

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2014

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

Alt. DCM-Steve N.
Treasurer-Jen B.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Archives Chair/NCI-Denis S.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Bright Spot Group- Babette VS, GSR
Crystal River Group- Sandy H., GSR
Real Happy Hour – Barbara M., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Won Rebos-Lisa B., GSR
Share at Noon - Cathy E., Visitor

Welcome by Alt. DCM:

Steve N., Alt. 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- 5 groups were represented.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the October 26 meeting. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the October meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jen B.

Jen presented the Treasurer's Report for September, 2014, being the Income and Expense Sheet and the Contributions Report, copies of which were distributed to everyone. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's Report for September was approved as submitted.

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The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

At the request of the Chairperson for the Gratitude Dinner, Sandy H., the District Archives were displayed at the dinner in Inverness on Saturday, November 8. The feedback was very positive and many people promised to keep an eye out for items of interest.

The newly acquired second display case was a wonderful addition as it matched exactly the original display case.

Anyone interested in being on the Archives Committee should email Denis at Sheahan4@hotmail.com.

CPC/PI Report: None

Men's Corrections Report: None

Women's Corrections Report: None

Grapevine Report: None
Literature Report- None
NCI Liaison Report– Paige B.

Five groups were represented at the November meeting. There was one new member, Diane P. from the Rainbow Group. The October Financial Report was accepted and the November report was tentatively accepted. A preliminary financial report from the Gratitude Dinner indicates that it went very well. There were no statistics available from the Hotline. Regarding the Website, all of the major pages have been updated and there are other components that have yet to be revised. Regarding Events, the Gratitude Dinner was awesome, there was a great turnout. Thanks were extended to the many people who volunteered.

Treatment Report- None
Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for the privilege of serving.

The Where and When's were updated and printed October 15th and there have already been multiple changes since that printing. The website and the template for the next printing have been updated. Please email any changes to me at northsea@usa.net.

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, and October 7-9. District 28 will be hosting the April Assembly Meeting on Friday night if plans fall in place and we will need volunteers to help with that meeting.

The Assemblies 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.

I have also met each week 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.

Paige and I have created a two year calendar of meeting dates we would like to have both Intergroup and District 28 approve so that dates for the meetings can be set and published online. We also have set plans to visit every group and give each a notebook including a Group Handbook, a variety of pamphlets and the latest Service Manual. This will require an addition to the budget in the literature column which we will propose as an amendment once the budget is approved. We will follow up with a workshop on the group handbook on Saturday March 14th. The workshop location will be on the northwest side of the county. We will also be proposing a twelfth step workshop in September on the northeast side of the county. Not all workshops will be in the same area.

We are still accepting Committee Chair resumes and will be announcing those positions in December. We thank all those who have already submitted resumes, particularly the resumes for service from people who are new to service in District 28.

The proposed two year calendar will be attached to the minutes once it is approved. Again thank you for allowing me to serve. It is indeed a privilege and honor.

DCM Report: None
Old Business: None
New Business:

Jen B., Treasurer, presented the District 28 Proposed Budget for 2015 and suggested it should be circulated to the home groups for feedback. Steve N. stated that the proposed budget would, pursuant to the Structures and Guidelines, be tabled at this time and voted on at the next meeting.

There was a question from the floor regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Literature Committee chairperson. Steve N. responded that the duties included attendance at District 28 meetings, the Area Convention meetings, keeping up with the newest literature and revisions, assisting GSR's in obtaining literature for the home groups, and any other matters as set out in the Structures and Guidelines.

Steve N. presented the proposed Schedule of District 28 Meetings for 2015 and 2016. Proposed meeting dates in 2015 were advanced for two weeks in November and December to accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For 2016, meeting dates were advanced in March, November and December due to the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays; the October meeting date was advanced one week so as to allow more time before the November meeting. All other meeting dates will be on the last Sunday of each month in conformity with the general rule in the Structures and Guidelines. Upon motion and second, the Proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2015 and 2016 was approved. Steve remarked that this schedule had been developed in cooperation with the Intergroup Chair pursuant to the recent approval of coordinating meeting dates.

Steve next proposed that District 28 sponsor three workshops in 2015. The first would be on March 14, with the topic of Group Handbooks; the second would be on June 14, addressing the topic of AA in the Age of Technology. This workshop would consider the advances made, especially by young people in recovery, in the use of the internet as an aid to communication, particularly Facebook and web pages, and would address privacy issues. The third proposed workshop would be on September 12 and would be on The Twelfth Step and would also include the service structure. Denis S. followed-up with further 2015 calendar items from NCI, being the Founders' Day Breakfast was scheduled for Saturday, June 6, and the Gratitude Dinner was scheduled for November 8th. Steve acknowledged that District 28 would likely be co-sponsoring those events. District 28 will work with NCI and the Area Conference to avoid schedule conflicts. Upon motion and second, the proposed schedule of District 28 workshops for 2015 was approved. It is possible a fourth workshop could be scheduled.

Steve, as DCM, will try to get meeting agendas sent out in advance. In an outreach effort, he and Paige B., Alt. DCM-elect, plan to visit to visit the home groups to encourage attendance and service work. Paige remarked on the value of attending Area Conference meetings, as they are so important to finding out how AA really functions at that level. Steve would like to have the District make an additional room at Conference available for any interested person from the District or home groups. The people in their function at Area Conference are dedicated to AA service and it is very impressive.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.