

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September/October Meeting
October 8, 2017

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

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

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

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group
Steve N. – GSR, Freedom House Group
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group
Jack B. – GSR, Rainbow Group
John H. – GSR, Sober Nooners Group
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group
P. J. O. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors: No Visitors

Welcome by DCM:

Paige B., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement

Roll Call: Alt. DCM P. J. O. took roll call and Minutes. DCM, Alt. DCM, and Treasurer were present; 10 groups were represented.

Secretary’s Report: Presented by DCM Paige B.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the August 2017 meeting. Each of the other officers and the Committee Chairs read their section of the report and made such corrections as were necessary, as did Paige for the remainder of the Minutes. Upon motion and second the August minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report: Shana D. presented the Treasurer’s reports for August and September, consisting of the Income and Expense, Pink Can Contribution and Group Contribution reports for those months. P. J. advised that he had received a Pink Can contribution envelope from Won Rebos for September, but it had not yet been turned in to Paige. This contribution will be listed in the October report. Shana’s reports will be attached to the minutes at the time of distribution.

Upon motion and second, all of the Treasurer's reports for August and September were accepted.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: John H.

No report.

Archives Committee: Dean B.

Dean reported that the Gratitude Dinner was coming up, and that he would be presenting a slide show on lap top and would also have the Archives collection present. He announced that he had recently received a new archival artifact from Janet B., which she had found in a book that she received from John W., and it was really unique. It is a prescription for alcoholics from Dr. Bob's prescription pad, dated February of 1937. It reads: "Always remember: 1. Trust God 2. Clean House 3. Help others." The document is signed by Dr. Bob, an original signature. This document will be preserved according to appropriate archive preservation protocols and added to the District 28 Archives collection.

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going well. Literature is still holding up thanks to the Pink Fund. I just introduced the pre-release program to the Virgin Island inmates and there was a lot of gratitude from them. This program will help relieve a lot of fear and stress and help them have a contact when they get within six months of being released. I'm also on another program for them for corresponding with people in the Virgin Islands.

Meetings were cancelled for three weeks in September due to the Irma hurricane and program conflicts. Our October schedule is back to normal.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

We were able to hold on three out of five of the available Wednesdays in September. This is good given our limited personnel. We average fifteen women at our meetings. Some good news for us was that both the Reverend and Mr. Hubbard informed us that we no longer have to wait till both of the volunteers are present or for someone to escort us to go to the meeting room. Apparently our badges are sufficient to go on back and start setting up. This helps move things along. I have submitted a literature order to our DCM and await delivery.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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.

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

The Grapevine Written and Oral History Workshop is scheduled for Oct 14th at the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto. She had some concerns about what supplies are available, and Paige will work with her in that regard. There is no projector at the Church and Steve volunteered that if one was needed he would get her one.

Kim will coordinate with others after the meeting regarding some technical issues. Dean advised that for archives recordings, he would try to resolve issues involved in getting the recorded interviews from the recorder to the Grapevine website. Perhaps there is some way to do it directly.

Literature Committee: No report. Paige advised that Sue C. had resigned the position due to other obligations. If anyone is interested in serving in this position, please contact Paige or P. J.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

At the Intergroup meeting that afternoon the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Paige presented the Treasurer's Summary reports for August and September, both of which were accepted as submitted. The balance on hand at the end of September was \$5167.48. The Trustees were pleased with the outcome of the Picnic in the Park. In the Hotline Report, it was noted that the Hotline Phone was not being passed along appropriately. John H. will look into this and try to resolve the matter. In the Website Report, Steve noted that 5,582 visits were made in August and 5,137 visits were made in September to the site with 2,204 unique individuals visiting the site during this two month period viewing 25,444 pages or 2.35 pages per visit. In the Journal Report, it was noted that the new Journal was out and could be viewed on at www.ncintergroup.com. Personal contributions are appreciated. Lorraine, for the Events Committee, advised that the first planning meeting for the Gratitude Dinner will be at the Club Serenity on October 14, at noon. All are welcome. Mike F. reported that the Picnic in the Park had been a great success, more than 100 people attended. Dean B., Alt. Chair, echoed Mike's comments about the Picnic, noted that the Grapevine Workshop was coming up on October 14, and mentioned a great meeting on the beach he had attended in Jacksonville in August. They gave out seashells instead of chips. Chairman Steve gave an informative report on the role of Nature Coast Intergroup, which is definitely a part of A.A. Under New Business, a motion to adopt the Safety Statement to be read at every meeting was defeated.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

We still have a good supply of our bright lime meeting schedules. Some holders needed to be refilled, especially at Western Judicial and the West Central Driver's Improvement facility.

Citrus Memorial Emergency Room continues to have visiting gremlins that change things around. We have gone from a triple holder to four singles to one single and now we have two singles on opposite sides of the room.

We now have two slots on revolving display racks at Langley Health in Inverness and the same at the Sheriff's Main Station in Inverness. Lacy reported that he and Sheila are still attending to their twelve sites in the Yankeetown-Inglis area and Bob G. is bringing copies of *Where and When* to the VA Clinic in Beverly Hills.

Due to the Resentment Group losing its meeting place, our printed schedules have seven slots with misinformation. I hope the group finds a new home before the next *Where and When* edition is printed.

Janet Bruno

Following her report, there was a discussion regarding the status of the Resentment Group. Paige noted that we will probably need to reprint *Where and When* around the end of the year, and hopefully the Resentment Group will have found a new meeting place by then. The Alt.DCM is responsible, per the Structures and Guidelines, for printing the *Where and When*. The group's meeting listing will be temporarily deleted from the on-line version of *Where and When*. The Alt. DCM will contact the GSR for Resentment Group to get updated information.

Technology Committee: Steve N.

Steve reported that there were more than 1600 unique individual visits to the website for August and September, which is really impressive. For those of you into hits there were 11684 hits so Russian Trolls were active and bots were byting and the spiders were spying.

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

Meetings at The Centers continue to go well. We have many ladies coming in to offer their support for the mostly young ladies in treatment as they go through this stage of their lives. For next year's budget I'd like to request \$600. The money would be used to replace *Big Books* and *Twelve and Twelves* that ladies have taken with them when they leave the treatment facility. I would also like to start a small reference library with appropriate books such as *Living Sober*, and *As Bill Sees It*, and two subscriptions to the Grapevine.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Workshop Committee: The Chair position for this vacant at this time. Kim W., Grapevine Chair, gave an overview of the presentation that will be made at the upcoming Grapevine Workshop.

Alt. DCM: P J O.

The review and revision of the *Structures and Guidelines*, carried on by Janet and P. J., appointed for that purpose, is now mostly completed. Because it is so difficult for us at the monthly District meeting to get through all of our agenda in the allotted time, P. J. recommended that the DCM appoint an Executive Committee to review the completed draft. The committee should consist of Janet, P. J., and two or three others. All would review the draft and Janet and P. J. could then explain what had been done, answer questions and respond to any concerns. It is hoped that the Executive Committee could then make a recommendation to the District 28 committee as a whole, hopefully for adoption as submitted, although questions from the committee would of course not be precluded.

P. J. also reminded everyone that the next Area 14 Assembly would be coming up soon, October 20-22. Anyone who wanted a room should let him know within the next few days and he would get reservations. So far, only a few requests have been made.

DCM: Paige B.

While many in the District faced extraordinary challenges with the onset and in the aftermath of Irma, the doors of meetings largely remained open allowing the message of hope through recovery and service to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

In the wake of a difficult month the Picnic In The Park created a tremendous opportunity for reflection, relaxation and fellowship in a beautiful location, Rainbow Springs State Park in Dunnellon. Many thanks to those at Nature Coast Intergroup who made the event possible. A special note of thanks goes to Paula D., former DCM for District 28, for sharing her story with us. There was a good crowd and a lot of new faces, so it is clear we are doing a good job in carrying the message.

The Grapevine Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Shepherd Of The Hills Church in Lecanto. Area 14 Grapevine Chair, Deb, will present a history of the *Grapevine* and *La Vina* and conduct a tutorial on how to record written and oral histories.

Area 14 Delegate, Joyce C., forwarded a copy of the Delegate Quarterly Contributions Report. To 6/30/17, 21 of the 35 registered groups in District 28 contributed a total of \$1,873.97 to GSO. One year ago 14 of the 35 registered groups in District 28 contributed a total of \$1,228.31. In one year, the number of registered groups in District 28 contributing to GSO went from 40% to 60%! The dollar amount increase, up...35%! Thank you for your unwavering commitment and generous support of GSO. We are making the carrying of the the message to the still suffering possible.

The north Florida Area Assembly is scheduled for October 20th-22nd in Gainesville. I will be attending and plan to recap at the November monthly meeting.

It is time to prepare and present the 2018 Budget. All District 28 Service Chairs are asked to review their plan for 2018 and submit a request for funding to the DCM or Alternate DCM during the month of October.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Bauman

DCM

Old Business:

Paige noted that there is still a need for a CPC Chair, a Literature Chair and a Workshop Chair.

New Business:

1. 2017 Budget Amendments. We need to amend the current budget in two respects.

The line item for Treatment was budgeted at \$450, but we have spent \$455.73. A motion to increase the Treatment budget from \$450 to \$456 was made, seconded and passed.

The Workshop budget was set at \$250. However, we added a Long Time Speaker's Meeting, we are having the Grapevine Workshop next weekend, and we will need about \$50 for the Christmas Open House in December. A motion to increase the budget to \$474 was made, seconded and allowed.

2. 2018 Budget. We had hoped to begin service committee budget proposals for 2018 earlier than this, but the process was delayed due to Hurricane Irma. So we are now asking that each committee Chair take a look at your 2017 budget, what you accomplished in 2017 and what you would like to accomplish in 2018. Give us a round-number budget proposal for your committee for 2018, within the next week or two, and the budget for 2018 will be presented at the November meeting. Send your 2018 budget proposal to Paige, P. J. or to Shana. The budget should be accepted at the November meeting and then amendments can be made at the December meeting so we will have our 2018 budget in place by the time of the January meeting.

Announcements:

Paige announced that Joyce, the Area 14 Delegate, had sent out an inventory form which asks a series of questions regarding what Area 14 can do to better serve the groups in the Districts and what it can do to get the message out. Both groups and individuals can complete the inventory and return it by email, and it can also be filled out on-line at the NFAC website.

In response to a question from Dean B. regarding expected turnout for the Long Time Speakers Meeting, Paige noted that we had been having anywhere from 50 to 75 people. There were about 50 at the last one.

Al M. reported that there had been a problem lately with newcomers showing up at closed meetings, such as his home group, who were not alcoholics and expressed no desire to stop drinking. It was assumed these people were either court referrals or from treatment facilities or law enforcement. This was very disturbing to some home group members because of anonymity concerns. Al asked if there why we could not ask the Courts not to refer people to closed meetings, and just give them a list of open meetings. It was pointed out that A.A. can't tell anyone or organization what to do or force them to do anything. We try to cooperate with outside entities. But we can educate them and Paige thought sending them a list of open meetings was a great idea. We could thereby facilitate getting these people to the right meetings. Maybe print an explanatory form to go with the lists of open meetings. It was also noted that there are some meeting schedules posted on-line that are not accurate in many respects. These postings are not

A.A. sanctioned. Again, if we find out who is posting them, we could let them know of the correct schedules but we have no control over these outside entities.

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

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. 1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen? 2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”? 3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition? 4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life? 5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be? 6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways? 7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept Ten: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. --Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates? --Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority?”