

DISTRICT 28 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2017

5:45 PM

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Paige B.

Alternate 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 – Kim W.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

Technology Chair – Steve N.

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

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group

Steve N. – GSR, Freedom House Group

Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group

Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group

Rick T. – Alt. GSR, Monday Night Men's Step Group

Jack B. – Alt. GSR, Rainbow Group

John H. – GSR, Sober Nooners Group

Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women's Friendship Group

Lynn D.-.GSR, No Name Group

Visitors: No Visitors

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:

Lynn D – No Name Group

Roll Call: Sandy H.

Secretary, Sandy H., took roll call and read the July minutes. DCM, Alt. DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary were present and 10 groups were represented.

Secretary's Report: Sandy H.

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Sandy H.

Treasurer's Report:

Shana D. read the Treasurer's report. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's report for July was accepted.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: John H.

No report.

Archives Chair: Dean B.

It was a long week at the 61st Florida State Convention. I arrived at 9 am to unload and set up my archives display, helped Kevin G. unload his archives display, and Scott B. unload his Area 14 archives display. I kept our District 28 display personal to our district concentrating on specific local items along with the Power Point presentation of History of AA in Citrus County. Though I had the smallest display I feel it was the better display of the bunch.

Due to formatting issues, I had the pleasure of assisting the Jacksonville Archives Committee in using my laptop so they could present 'AA Comes To Florida' that Thursday night. My laptop ended up being used more to view the movie than it was with our slide show presentation. I was just grateful that I was able to help, including copying the movie from CD to my computer which took 3 hours Friday morning.

District 28 is now the proud recipients of the CD 'AA Comes To Florida' and CD's of all the speakers and workshops of the convention. It was a great pleasure meeting so many archives people involved in service in Florida.

I was also contacted by the North East Florida Archives Committee to attend and participate in sharing ideas and information at their Jacksonville. I am planning to meet with a few later in the month.

Yours in service,

Dean B.

District 28 Archives Service Coordinator

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going well. Literature is still holding up thanks to the pink can fund. There are some changes that are going on at the jail. There will be more rules put into place. If you are involved in corrections, you will know about these changes from me. If you are not involved and want to know, I will be more than happy to let you know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

We had to cancel a meeting in July due to having only one volunteer. Some good news is Lisa B, former District Literature Coordinator, was oriented this month and is waiting to receive her badge.

I have not contacted the DCM lately but I'm assuming all is well with literature.

Thanks to all of District 28 and my great group of ladies.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Lina Ricks

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair:

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 Chair: Kim W.

Grapevine Written and Oral History Workshop is scheduled for Oct 14th. We are working on location for the workshop. There is a possibility of joining District 13 to present the workshop. Projected budget for the workshop is \$126.00.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Kim W.

NCI Liaison: Denis S.

Steve N chaired the meeting and Secretary Lorraine took minutes. Treasurer Paige reported a closing balance \$5,491.32. Hotline Chair John H. said the Hotline will pass from the Sober Sand Gnats to Women to Women and then to Attitude Adjustment. A new Journal was distributed and Sue S. sent a report that she will be working on the next one. Events Chair Mike F. said the Felburn Pavilion at Rainbow Springs State Park was secured for the Picnic in the Park September 23rd. Rich McD brought tickets and flyers. Alternate Chair Dean B said he attended the Florida State Convention and was impressed to see 2,500 people present. Chair Steve thanked Dean and introduced a recent report from GSO regarding issues of respect and safety at AA meetings. It was decided to read a Safety Card issued by GSO after the monthly meetings of Nature Coast Intergroup in the future.

Denis S.

Literature Chair: Sue C.

No report

Public Information Chair: Janet B.

All sites with meeting schedules seem to be full. Where and Whens have not vanished from the Citrus Memorial Hospital Emergency Room and the lobby of the auditorium for about three months.

Langley Health put some revolving racks up. I have utilized a slot in each one. This is much better than having them on the table. Our lime green really stands out.

The Wahoo meeting was almost out, so I brought them more schedules and a pack of our new publication "What is Intergroup?"

The Pregnancy and Family Life Center of Citrus recently announced they would be offering substance abuse counseling to their clients. I think I'll be dripping in to see them since we do not have a CPC Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bruno

Technology Chair: Steve N.

In the month of July there were 924 visits to the website by 749 unique visitors who saw a total of 2610 pages or 2.82 pages per visit. The 10 most visited pages after the Start Page were Meetings General, Calendar, Where and When, Help Now, About AA, Archives, Legacies, Links, Contact, and Mobile. Meetings by day in order were Monday, Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday, Thursday, Tuesday, and Friday. Meetings by location in order were Hernando, Inverness, Dunnellon, Homosassa, Lecanto, Crystal River, Chassahowitzka, Beverly Hills, Floral City, Inglis, and Wahoo. 57.75% of the visitors used desktops, 39.44% phones and 2.82% used tablets. The bounce rate was a bit high at 64.79%. For the few remaining "hitsters", there were a total of 6216 hits in July.

Treatment Chair: Lynn D.

We continue to take meetings into Oasis in addition to their homemade meetings. Some volunteers have been able to take the girls to other meetings in and around the county. Last Sunday three of the women were able to attend the Wahoo meeting and Friday, five of the women attended the Heavy Hitters meeting in Brooksville. There are three AA meetings being held at the facility with a step meeting being held on Friday and meetings on Sunday and Monday.
Lynn D.

Workshop Chair:

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.

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the annual Florida State A.A. Convention on July 27 to July 30, in Jacksonville. It was the 61st annual convention. This was my first time and it was very impressive. There were many very helpful workshops to attend and some great speaker meetings with excellent people from all over the country. Attendance at one of these functions is a great way to learn more about our life-saving program and to make new friends from all over the State.

Our own Dean B., District 28 Archivist, presented one of many fine archives collections that were on display throughout the weekend. As far as demographics go, District 28 is clearly not a major metro area in Florida, but Dean's archives display for District 28 was superior to all the others and drew a lot of attention. Congratulations to Dean for his excellent work.

It has been only three weeks since the last District meeting, and I have been gone a lot of the time, but did have time to meet with Janet B. regarding the project to update and revise the District 28 *Structures and Guidelines*. New material is added to the document from time to time to reflect substantive changes and additions that have been approved by District vote, but that is not what this project is about. Rather, this is just a process of updating language, conforming where appropriate with language on the same subject in the A.A. *Service Manual* and making some grammatical and punctuation changes if needed. The completed project will have to be voted on by the District.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

P. J. O.
Alt. DCM

DCM: Paige B.

My name is Paige. I am an alcoholic with the privilege and pleasure to serve as your DCM. Thank you all for your attendance today and your willingness to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

A need to address the topic of safety in meetings has become apparent by recent feedback from members representing several groups in District 28. GSO has published a Guideline, "Safety in A. A.: Our Common Welfare," which directly addresses many of the concerns facing us today. In setting the agenda for today, I chose to facilitate an in depth look at this material in hoping to foster an understanding that will reach the groups and members of our District.

The District like the Area and the General Service Office are by Tradition, Concept and Warranty not meant to govern but to serve.

When I started in Alcoholics Anonymous I attended meetings and joined a group where great pains were taken to create and maintain a safe environment free from prejudiced and predatory behavior. It was strongly suggested that our opinions and affiliations had no business in the rooms, in the parking lots or in the dinners for that matter where a new man or women might get the idea that A. A. was Catholic or Republican and have any reason at all to feel excluded and leave. Throughout the Traditions there is much wisdom safeguarding our open door to those who have a problem with alcohol. Practicing these principles and working a program of attraction in an effort to carry the message of hope and recovery to the still suffering is our primary aim not helping them find their way out.

At both the Area Assembly and the Florida State Convention, so we'll run by Ruth R. and her team, I heard again a phrase I would like to pass on..."Let's stop using the fourth Tradition to justify breaking the other eleven.

On a lighter note, I am looking forward to a Fall schedule full of workshops and events and so many opportunities to enjoy our fellowship and to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Bauman
DCM
District 28

Old Business:

1. District 28 Long Timers Speaker Meeting. There will be a Long Timers Speaker Meeting in Inglis on Dec 5th, with a potluck dinner, doors will open at 6.

New Business:

1. Fall Workshop will be centered on the Grapevine Written and Oral Histories Initiative. Other committees, Literature, Corrections, Archives, and Treatment are encouraged to have visual presentations. Motion was made for the workshop to be held in early October – motion seconded and approved.
2. There is still a need for a CPC and a Workshop chair.
3. Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare. Service material from the General Service Office was read and discussed. The Yellow Card and Guidelines were handed out for GSR's to take back to their groups.

Announcements:

Area 14 Assembly

October 21 & 22, 2017

Gainesville, FL

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition VIII:

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual AA Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

Concept VIII:

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities:

(a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs.

(b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.