

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2017

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Paige B.
Alt. DCM – P. J.O.
Secretary – Sandy H.
Accessibilities Chair – John H.
Archives Chair – Dean B.
Corrections Chair (Men’s) – Bob M.
Corrections Chair (Women’s) – Lina R.
Grapevine Chair Alt. – Little Feather
Literature Chair – Sue C.
NCI Liaison – Denis S.
PI Chair – Janet B.

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

Sue C. – GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. - GSR, Crystal River Group
Bob M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
John H. – GSR, Inverness Wednesday Night Group
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group
Rich M. - GSR, No Name Group
Jack B. – Alt. GSR, Rainbow Group
John M. - GSR, Resentment Group
John H. – GSR. Sober Nooners Group
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Little Feather – Alt. GSR, Women’s Friendship Group
Gail K. – GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors: None.

Welcome by DCM:

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

Recognition of New GSRs:

Roll Call: Secretary Sandy H. took roll call and Minutes. DCM, Alt. DCM, and Secretary were present and 12 groups were represented.

Secretary’s Report: Sandy H.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the March 2017 meeting. Upon motion and second the March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

Shana D. read the treasures report.

Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report for February was accepted.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Committee: John H.

No report

Archives Committee: Dean B.

District 28 Archives Report April, 2017

Good afternoon, my name is Dean and I'm an alcoholic.

We have acquired a VHS tape from Dawn in Dunnellon named AA-An Inside View, dated 1980 to add to our collection.

I have two people for an Audio History, a gentleman from my Home Group with 41 years, and a lady who just celebrated 42 years. Just in the process for a time and place.

I am waiting for a written history on the 1st Edition Big Book that Eleanor donated to our archives.

Since moving recently and trying to organize things, I am working on what to bring for the State Convention in July, trying to keep the focus on our local history.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Dean B.

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

There were no meetings on March 22nd or 29th due to audit and kitchen repairs. Four new members made the orientation and are waiting on badges. Meetings will resume on April 5th. Also, the theme of corrections at the Area Assembly is going to be geared toward Correspondence for Inmates and Outside Members. If anyone is interested in that, please let me know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

Our staffing concerns were not a problem in March as the final two weeks we were unable to use the chapel space due to prison business. The meetings we held were well attended. We have been making good use of the Pink Can donations. The inmates have enjoyed using the various literature available through our fellowship.

I attended the March 12th General Service Conference Agenda Meeting with our Area 14 Delegate in Ocala. There are no compelling items concerning Corrections before the Conference this year.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve.
Lina Ricks

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: Position is vacant at this time. If anyone is interested in serving, please let Paige or P. J. know and submit a service resume.

No report

Grapevine Committee: Little Feather for Kim W.
Grapevine Report for March 2017

Went to three business meetings. Two group committed to picking up one subscription and one tabled it. Two of the three will be sending them directly to either a jail or rehab facility. I will start to branch out to meeting that are out of my area and announce that I have subscriptions forms.

I am currently working on the Display board for the Spring Fling. :)

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Kim W.

NCI Liaison: Denis S.

There were nine groups present. Lorraine's minutes were accepted with on small amendment. Paige reported a closing balance of \$4,762.02.

Trustees reported the appointment of Mike F. as new events chair.

Hotline, John H. reported that he had found new volunteers to respond to the hotline.

Webmaster, Steve N. reported 6,372 visits to the site.

Events, Mike F. reported that Sandy H. had accepted the next two events; a) Spring Fling and b) Founders Breakfast. The events committee will meet again in two weeks.

Alt. Chair, Dean, attended the Pre-conference meeting in Ocala and moved events items to new storage unit. He also coordinated the events meeting on April 1st.

Chair, Steve N., thanked Dean for organizing the events meeting on April 1st and also thanked those who moved items to the new storage.

New Business: Dean asked that we be willing to mail a hard copy of minutes to anyone not computer literate.

Denis S.

Literature Committee: Sue C.

Service brochures displayed, AA Guidelines available, and catalogs available.

General Service Conference Committee agenda items for literature include:

Discuss proposed plan for the annual review of recovery literature.

- Review progress report on the development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who support them.
- Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety
- And reviewing the following pamphlets:
 - Questions and Answers on Sponsorship
 - Young People in AA
 - AA for Women
 - Finding Acceptance: AA for the LGBTQ Alcoholic
 - The Twelve Traditions Illustrated
 - Inside AA: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service
 - The AA Group

Respectfully submitted,
Sue C.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

Most sites visited still pretty well set for Where and When's. Western Judicial Services in Inverness is now our leader in giving out the schedules. They also use a lot of Ordered to AA? And they use the stories in Young People in AA for group sessions work. I also left a copy of our literature catalog with the office manager.

Citrus County Court House rack was low as was County Probation and State Probation and Parole.

Earlier this month, at a visit to CMH's Emergency Room, someone had divided our triple holder and also filled three single holders for a table across the room. In my infinite wisdom, I decided we didn't need to duplicate the literature and I could put three other publications in those holders. A few days later, I did; adding *Is AA For You*, *This Is AA*, and *Is There An Alcoholic In Your Life?*

I just went back to check on how much and what needed refilling and EVERYTHING printed was gone, including the triple vertical holder they gave us! There were a few medical pamphlets around, but plenty of empty single holders of which two are now filled with Where and When's and *A message to Teenagers*.

More shall be revealed!!

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Bruno
P.I. Chair

Technology Committee: Steve N.

District 28 Web Report April 2 2017

There were 1032 visits to the website in March by 835 unique visitors who visited 11,918 pages or 1.25 pages per visit. The most visited pages after the start page were Where and When, meetings by day, meetings by location, contact us, calendar, links, archives, audio archives, help now, and about AA. 54% of visitors accessed on mobile devices, 39% on desktops and 7% on tablets. The bounce rate was 62%.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N., webmaster

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

Rich M. advised that Lynn is carrying the message at a treatment center tonight and requested that he share that all is going well. There are currently two meetings, Sunday and Monday being carried into the Centers in Lecanto. New business to increase budget.

Workshop Committee: Position is vacant at this time. If anyone is interested in serving, please let Paige or P. J. know and submit a service resume.

No report

Alt. DCM: P J O.

Alt. DCM report for April, 2017

As time permits I have been reviewing the District Structures and Guidelines for revisions and updates.

The reconciliation of group status information as shown our District Resource Page compared with the Area 14 Report on the same subject matter is an ongoing project. Changes in group officer status and group status itself sometimes takes place without that information reaching District until we receive a new Area list, which in turn often has information that is not current. It would be helpful if group information change forms were routed through, or at least copied, to the District Alt. DCM. Please let us know of changes in officers, group status or meeting locations. This is important not only for the Area Report and District Resource Page, but for accuracy of the information regarding meeting locations in our Where and When, the latter being a really important consideration. We plan to publish the updated Where and When in late April or early May.

The Pink Can project (pocket change to buy literature for corrections) is doing pretty well, especially when it is considered that many groups have not been making contributions. All home groups are encouraged to participate. This is really a worthwhile program. For alcoholics serving time in a correctional facility, AA literature is a godsend (or, if you prefer, a Higher Power send), and the success of our successful recovery includes carrying the message to those still suffering. The small contributions that we are able to make for literature for Corrections adds up, and is a relatively painless way to do some of the service work contemplated by the AA motto, UNITY SERVICE RECOVERY.

In service,
P. J. O.
Alt.DCM

DCM: Paige B.

DCM Report April 2017

My name is Paige. I am an alcoholic with the privilege of serving District 28 as your DCM.

Joyce C., our Delegate and her team of Area 14 Officers and Service Committee Chairs, presented the Pre Conference Agenda in two locations local to District 28. They did a phenomenal job presenting the Pre Conference Agenda which is the body of work tackled at the General Service Conference annually in New York in the month of April. It was a fabulous opportunity to learn and serve. Many thanks go to Districts 13 and 17 for hosting these events and to the members of District 28 who attended and participated.

I am preparing to attend the Area 14 Assembly in Gainesville coming up next weekend. Consider joining us at the workshops on Saturday or at the Area 14 Business Meeting on Sunday. A review of and sense of the assembly regarding the Pre-Conference Agenda Items will take place on Saturday evening at 4:30 pm. If you missed one of the local presentations, this presents a great opportunity to review and understand what the General Service Conference is working on and to give your group a voice at the area and world levels.

Register now for the 61st Florida State Convention, July 27-30, 2017 in Jacksonville. Early registration allows for more effective planning. Your commitment and support make this event possible!

As always, a note of thanks to District 28 Officers, P. J., Sandy and Shana for their efforts and willingness to serve.

In service,

Paige Bauman
District 28
DCM

Old Business:

1. Amendment to Duties of Trusted Servants under Structures and Guidelines Article II, Section E, regarding Archives Chair. The DCM called for a motion to take this off the table to be discussed and upon motion and second the motion was reopened. Discussion to change Archivist to Archives Chair in job description. Upon motion and second the motion was approved.
2. Budget amendments: Increase office supplies budget from \$50 to \$75; Increase Post Office Box budget from \$60 to \$64; Increase Workshop budget from \$150 to \$250, and upon motion and second, the motions were unanimously approved.
3. Increase Treatment budget from \$150 to \$300. After discussion for and against the increase, a motion was made and seconded to table the motion pending further investigation.

New Business:

1. Pre-Conference Agenda/General Service Conference was explained.
2. Area 14 Assembly was discussed.

3. Workshop: GSR's to go to groups for questions on how the district can serve them, what should be addressed.
4. Renew two existing Grapevine subscriptions and purchase three more Grapevines and one La Vina. Upon motion and second the motion was tabled for next month.

Paige announced that the AA Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts would be sent out with the minutes.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

AA Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Four and Concept Four

Tradition IV:

With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare?

What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?

When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?

Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?

Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?

Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior-especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?

Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

Concept IV:

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

How do we guard against becoming a "seat of perilous wealth or power?"

How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?

Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?

Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?

As guardians of A.A.'s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?

Are we careful to avoid public controversy?

Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?