

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM-Paula D.
Treasurer-Jen B.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Women's Corrections Chair-Char. S.
Men's Corrections Chair-Al M.
CPC Chair-Janet B.
Archives Chair/NCI-Denis S.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Attitude Adjustment Group-Janet B., Alt. GSR
Bright Spot Group-Babette VS, GSR
Crystal River Group- Sandy H., GSR
Dunnellon New Beginnings-John S., GSR
Holder Way of Life-Al M., GSR
Rainbow Group-Sue S., GSR
Real Happy Hour – Barbara M., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Women's New Beginnings- Brenda R., GSR
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-10 groups were represented.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the September 28 meeting. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the August meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jen B.

Jen reported that she was finalizing the September report. The issue was the way we finalized prior monthly reports, as the 7th Tradition receipts were never included in the report for that month, as the monthly meeting was held before the end of the month. She has just written a check for an expense. She can give projected figures for October, but the October report will not be finalized until the end of the month. She submitted copies of the September report and projected October report to the other officers on October 21st. A question from the floor asked if we had voted on this, and was a motion necessary. Jen again explained that she couldn't close out the October report until the month ended, because of 7th Tradition income, any other checks that come in, and any checks written for expenses before the end of the month. She will have a final October report at the November meeting and can give a projected November report at that time. It will be another week or so before the October report is finalized. We don't have a final September report at this time because revisions had to be made after she took over for Deborah, but recalls we voted on a report in September. At that point the DCM suggested that the officers should confer regarding this matter. Another question from the floor asked whether we would have to vote

on a change in verbiage; the DCM noted that in the past the final reports did not include the 7th Tradition basket for the month of the report. A comment from the floor pointed out that NCI has recently changed its procedure so that the NCI monthly financial report is not finalized until after the end of the month. Another comment from the floor suggested that the new officers should address this issue, and there was also a question of whether the September report needed to be amended. At that point, the discussion of the matter was tabled.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

As per a motion made at a previous meeting I purchased a second display case for the Archives, which matches the original one. The purchase was made to make it possible to display more of the items that the members have been so generous in supplying.

Special thanks to Sue Ann, Paula D., Al M. and Genet R. for their contributions, which were significant.

The Archives display is now looking quite good and should be a nice addition to any event in the county.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B.

Same old routine: Checked all of our sites and replenished meeting schedules as needed. Sheriff's Main Station, Driver Improvement School and State Probation mentioned our schedules were dated June, so I am grateful to be getting new schedules.

The new Chamber of Commerce was fully re-stocked. The Where and When's are either really popular or not acceptable, as they are constantly disappearing. More shall be revealed. The situation in the hospital is much better; I have been going in and straightening out the materials. She provides Where and When's and You Are Ordered to AA at both County and State Probation

Sincerely,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M.

We have continued with the meetings that were re-established in the jail, we continue to go in. We do need to replenish our troops, as we are all getting older. But, we are doing alright, we are communicating with the people.

Women's Corrections Report: Char S.

Char reported that Women's Corrections had ordered, paid for and received 20 Big Books and 20 Living Sober books at a cost of \$232.20, which has been submitted for reimbursement.

We had only one meeting this month; another meeting, scheduled for October 10, was cancelled. The meeting held on October 24th was attended by five inmates.

Thank you all again for raising our budget last month to accommodate the book purchase, which will be shared with Men's Corrections. In a follow-up comment, John S. advised that Dean is collecting literature donations for jail meetings.

Grapevine Report: None

Literature Report- None

NCI Liaison Report- None

Treatment Report- None

Alternate DCM Report: Presented by Paige B. in Steve N.'s absence.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. I apologize that I am unable to attend the October meeting. I have an opportunity to visit two daughters and four grandchildren in California and am taking that opportunity to see distant family members.

The Where and When's were updated and printed October 15th. I thank Paige for picking them up so they could be at your October meeting. There has already been an additional change since the printing and that has been updated on the website and on the template for the next printing. Please email future changes to me at northsea@usa.net .

I attended the October Area 14 election assembly in Lake Mary. Both District rooms were occupied and receipts have been forwarded to Jen B., treasurer. 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 5, 2015, the reservations will be canceled.

Future Assembly dates are:

2015

January 9-11, April 10-12, July 10-12, October 9-11

2016

January 8-10, March 18-20, July 8-10, October 7-9

They will all be held at the Paramount Plaza Hotel & Suites in Gainesville. Heather V., current Alt Chair for Area 14 and Chair-elect for Panel 65 announced that several overflow motels within two miles of the Paramount are also arranged for and will be available if needed.

Since I was not a voting member I was unable to sit with the District 28 table, but had the unique opportunity to serve as the handler of ballots, making sure the right color ballots were passed out to the runners for each round of elections. While I missed my colleagues from District 28 I appreciate the unique opportunity to view the election and the second legacy from behind the scenes. When one observes the legacy in action it is apparent that the group conscience of the assembly guided by God is at work and there was no doubt that the will of the assembly was expressed in the results. There is no doubt in my mind that the election was definitely more spiritual than "political."

My personal highlights of the rest of the assembly included:

1. An ask-it-basket meeting on service where I learned new ways to involve GSR's and groups in the service structure (so you know any new approaches in Panel 65 will not be original with me).

2. An intergroup service meeting which reviewed the AA Guidelines for Intergroup and Central Offices as well as AA Guidelines for the Internet which resulted in my conclusion that our current policy of publishing phone numbers on flyers for workshops and events must change. I am proposing that we use an email address from Nature Coast Intergroup website which will forward information to the email address of Workshop and Event chairs rather than their personal telephone numbers which can be used to break their anonymity.

3. A second legacy meeting where a young people in AA representative instructed us how to set up private events and secret group pages on Facebook in order to protect anonymity. I spoke with him afterwards and he will be emailing his presentation to me to share at some future time with you.

4. A meeting where I learned that the number one stolen book at libraries is the Big Book and that we should check our local libraries often to make sure a Big Book is always available.

5. I attended a meeting on AA leadership and learned the following:
"AA leaders are best described as 'diamonds in the rough,' much better to be leaders than the fully polished and brilliant stone."
"AA leaders are those who people follow that do not lead."
"AA leadership is more spiritual than leadership ability."

6. A website meeting where I networked with other web masters in our area and learned website policies for the Area.

I have also met each Thursday this month with Paige who will be your Panel 65 Alt DCM and am certain that the transition will be very smooth. I appreciate her fantastic efforts to learn her new job and to brainstorm with me as we look forward to the experiences of Panel 65.

In order to help me better serve you, I also have acquired a service sponsor and know he will help me be a better servant to you in the future.

Again thank you for allowing me to serve. It is indeed a privilege and honor.

Steve N,
Alt DCM

DCM Report:

Paula thanked everyone for their participation in the recent 12th Step Workshop, which was very successful and generated a lot of good discussion. Dan E. suggested that we consider more workshops on the topic, as they are very beneficial to AA.

Paula also extended her thanks to Brenda R., Lisa B., Sandy H., Paige B. and Sue S. for their Area 14 participation, and also Steve N., Alt. DCM. Paula observed that the primary purpose of the Assembly is to elect a delegate to represent the area at GSO. Everything else follows from that and teaches us to carry the message. She was very impressed with the work of our new GSR's at the assembly.

Paula reminded everyone that the Treasurer's budget for 2015 will be presented at our November District 28 meeting, which would be November 23rd. The budget will be submitted for approval at the December meeting, and can be amended thereafter. A comment was made at this time that NCI had decided to move its November meeting to **November 16th** and its December meeting to December 14th, instead of having those meetings on the last Sunday of the month.

Paula also revisited a concern raised at a previous meeting about whether District 28 should encourage contributions of old Big Books to the jails, as this might be inconsistent with our obligation to support the GSO by purchasing books. Upon reflection, Paula had concluded that there is no problem in District 28 accepting contributions from AA members.

Old Business:

In follow-up to the discussion during the DCM report regarding the proposed meeting date in November for presenting the 2015 budget, a question was raised as to whether District 28 had voted to change the meeting date for November. After some discussion, it was pointed out that this question had been addressed at the June meeting of District 28. The minutes of the June meeting reflect that a "motion was made and seconded that future meetings will take place on the last Sunday of each month unless that date conflicts with a holiday in which event the DCM in conjunction with the NCI Chair will set the meeting date. Because the motion would change the Structures and Guidelines, the motion cannot be voted on at this time. Accordingly, the motion was tabled and will be taken up at the next meeting." It was noted that the effect of the motion would give the DCM the authority in the future to change meeting dates, in conjunction with the NCI Chair, without having to further amend the Structures and Guidelines.

Since the motion in June was not revisited at any subsequent meeting a motion was made at this time to remove the tabled status and consider the merits of the motion, which procedural motion was seconded and passed. No further discussion was offered with

respect to the merits of the formerly-tabled motion, and the motion was called for a vote and passed without dissent. DCM Paula then, acting in conjunction with the NCI Chair, rescheduled the November District 28 meeting to November 16th, and the December meeting to December 14th.

Paula then advised that she would be absent for both of those meetings due to the change in meeting dates because of previous plans. The group congratulated Paula on her good work and for her leadership, and extended sincere thanks for her service.

New Business:

Sandy H. reported that she had received complaints from some home groups about workshops always being held on the other side of the county. It was an inconvenience for people on one side to always have to travel to the other. A motion was made that the location of workshops should be rotated throughout all of Citrus County. After discussion, the motion was seconded and passed.

In response to a question from the floor, Paula advised that motions that are passed at District are recorded as Advisory Actions by the District, and that it is the Secretary's duty to keep the list current. It was also pointed out that the updated Advisory Actions can be found on the NCI website.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.