

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2017

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Paige B.
Alt. DCM – P. J.O.
Treasurer – Shana D.
Secretary – Sandy H.
Accessibilities Chair – John H.
Archives Chair – Dean B.
Corrections Chair (Men’s) – Bob M.
Grapevine Chair Alt. – Kim W.
NCI Liaison – Denis S.
Technology Service Coordinator – Steve N.

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

Sandy H. - GSR, Crystal River Group
James C. – First Thought Wrong
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group
Jack B. – Alt. GSR, Rainbow Group
Bruce P. - GSR, Resentment Group
John H. – GSR. Sober Nooners Group
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Kim W. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group
Gail K. – GSR, Won Rebos Group
Samantha S. – GSR, Young Peoples Group (YPG)

Visitors:

Don – Monday Night Step Men’s Meeting
Amy -

Welcome New GSR:

Samantha S. - YPG

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, Treasurer, and Secretary were present and 12 groups were represented.

Secretary's Report: Sandy H.

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Sandy H.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

Shana D. read the treasures report. Report required a correction to the year to date column prior to acceptance.

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Shana D.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Committee: John H.

No report

Archives Committee: Dean B.

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I now have 3 people on my list for Oral Histories. Hopefully I will have them recorded by the next meeting.

I believe I have everything sorted for our display at the State Convention in July.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Dean B.

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going well, good participation. Still waiting on badges for four members due to failed audit at the jail and Reverend Savage has been sick. At the Assembly, we went over agenda and got good feedback. Will move forward at General Service Conference. Also, the jail will be putting on an appreciation dinner at the Key Center on May 25th for the volunteers.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

We have successfully taken meetings into the Core Civic facility in Lecanto on every Wednesday night in April. We have placed an order with the DCM for copies of Living Sober, Daily Reflections, some pamphlets as well as soft cover Big Books. This is made possible by the generous contributions from our fellowship, for which we are truly grateful.

As you may know I will be leaving soon for my home in Indianapolis. I communicate with our volunteers and the staff at the facility primarily by phone and electronics. I will continue that through the summer and fall. Our DCM is an active volunteer so she will be able to carry in literature to meet the needs of our meetings.

I spoke with Reverend Savage, the volunteer coordinator at the jail, on Thursday. They are hosting a volunteer appreciation dinner on May 25th, a Thursday, 6pm at the Key Center auditorium. I'll be sure to pass the information to all of our valiant volunteers.

I'm grateful to serve District 28.

Lina Ricks
Women's Corrections Coordinator

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: Kim W.
Grapevine Report for May 2017

We gained a GVR, Don. Working on finishing Display board for Founders day Breakfast.

Have ordered more subscription forms and Grapevine Catalogs so Don and I are well stocked.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Kim W.

NCI Liaison: Denis S.

It was a good month at Intergroup. There were 6700 visits to the Website. We had a first Journal from our new Editor Sue S. Thanks Sue. The Hotline functioned well and preparations were made for the Spring Fling in Floral Park and the Founder's Brunch to be held at the First Baptist Church of Crystal River on June 10th.

Denis S.

Literature Committee: Sue C.

At the Area Assembly, I attended the Literature Workshop and the meeting to discuss the Conference Agenda Items. The Literature Workshop discussed the agenda items pertaining to literature.

Requests that will be considered are:

- Revision to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" - remove portion suggesting list of members. Assembly voted Yes
- Retire the pamphlet "Too Young". Assembly wanted pamphlet to be available to high school counselors and jails.

- Revision to the pamphlet “The AA Group”. Assembly voted to add section regarding cooperation with landlords.

Review revised drafts of:

- Young People and AA including adding mention of young people conferences.
- AA for the Woman
- Finding Acceptance: AA for the LGBTQ Alcoholic (formerly titled “AA and Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic)
- The Twelve Traditions Illustrated
- Inside AA: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services

The conference will review the progress report on the development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.

The conference will consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety. A handout was available on this topic. Opening statement on the handout:

“Safety is an important issue within AA - one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.”

The handout went on to discuss various topics for discussion regarding safety at meetings. Further suggesting that a plan be in place to deal with issues before they arise.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue C.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

While checking the display rack at the Sheriff’s Sub-Station in Crystal River, a nice police officer asked me what I was doing and after explaining I said “You might want to carry a few of these in your patrol car.” He took a few “Where and Whens” and “Ordered to AA?” out to his marked car. He made my day!

Most sites just needed straightening out. I left a lot at the Centers, and the State and County Probation Office.

The CMH Emergency Room still had the two purloined holders each with schedules and “Message to Teenagers.”

Sue C and I combined our resources to setup the Young People’s Group with an assortment of literature and a rack to hold them.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Bruno

Technology Committee: Steve N.

AA District 28 Web Report May 2017

Thank you for allowing me to serve. In the month of April there were 886 sessions with 834 unique visitors viewing 1817 pages. 63.79% of the users were new with returning visitors making up 36.21% of the sessions. The top five pages visited were meetings, calendar, links, contact us, and audio archives. The top five downloads were: Where and When, Minutes,

calendar, about AA, and help now. The bounce rate was 59%. For the old fashioned there were 15432 hits.

Fliers were uploaded, Where and When was corrected and changed, and all minutes uploaded.

Again, I am grateful to District 28 for allowing me the privilege of being your webmaster.
Steve N.

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

No report

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.

This month I performed one of my Alt. D.C.M. duties for the first time, so the Structures and Guidelines revisions project was put on hold for a while as I prepared the new *Where and When* for publication. It was a challenge, for me anyway, because adding a new group that meets six days a week and some other address changes required some puzzle-solving. Finding enough space is the issue because of the limitation presented by the size of the printed document. It is kind of like the game "Whack-a-Mole;" when you move one thing out of its position something pops out of place somewhere else. Fortunately, there were enough blank lines on the starting document to work everything into proper place. Groups come and go but this is mostly a reflection of growth in A.A., so keep up the good work, everyone. This is a program of progress, not perfection. The new *Where and When* should hit the streets in the next week or so.

As for the Structures and Guidelines, there does not appear to have been a general revision for at least ten years, so the timing is about right. There have been additions and modifications over the years due to occasional amendments, and the present revision will address both the most recent amendment, dealing with the Archives service position job description, and an over-all cleanup of the document. My schedule may not allow completion in time for the next meeting, but it should be ready for submission to District 28 no later than the meeting in early July. Janet B. and Sue C. are helping me on this project. It will have to be approved by a vote of the GSRs.

I do have a request for all of you. District 28 maintains a document we call the Resource Page, which lists all of the groups and meetings in the District, along with the GSRs and in some cases, Contact persons. The document is attached to the minutes of each monthly meeting and sent to everyone on the District's email distribution list, about 80 people. Please take a look at the Resource Page and let me know if the listing is incorrect as to name or contact information for any GSR or other group representative. Thank you for your assistance.

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

DCM: Paige B.

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

Great news! Opportunities to learn and serve in Alcoholics Anonymous are in plentiful supply!

District 17, Ocala, Florida, will host the Area 14 Delegate, Joyce C., in a Post Conference Review Event on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The event flyer will be included with the District 28 monthly minutes distribution. I am planning to attend and hope to see many of you there.

Another Founder's Day is fast upon us. The 5th Annual Founder's Day Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017. District 28 and the Nature Coast Intergroup co-sponsor this event annually. We in District 28 are so fortunate to enjoy a close and amiable relationship with the Nature Coast Intergroup. Each entity carrying the message of hope and recovery in the manner they are best suited for. I do not, as many wise long-timers before me have observed, foresee a shortage of alcoholics to serve...there are so many service opportunities to go around! We are honored to have Steve N., former District 28 DCM, current Nature Coast Intergroup Chair and current Area 14 Website Committee Chair, speak this year. You are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship created at this very special event. Perhaps, you will consider attending and inviting someone new to our way of life or volunteering. The event flyer will be included with the District 28 monthly minutes distribution.

P. J. O., Your Alternate DCM and Where and When Chair, has successfully updated our print version of the district's meeting schedule long referred to as the Where and When. When I moved here, many years ago, I had no idea what a Where and When was! Expect to see the updated version in print this month. A perpetually updated version is always available online. A special thank you to P. J. O. and Steve N. for keeping us updated and informed.

District 28 was well represented at the Area 14 Assembly in Gainesville. A note of appreciation goes to P.J. O. for arranging accommodations for District 28 attendees. Minutes from the March Assembly are available on the North Florida Area website, nfac.org.

Anyone planning to attend and stay at the 61st Florida State Convention in Jacksonville this summer needs to act now! Rooms allocated for the convention, at the special convention rate, are almost gone.

District 28 has two District Service Chair opportunities available. We are seeking to seat a Cooperation with the Professional Community Service Chair and a Workshop Service Chair. Anyone interested in serving in either of these two capacities may contact me or P. J. at floridadistrict28@gmail.com or join us at the monthly business meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 5:45 pm. The meeting is held at the Holder Community Center.

We encourage all groups to send representation to the district at the monthly business meeting in the form of a GSR, an Alternate GSR or a Group Contact. Any and all individuals are welcome to attend as a visitor. The next business meeting of District 28 is scheduled for Sunday, June 4. Feel free to contact or join us with any questions you may have. How may the district best serve you?

In service,
Paige Bauman
District 28 DCM

Old Business:

1. Renewing two Grapevine Subscriptions and one La Vina subscription. Adding two more subscriptions to be distributed to corrections and treatment was discussed. Upon motion and second it was unanimously approved.
2. District 28 Archives Service Chair Job Description was read and upon motion and second it was unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Minutes – Timeframe to send out minutes was discussed and agreed to send out within a week of district meeting.
2. Post-Conference Agenda Report – June 3rd in Fruitland Park. See attached flyer for more information.
3. District 28 Intergroup Service Chair Description – entertain the idea of creating a job description for ---to be presented at next meeting
4. Founder's Day Event was announced for June 10th at First Baptist Church in Crystal River. See attached flyer for more information.

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 Five and Concept Five

Tradition V:

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept V:

Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.