

**DISTRICT 28**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2017**

**Officers/Chairs present at meeting:**

DCM – Paige B.  
Alt. DCM – P. J. O.  
Treasurer – Shana D.  
Accessibilities Service Coordinator – John H.  
Archives Service Coordinator – Dean B.  
Corrections Service Coordinator (Men’s) – Bob M.  
Intergroup Liaison – Denis S.  
Technology Service Coordinator – Steve N.  
Treatment Service Coordinator – Lynn D.

**GSR’s, Alt. GSR’s and Visitors present at meeting:**

Sue C. - GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group  
Sandy H. - GSR, Crystal River Group  
James C. – GSR, First Thought Wrong Group  
Steve N. - GSR, Freedom House Group  
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group  
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group  
David V. – GSR, Monday Night Men’s Step Group  
Bill M. - GSR, Old Firehouse Group  
Tammy P. – GSR, Rainbow Group  
John M. - GSR, Resentment Group  
John H. – GSR. Sober Nooners Group  
Dean B. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group  
Lacey E. - Alt. GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group  
Charlene V. – GSR, Women to Women Group  
Lorraine T. - GSR, Women’s Friendship Group  
Gail K. - GSR, Won Rebos Group  
P. J. O. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group

**Welcome by DCM:**

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

**Recognition of New GSRs:** None.

**Roll Call:** Alt. DCM P. J. O. took roll call and minutes. DCM, Alt. DCM and Treasurer were present and 15 groups were represented. Big Book 164 Study Group, Common Solutions Group and YANA are deemed to be inactive and disbanded. They will be removed from the Resource Page but still carried as “Inactive” on the Area 14 list until further notice.

**Secretary’s Report:** P. J. O. for Sandy H.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the December, 2016 meeting, which were approved upon motion and second.

P. J. remarked that he was pleased to serve as Alt. DCM and that work would be continuing on the project begun when he was Secretary, with Sue C. and Janet B., to update the Structures and Guidelines.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paige B. presented for Jen B., outgoing Treasurer.

Copies of the revised final report through the end of December, 2016, consisting of the Income and Expense Sheet and Contribution Report were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$3265.91; 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition collections of \$41.00, Pink Can donations in the amount of \$233.83, contributions of \$50 from the Sober Nooners Group, \$40 from the Women's Friendship Group, and \$1500 from the Crystal River Group, for a total of \$1860.83; no expenses; and an ending balance of \$5160.44. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report through December was accepted.

**The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Paige observed that since this was the first meeting of the new panel, 67, there were no sitting Committee Chairs at this time. The DCM has the authority to appoint Service Committee Chairs; however, it has become customary in District 28 for the DCM to present the appointees to the GSRs for approval.

In lieu of Service Committee Reports, Paige asked Dean B. to read the Service Committee Chair Job Descriptions from the District 28 Structures and Guidelines. After Dean read each job description, Paige had the persons interested in standing for those positions introduce themselves to the GSRs.

John H., who has served as Accessibilities Chair for Panel 65, was seeking reappointment to that position.

Dean advised that our Structures and Guidelines do not presently contain a job description for the Archives Chair position. Paige indicated that creating the description would be the first order of business for the new Archives Chair, Dean B. Dean said that he has worked with Denis for the past two years and enjoyed it. He will continue Denis's work on Group histories.

Paige noted that there was currently no one standing for this position of CPC Chair. The vacancy would be noted in the Minutes and in the next Journal. Interested parties should contact either her or P. J.

Paige announced that Bob M. was standing for the position of Chair for Men's Corrections and Lina R. was seeking the Chair for Women's Corrections. Bob spoke about his qualifications and has served in the position since last October. He reported briefly on recent developments.

Paige advised that no one was currently standing for the position of Grapevine Committee Chairperson.

Paige noted that the Literature Committee Chairperson position is open at this time.

Paige reported that the Nature Coast Intergroup Chair had already appointed Denis S. to the position of NCI liaison to District 28.

It was announced that Janet B., the current Public Information Committee Chair, had expressed her interest in continuing to serve in this position.

Paige announced that Steve N. has agreed to serve as District 28 Technology Chair and will also continue to serve as District 28 Website Chair. Steve commented that his goals in this position over the next two years are to find someone who is willing to be trained to help out on the site, and to keep the site current and in conformity with the appropriate guidelines.

Paige noted that Lynn D. will continue to serve in this position of Treatment Committee Chair.

Also, the position of Workshop Committee Chair was currently open.

Paige said that Steve N.'s Technology Service Committee report would be attached to the minutes.

Lynn D., Treatment Chair, had left a brief written report before she left for the meeting at the Centers. Lynn reported that almost all of the original girls are gone now. They now have some new girls who are generally a little younger than the original girls. The meetings continue to go well.

**Alt. DCM:** P. J. O.

P. J. reported that he had no new developments to report, as he was just getting started in the position. He said he looked forward to working with Paige and the other officers. It was a great way to be of service.

**DCM:** Paige B.

My name is Paige. I am an alcoholic who has the privilege and pleasure to serve you as the District 28 DCM on panel 67.

I am so fortunate in the officers elected to serve with me over the next two years; P. J. O., Won Rebos Group, as your Alternate DCM, Sandy H., First Thought Wrong Group, as your Secretary and Shana D., Crystal River Group, as your Treasurer. Not one of us has served in these positions before. We are works in progress not experts, not paid professionals. We are trusted servants.

Throughout the two year term of panel 67 the revised, relaxed version of Robert's Rules of Order will be practiced in order to best organize and facilitate our collective work. The Traditions, The Concepts and the Warranties ever our guide; four core principles, Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility will be practiced. Every voice is important...all viewpoints worth hearing. The dissenting, sometimes lone, opinion may be and often is the catalyst for necessary growth and change.

I look forward to an abundance of group representation at the district level as we learn, grow and serve; one alcoholic, one meeting, one assembly, one conference at a time.

Respectfully,

Paige B.

District 28 DCM

**Old Business:**

Paige noted that the meeting schedule for 2017 was previously adopted and announced. By way of update, the Park and Recreation Department operates on a fiscal year, so we are only scheduled here through October, but District operates on a traditional calendar year. On behalf of the District and Intergroup, Paige will go ahead and fill out a new application for the following the year on the first Sunday of the month except for changes that need to be made for holidays. We have an understanding with Parks and Rec that if we move, they will refund the unused portion of what we have paid. This will also lock in the \$5 per hour rental fee that we pay.

A copy of the 2017 budget was distributed. A discussion of the budget ensued. The format for presenting and reporting District 28's finances is currently in revision. The Treasurer has decided to use Quickbooks to manage the bookkeeping and will create an updated format for reporting. The aim is to create reporting that is both useful and informative.

In discussion, it was explained that a budget is a road map and meant to be reviewed and revised periodically to meet the needs of the organization. For example, there are several revisions scheduled for review and consideration in February namely, the Archives Committee's need to fund attendance at an annual Archives Workshop. It was noted that the reimbursement for Service Committee Chairs to attend workshops at the Area 14 Assembly has been reduced from \$65.00 to \$35.00. The Assembly, in years past, was held in more distant locations like St. Augustine and St Mary's near Orlando, hence the reduction. This will be revisited.

It was suggested that all Service Committee Chairs review their budgets for the coming year and prepared to suggest revisions they may need. They were encouraged to consider expenses such as literature, travel expenses and workshops.

The success of the Pink Can Collection was discussed. A question regarding budgeting was entertained and answered. Pin Can contributions are maintained on a separate line and can only be used for the purchase of literature for Corrections. It is budgeted conservatively based on the previous year's collections.

The line item Non-Group Contributions was explained. It is when an individual member makes a contribution, for example, when an individual member sends a contribution celebrating their AA Birthday.

### **New Business.**

Paige asked that all of the Committee Chairs that had been selected for Panel 67 be approved by the GSRs. John H. was standing for Chair of the Accessibilities Committee; Dean B. was standing for Chairperson of the Archives Committee; Bob M. was standing for Chairperson of Men's Corrections Committee; Lina B. was standing for Chairperson of the Women's Corrections Committee; Denis S. for Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison; Janet B. was standing for Chairperson the PI Committee; Steve N. was standing for Chairperson of the Technology Committee and Lynn D. was standing for Chairperson of the Treatment Committee. On motion and second, all of the designated Committee Chairs for District 28 Panel 67 were approved. Paige asked that all of the committee chairs take a look at the proposed budget for 2017 and advise of any suggestions or requests.

Paige reported that the annual District 28 financial audit had taken place on January 5, conducted by GSRs Dean B. and Sandy H., under the Supervision of DCM Paige B. Jen B., Treasurer for Panel 65, and Shana D., Treasurer for Panel 67, were also present. The audit recommendations were read to the group. The conclusion was that the 2016 finances of District 28, after audit and review, were found to be in good order. A copy of the audit would be distributed with the minutes.

For informational purposes, Paige informed the GSRs that she, as DCM, P. J. as Alt.DCM, and Shana, as Treasurer, would be going to the Brannen Bank in the near future to change the District 28 account records for our account. Paige would remain on the account and P. J. and Shana would be added. Appropriate documentation of their offices would be presented to the bank. A resolution to approve this action, although not required by the Structures and Guidelines, was made, seconded and passed.

Paige solicited input from everyone regarding workshops for 2017. We are required by our Structures and Guidelines to have two per year. Paige suggested that a workshop on Corrections would be desirable, working with alcoholics that are incarcerated. We have two new Corrections Chairs, Bob M. for men and Lina R. for women, and we are working to get more of our people in to carry the message. CCA, which runs the jail facilities, has some stringent guidelines. We will vote at the next meeting on the date and location for the workshop. Bob

pointed out that CCA would need 30 days to do the background checks, and the people have to be approved before they can come to training. We will proceed with that timing in mind.

### **Announcements.**

- The first 2017 Where and When has been printed and is available here for distribution. GSRs were encouraged to take copies back to their groups. The next printing is contemplated for about a third of the way into the year, but if there are still plenty of copies available that might be pushed back until June. We are trying to economize on printing costs. As more and more people access the website for Where and When information, the number of printed copies might be reduced.
- The Area 14 Assembly for 2017 will be January 13-15, in Gainesville. A block of rooms for District 28 has been reserved. Interested parties should contact Paige or P. J. at [floridadistrict28@gmail.com](mailto:floridadistrict28@gmail.com). Rooms that will not be used will be released as soon as possible. Assembly Agenda items are also available of anyone interested.
- There are Service Resume forms available for anyone interested in filling the CPC, Grapevine, Literature and Workshop Committee Chair positions. If there are any new GSRs, Group Information Change forms are available here and can also be filled out on-line. Return the completed forms to Paige, P. J. or Sandy H.
- The 61<sup>st</sup> Florida State AA Convention will be in Jacksonville July 27-31. Reservations are being accepted and free t-shirts are available for those registering in the next week.
- Dean made a plea for home groups to assist in handling the Hot Line phone. It is primarily an NCI responsibility to make arrangements, but he is presenting it to the GSRs here at District because help is needed.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 6:10 p.m.

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### **Tradition One and Checklist: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.**

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

**Concept I and Checklist: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.**

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?