

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2015

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM- Steve N.
Alt. DCM-Paige B.
Secretary- P. J. O.
Treasurer – Jen B.
Archives - Denis S.
C.P.C. – Barb M.
Intergroup Liaison- Dean B.
Literature – Lisa B.
Men's Corrections- Al M.
Public Information – Janet B.
Treatment- Rich M.
Women's Corrections- Brenda R.
Workshop – Debbie Lee M.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Janet B. - Alt GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Jen B. - Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
John R. – GSR, Inverness Friday Night
Rich M. – GSR, No Name Group
Bruce P. – GSR, Resentment Group
John H. – GSR, Sober Nooners Group
Dean B. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Paige B. - GSR, What's The Book Say Group
Brenda R. - GSR, Women's New Beginnings Group
Vella K. – GSR, Keep In Step Group
Lisa B. – GSR, Won Rebos Group
Barb M. – GSR, Real Happy Hour Group

Visitors:

Ken K., Keep In Step Group

Welcome by DCM:

Paige B., Alt. DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement

Roll Call: P. J. O. took roll call and minutes.

Roll call: 14 registered groups were represented.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the May 31, 2015 meeting. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the May meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Jen B., Treasurer, presented the Report for May, 2015. Copies of the Income and Expense and Contribution sheets were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$4286.38, income of \$35.00 (\$30.00 from the meeting basket and \$5 in contributions), expenses \$85.46, and the ending balance

of \$4235.92. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's Report for May was accepted as submitted. Jen also presented a preliminary report for June.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Denis expressed his gratitude to the Nature Coast Intergroup for the invitation to display the Archives at the recent Founders' Day Breakfast. The Archives were well received. The speaker there, coincidentally, was Kevin G., the North Florida Area Archives Coordinator. He informed us that our Archives display rated very favorably with those of other Districts in Area 14.

CPC Report: Barb M.

She is new to this position and will be working with Lina R., who is a snowbird and is presently out of town.

Barb reported that she is still waiting to receive the CPC Handbook from the New York office (CPC Help Desk). She called back after no response in over a month; they received my request and it is still in the works. She also ordered pamphlets and is waiting on them to be delivered.

She has contacted a couple of ministers that she knows at congregations where there is no AA presently available. She will get back to them when the pamphlets she has ordered become available.

She has also made phone calls to find more information on CPC and meetings, but has not yet received any calls in return.

Public Information: Janet B.

I have been checking the Citrus County Courthouse for our new AA Information pamphlet holder that was to be placed between Courtrooms 2 and 3. So far it has not been hung up, hence I continue to use the general rack that gets messy and crowded.

The Central Motel needed a complete refill of Where and When's. West Central Florida Driver Improvement as usual needed a stack. All of our other sites mainly needed to be neatened up. These included the Inverness Sheriff's Main Station, State and County Probation and Parole, Court Intervention Program, Chamber of Commerce, Lake Region Library, Share Club, Family Visitation Center, Inverness Department of Health and CMH Emergency Room.

Lisa B. has agreed to be the first member of the Public Information Distribution Committee and she will be delivering meeting schedules in the Dunnellon area.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M.

He reported that he had not been having much luck but saw two former inmates and that prompted him to call the facility again. He did so and the facility coordinator finally called him back. He says he has the paperwork and will start giving approvals and scheduling meetings. Al is supposed to get back in touch with him this week to confirm and believes it will be a go this time. This will be the first time in a long time that they have been able to schedule meetings.

Women's Corrections Report: Brenda R.

Brenda was able to schedule a meeting, five women attended. A second meeting was supposed to take place but did not happen, and she will try again. They are starting a new program at the facility and are looking for volunteers; this would be a good time if anyone is interested.

Grapevine Report: None

Literature Report- Lisa B.

Thank you for the opportunity serve and grow in the fellowship. The Founders' Day Breakfast display was well received.



For future District 28 events, a display rack for literature would be both effective and appropriate. I will look into taking action on ordering one this month.

While the final report of the 65th General Service Conference has not yet been published, I'd like to report on a few Advisory Actions noted in the Summer 2015 edition of "Box 459". Both "Your A.A. General Service Office" and "A.A. for the Woman" will be revised. "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" will be updated to include recovery experiences of bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming A.A.s. Also literature will be developed for the alcoholic with mental issues.

A valuable piece of information to share with our groups is that that the Big Book and the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of A.A. are online and can be accessed from the literature tab at aa.org. One may leave home without good literature, but it can be accessed anytime with an internet connected device!

Treatment Report: Rich M.

Lori from The Centers Treatment program called me up last week and said that their reorganization is done and she wants to meet with us to discuss starting a young people's meeting on Sundays. The weekends work best for them as there are no activity's for the boys. It sounds like they still only have males at the facility at this time. I have a meeting with Lori this coming Wednesday at 3:30 pm. At that time we will discuss the guidelines and times for the weekly meeting.

Respectively Submitted,
Rich M.

NCI Liaison Report- Dean B.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm, followed by the opening prayer. There were 9 groups represented and 15 members present. We were introduced to a new representative from the Holder Way of Life Group. The Secretary's report/minutes were read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Trustee's reports:

- Janet had nothing to report.
- Sandy was absent.
- Denis is working with the Event's Committee.
- Bill reported that they have a speaker for the Gratitude Dinner.

Standing Committee Reports:

There was no Hotline report.

Website, through AllStats reported 25,299 hits, 880 unique visits. The Top 5 visits included The Where & When, The Journal, Young People in AA, and 12 Questions.

The next Journal will be available August 1st.

Events - I need to apologize for being distracted and missing the Events Report. I do know that the Founder's Day Breakfast had a really nice turnout, a great presentation, wonderful displays, great breakfast. The volunteers did a superb job.

Chairman's Report was saved to be presented under New Business.

There was no Old Business.

New Business - The Hotline phone is outdated and needs to be upgraded. It was decided to go ahead and do this. The upgrade will come with a savings. We were asked to seek Hotline Volunteers in our groups and provide resource information for them.

There was a discussion on whether we need a Central Literature Service to provide/coordinate literature for the groups in our area. It was also brought up to possibly place information for the Literature Service in The Journal and on the NCI Website.

The meeting was closed at 5:26 pm.

Gratefully yours in service,

Dean Bryant, Intergroup Liaison.

Workshop Report: Debbie Lee M.

I will be setting up a meeting with Steve and Paige regarding the upcoming workshop scheduled for August, AA in the Age of Technology. I have also met with P. J. and discussed the question of changing the name of the Workshop committee to some other title. I don't think that changing the name of the committee itself is a good idea; we need to discuss this further.

Technology Report: Paige advised that Cathy E., the current Technology Chairperson, could not be present at the meeting, and that the Committee status would be discussed further in New Business.

Accessibilities: Amanda D.

My first month as accessibilities chair has certainly been exciting and insightful. I have reviewed the accessibilities guidelines for our district as well as GSO. It covers such a wide realm of people all of whom I'm excited and eager to reach out to. From the information I obtained from GSO, someone in need of the Accessibilities Chair can be someone who has a physical disability to someone who is a single mom, working, and can't get to a meeting to hear the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I look forward to everyone's input from the District as to who they know that I can help carry the message to. I have been to several meetings around Citrus County to announce my role as Accessibilities Chair and give a brief synopsis of what I do in that capacity. I have given my phone number to many who may possibly know someone in need. I have brought a few in-home meetings to a woman who doesn't have a car, is a single parent of 2, and can't always get to meetings. My YPG homegroup has been instrumental in carrying the message with me to this young woman. I would encourage anyone here to please take my phone number, (352) 455-2957, and circulate it to anyone you may know who can use the services of the Accessibilities Committee. I look forward to attending the Area Assembly in Gainesville next month!

Alt. DCM Report: Paige B.

My name is Paige; I am an alcoholic who has the privilege of serving District 28 as an Alternate DCM.

First and foremost I want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of AA long-timer, Tom P.. He was a member of the What's The Book Say Group in Holder, my home group, and attended a wide variety of meetings in the area particularly at Club Recovery of which he was a member. His humor, warmth, wit and wisdom will be sorely missed.

The newly printed Where and Whens, July 2015, are here today. They are bundled in groups of fifty. Please help us to distribute them throughout the district. The next revision and printing is planned for October of 2015.

A block of rooms are reserved for District 28 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville for the July Assembly. The dates are Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12. If you plan to attend and need accommodations, please let me know at floridadistrict28@gmail.com by Monday, July 6, 2015. We are on the brink of needing a second table! I look forward to seeing you there.

The Founder's Day Breakfast was held on Saturday, June 6 at the First Baptist Church on Citrus Avenue in Crystal River. This is an annual event and a joint effort of the Nature Coast Intergroup and District 28. Speaker Kevin G., Archivist from Jacksonville, spoke on early AA in the state of Florida. A lovely buffet breakfast was served. So many volunteers created a memorable event....a lovely time was had by all.

On the horizon for August 2015 is an AA Workshop, "AA In The Age of Technology."

Please keep Steve N. in your thoughts and prayers. He has of late been seriously ill. We hope for a speedy and full recovery. I have been in contact with him and even through this difficult time, he remains so helpful and supportive.

DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your DCM for District 28.

I met with your officers via phone conference and want to thank them for their input and service to the District in what has been a stressful and difficult time for me. Their support is personally appreciated by me and I know by all of you. I also want to thank all of you who responded with prayer and well wishes during my illness. We often hear that before participating in the program of AA we had few friends. It is the fellowship of AA which helps keep many of us sober. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that fellowship on your parts.

I also want to thank you for allowing me to MC the annual Founder's Day Breakfast. I thoroughly enjoyed this event and was impressed with the quality of the event and the service of all the volunteers. I especially would like to thank Denis S. for the impressive Archive display and Lisa B. for the excellent Literature display. We will get a display rack. This was definitely an event worth remembering.

I am impressed with the number of Where and Whens being distributed in District 28. We have a new Where and When printed for July and I thank Paige for her efforts to keep up with changing meeting times, locations and types. I appreciate that she was patient as we worked together over the phone to make sure the latest printed and web where and when is correct and up to date. Through our efforts to distribute the Where and Whens we are reaching out to alcoholics and their families, everyone who needs help. I can't thank Paige enough for her help, especially during my illness.

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Again it is a privilege and honor to serve you as DCM. Thank you for the opportunity.

Steve N.

D.C.M

Old Business: None

New Business:

We have at least two reports that the Crystal River Big Book Group is no longer meeting but have had no official confirmation. If anyone has any definitive information, please let us know.

Paige next addressed the status of the Technology Committee and Technology Chair; Cathy E. is presently serving as Chair. Paige has met with Cathy and she expressed some concern about serving in that capacity and has asked to serve as Alt. Chair or Co-Chair for a while, which leaves the Chair position vacant for the time being. Paige has spoken about this position with Rich M., and Rich has agreed to take over and serve as Chair. He has a long history of technology experience and dealing with computers. Upon motion and second, Rich M. was appointed the new Chairperson of the Technology Committee. He will also help Cathy E. to get acclimated to the issues.

The next matter of new business concerned the Workshop Committee and the title "Workshop." The last District 28 workshop, dealing with the Homegroup, was poorly attended and there had been a suggestion that the use of the word "Workshop" in our promotional efforts does not create enthusiasm or attract people to the event. The District 28 experience with workshops has been mixed, some events more successful than others. A good discussion followed, in which it was noted that better distribution of flyers could also be an issue. All flyers are available on the website. With regard to any name change, it was suggested that a better approach would be to leave the Committee name, Workshop, the same but focus on making the event names more colorful, interesting and attractive. A suggestion was made that the discretion should be given to the Workshop committee to decide on the title of the events that the committee sponsored. A motion was made that the authority be delegated to the Workshop Chairperson and Committee to decide on the theme and title and of the events sponsored by that Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Another item of business was the annual renewal of our agreement with the County for the rent of the meeting room (Holder Community Building) used by District 28 and NCI for monthly meetings for the period of October 2015 through September 2016. A deposit of \$50 would have to be paid. Paige read the list of dates for the proposed meetings to be covered by the agreement; any inconsistency with the calendar we previously adopted could be resolved later. Upon motion and second, renewal of the rental agreement for the proposed dates was approved.

Announcements

In response to reports that Club Recovery would be closing, it was announced that the current information is that the Club Recovery owners may be the process of trying to arrange the purchase of a new property on which a new Club facility will be constructed. In the meantime and until any new facility is constructed, Club Recovery will remain at its present location and will continue to host the AA meetings that are presently held there.

Before closing the meeting, Paige had Lisa B. read the Sixth Concept and Sixth Tradition:

Tradition Six

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?

Is it good for a group to lease a small building?

Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?

Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?

Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Concept VI

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?
- Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.