service in their positions on Archives and CPC/PI and he hoped that they would agree to continue. All other Committee chair positions will also need to be filled. Steve and Paige both expressed an interest in getting out to the home groups and encouraging more participation at the District level.

Before adjournment, Steve revisited the matter of the Workshop topics for Dan to address. Concepts such as carrying the message; sharing our experience, strength and hope; that the newcomer was not in this alone; service work availability, and Chapter 7 in the Big Book will be suggested as topics that Dan might wish to explore as part of his presentation.

By way of announcements, Steve advised that the International AA Convention for 2015 would be July 2-5, in Atlanta.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.