

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM-Paula D.
Alt. DCM/Where and When-Steve N.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Treasurer-Jen B.
Women's Corrections Chair-Char. S.
Intergroup Liaison-Toni T.
Archives Chair/NCI-Denis S.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Crystal River Group- Sandy H., GSR
Rainbow Group-Sue S., GSR
Real Happy Hour – Barbara M., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Brenda R., Women's New Beginnings
Won Rebos-Lisa B., GSR

Welcome by DCM:

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.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the August 24th meeting. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the August meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve N., Alt. DCM, reminded the group that approval of the August report had been deferred so that appropriate revisions could be made to that report, and prior reports, to properly reflect expenses. He thanked Debra, Paige and Jen B. for their assistance in going over the reports from at least the last four months so that appropriate corrections could be made. All of this was done as part of the customary process of transferring the records to the new Treasurer. A new report has been prepared for August 2014 which recapitulates monthly reports since January. The new August report reflects a beginning balance of \$6069.79, net income of \$179.00, and ending balance of \$6248.79. These new figures are correct according to the bank statement and our checkbook. Steve emphasized the importance of everyone checking the monthly contributions report to verify that all contributions are properly reflected.

The August 2014 Treasurer's Report as now submitted was unanimously approved upon motion and second. Paula thanked everyone for their work in updating the report.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

A second display case has been ordered for the Archives collection pursuant to a recommendation DCM Paula D. at the last meeting. The \$100 cost was approved at the last meeting. The case will be made by Steven G. The case has been promised for November 1st so hopefully it will be available for display the Gratitude Dinner.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B.

Crowds were expected for the Community Resource and Career Fair on September 19 and we were not disappointed. I had a set of new "Ordered to AA" pamphlets printed and along with meeting schedules most of these were given out. A few of our members stopped by to say hello and James P. came and helped me pack up. Direct contact with hopeful candidates for our Program was sparse but it was very rewarding to network with other agencies.

Our regular sites for Where and When's were checked and refilled where needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M.

Al could not be present at the meeting but submitted a brief report via email. Al reported that they brought five meetings to the jail in August and September. They have re-established communications and all seems to be going well.

Women's Corrections Report: Char S.

Char reported that Women's Corrections had also had five meetings during August and September. Their meetings are on every other Friday and are usually attended by from six to twelve inmates. At the last several meetings that Char attended, the participants were very much engaged, bringing up topics and actively sharing.

Regarding literature resources, Char reported that the literature supply is nearly depleted. She checked the AA website today and found that book prices were going to increase on October 1st. The current cost for the AA Big Book soft cover edition is \$142 for a case of 20, but this doesn't include shipping. We are out of the Living Sober book, but none are available on the website at this time. She would like to purchase 20 of the Big Books and 10 or 20 of the Living Sober books. Paula responded that this literature is very important, it is within our budget, and the question of purchasing will be addressed later in the meeting under New Business.

Grapevine Report: None

Literature Report-None

NCI Liaison –Toni T.

There were nine groups represented at the current meeting. The report of the previous meeting was accepted after correction. The Treasurer's Report was accepted upon motion, but will be kept open until the following month for bookkeeping issues. No reports were submitted by Trustees. The Hotline Committee reported a total of 82 calls in the last month, being 75 AA, 2, Alanon, 4 NA and 1 Detox. Website reported 2881 visits. The Events Committee reported that the Picnic had been a success. Flyers for

the Gratitude Dinner were distributed. Sandy H. is the contact person for food donations. Volunteers are needed for set-up and take-down. Virginia M. will be the speaker. Under New Business, a motion on the prudent reserve issue was passed. Budget issues were addressed. The will look for an appropriate venue for the picnic next spring, in Floral City, and at the Park in Homosassa for baseball. Sandy proposed the possibility of a Halloween Dance in October; people will check their calendars. Officer nominations were made and will be published. Jen was nominated for Secretary; Paige B. was nominated for a full term as Treasurer; Janet B. was nominated for 2 year term as Trustee; Denis was nominated for a 1 year term as Trustee; Sandy will remain as Trustee with one year remaining; Bill M. was nominated for trustee. Rich T. was nominated to remain as Chair, without opposition. The meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Paula asked what had been decided regarding the meeting date for November. Paige responded that the issue was discussed and it had been decided that instead of on the last Sunday, it would be held one week earlier, which would be November 23.

Treatment Report- (no report)

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Where and When's 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.

I sent an email to Dan E about the suggestions for workshop from our last meeting, but have not heard back from him.

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 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 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 district room for you. If I have no requests for occupants of the rooms by January 7, 2015, the reservations will be canceled.

DCM Report:

Paula reminded everyone that the Area Assembly will be in October, the 17th-19th at Lake Mary. The Business meeting will be on Saturday after the Workshop. Area officer's elections will be on Sunday. Volunteers will be needed to assist in ballot tabulation.

At our November District 28 meeting, the Treasurer's budget for 2015 will be presented. Jen B. will work with Paula in preparing the budget. The budget will be submitted for approval at the December meeting, to be effective in January.

Old Business:

Paula will be in touch with Dan E., the scheduled presenter for our October 11 Workshop, titled "I Am Responsible: The Twelfth Step In Action." The workshop will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Inverness. He has worked with us before and does an excellent job. The flyer for this event is on the web, and

everyone was asked to download flyers for their home group. Coffee, cookies or donuts or muffins or bagels will be available. Volunteers are needed to make coffee, help set-up and take down afterwards. Steve will take care of getting the key. Notice of the event is in the Journal.

New Business:

Paula gave all of the officers and GSR's copies of the Report of The 64th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous shareholder certificates.

Officer elections District 28 Panel 65 were then held. Pursuant to the Structures and Guidelines, all officers rotate out at the end of their terms on December 31. Steve N. read the officer qualifications for each position from the Structures and Guidelines.

Steve N. is standing for election to the position of DCM. He read his resume to the group. Ballots were then distributed and he was unanimously elected DCM.

Paige B. is standing for election to the position of Alt. DCM. She read her resume to the group. Ballots were then distributed and she was unanimously elected Alt. DCM.

P. J. O. is standing for election to the position of Secretary. As a point of order, it was pointed out that that under the Structures and Guidelines, officers may serve only one two-year term, but P. J. presently serves as elected to fill a vacancy, and may stand for election to a full term. P. J. read his resume to the group and ballots were distributed. P. J. was unanimously elected to serve as Secretary.

Jen B. is standing for election to the position of Treasurer. Jen read her resume to the group. Ballots were distributed and she was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Regarding new books, as brought up by Char S. in the Women's Corrections Report, all agreed that buying the books by the case would be the better option as it is cheaper. Char found that the cost of a case of 20 Big Books would be \$142.50; she did not have a figure for the Living Sober books. She asked for permission to spend up to \$250 for twenty Big Books and twenty Living Sober books. This would give us a supply of books that would last several months. It was believed that shipping costs were free at some point for large quantities. A motion was made and seconded to increase the Women's Corrections budget by \$250, from \$75 to \$325, in order to accommodate the book purchases. It was pointed out in discussion that if the cost of the books exceeded the new figure, the budget could be amended again. Also, Men's Corrections has \$75 in the budget, which has not been spent. The books could be for both men and women's corrections needs. The Motion passed unanimously. In follow-up discussion, mention was made that a notice could be placed in the NCI Journal encouraging the Groups to donate used Big Books to the jails. In response, a concern was raised that there may be a problem in having such a request come from District 28, as the District should have an obligation to render financial support to GSO by purchasing books. However, there should be no problem in having NCI make such a request.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.