

**DISTRICT 28**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 7, 2018**

**Officers/Chairs present at meeting:**

DCM – Paige B.  
Alt. DCM – P.J. O.  
Treasurer – Shana D.  
Archives Chair – Dean B.  
Corrections Chair (Men’s) – Bob M.  
Corrections Chair (Womens) – Lina R.  
Technology Chair – Steve N.

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

Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group  
Steve N. – GSR, Freedom House Group  
Bob M. – Alt. GSR, Holder Way of Life Group  
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group  
Jack B. - GSR, Rainbow Group  
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group  
P. J. O. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group  
Linda A. – Alt. GSR, Women’s Friendship Group  
John H. -GSR Sober Nooners Group  
Rich T. - Alt GSR Monday Night Men's Group  
James C, - GSR First Thought Wrong Group

Announced: Heading Home Group is now a registered group. Jan M. is GSR and Bob R. is Alt. GSR.

**Visitors:** no visitors

**Welcome by DCM:**

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

**Roll Call:** P. J. took roll call. Ten groups were represented.

**Secretary’s Report: (Position vacant)**

December minutes reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Shana D. Our beginning balance \$5550.72, total income \$305.26,

Expenses \$84.50, current balance \$5877.41  
Pink Can for literature for inmates \$212.26

Reports accepted.

The annual audit will be conducted the week of January 8<sup>th</sup> and presented at the District meeting in February.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility Chair:** John H. No report but John offered help to individuals or groups with access problems. Please, contact him. He is eager to help.

**Archives Committee:** Dean B. District 28 Archives Report – January 7, 2018

I would like to thank Steve N. for the great display case he donated for the Archives Committee. I am sure I can put it to use. The 4th Annual Florida AA Archives Workshop will be in Winter Park, Florida on February 24th. I believe it is being hosted by the District 30 Jacksonville Archives Committee of which I am an honorary member. I spoke with Chaz H. from Jacksonville and the Archive Traveling Road Show on the 27th of this month at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, [400 St. Johns Ave.](#) in Green Cove Springs, Fl., which I doubt I'll be able to attend. It's on the NE Florida Intergroup Website. I am already registered for the workshop and awaiting information on hotel accommodations that should be available next week at Area. The agenda is on interviewing, recording, and sharing Oldtimer stories; digitizing Florida archives material, documenting and sharing Florida group histories; and the on-line quarterly Florida archives newsletter. I am very excited to attend. I am also registered for the 62nd Florida State Convention, [August 15-19](#) and waiting to see what role District 28 Archives will have.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Dean B.  
District 28 Archives Service Coordinator

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee:** [Position is vacant at this time. If anyone is interested in serving, please let us know.]

**Men's Corrections Committee:** Bob M.

Meetings are going very well. One meeting was canceled due to the holidays. Literature is a real benefit in carrying the message. Thanks to the Pink Can.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Bob M.

**Women's Corrections Committee:** Lina R.

December went very well for our committee. We were able to hold all available meetings; the jail canceled the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our literature order including Big Books, 12&12s, Came To Believe and Living Sober came in and all have been put to use. We are in need of meeting schedules, however.

The women have asked for Grapevines. I went to the GV website; the packs of 30 back issues are out of stock. However they offered free delivery through December 31. So I made an executive decision and ordered 10 back issues at \$2.50 each, delivered to my home. I have a receipt for \$25 that I would like to be reimbursed from the Women's Pink Can funds.

Love and Service,

Lina Ricks

Women's Corrections Coordinator

**Grapevine Committee:** Kim W. no report

**Literature Committee:** (Position vacant)

**Intergroup-Report:** Denis S.

Chair Steve opened the meeting and eleven groups were represented. Secretary Lorraine's report was accepted as read and Treasurer Paige B reported a closing balance of \$6979. 51. The Hotline was answered for the month and there were 5810 visits to the website. Sue asked that articles and information be submitted for the Journal to be published on February 1st. Events Chair Mike F. said the upcoming Chili Cook-off on February 10 was arranged for Calvary Chapel in Inverness and Rich McD. took the Chair position for the Spring Fling. Three new Trustees were elected to serve with Sandy H. They are Lynn D, Connie H and Linda A. Both Chair Steve and Alt Chair Dean B gave positive reports and a surplus of \$514.00 from events was slated for forwarding to GSO in New York subject to audit.

The DCM reported that the AAWS is investigating placing Intergroup in the general service structure. Discussion followed.

**Public Information Committee:** Janet B. December – January I made the rounds of all our Where and When sites and most were filled. The Citrus Memorial Hospital Emergency Rooms still had two holders and they both needed to be refilled.

Jim took some at the W. Central Driver's Improvement. He is waiting for our new update.

State Probation and Parole needed a large refill as did West Judicial Services. I have very few schedules left.

Just after Christmas I called Cindy Connolly of the Citrus Chronicle. She is the editor of Our Home Citrus 2018. AA has an information paragraph under Support Groups. The guide is due out later this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bruno

**Technology Committee:** Steve N .January 2018 for December 2017 Usage: The District 28 website received 915 visits by 894 unique visitors seeing 2007 pages or 2.2 pages per visits in December. The ten most visited pages were calendar, meetings general, Where and When, About District 28, archives, help now, contact us, legacies, audio archives, and links. 65.53% of the visitors were on mobile devices, 27.59% were on desktops and 6.9% on tablets. 54% of the

visitors were returning and 46% were new. There were a total of 10,757 visits for 2017. For hitsters, there were 65,571 hits in 2017.

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

**Treatment Committee:** Paige B. for Lynn D. who is at the Centers. At the Oasis meeting there have been both speaker and topic meetings weekly. The girls were amazed and grateful that AA meetings were brought in on both Christmas and New Year's Eve. More books i.e. the 12&12, Living Sober, the Big Book, Daily Reflections and As Bill Sees It will be ordered.

**Workshop Committee:** Paige B. for Kim W. Dates for the next LTSMs and Workshops are being considered. Hosting a pre or post Conference Agenda Workshop is also under consideration.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Structures and Guidelines:** P. J. O. The current draft of the revisions was distributed. There was discussion and some disagreement among committee members as well as district concerning the definition of district. The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to work on that. It was suggested that both the general definition as well as the specific definition of District 28 might well be included in the final document.

Steve N. advised the process by which the Wahoo, Dunnellon, and Sand Gnats groups came to be included in District 28. Basically, those groups asked if they could be part of District 28, and the District voted affirmatively.

The creation of the District service position entitled Intergroup Service Chair and the removal of Intergroup Liaison position description from our Structure and Guidelines was discussed. More clarification was requested.

P.J. has followed the suggestion that service committees be arranged alphabetically by title in the revised Structures and Guidelines. He strongly requested that members compare the current draft with previous iterations which he has distributed.

**Alt. DCM:** P. J. O. He is in the process of changing the Where and When to clarify open/closed meeting distinctions with emphasis on language and demarcation.

Corrections offered at our meeting:

1. Monday Night Men's Meeting will no longer be at 7:00pm
2. The First Thought Wrong will no longer meet on Saturday nights starting in February.
3. The Resentment Group meets ONLY on Mondays and Thursdays, 7:00 pm at the new location, Calvary Chapel, 960 S. U.S. 41, Inverness 34450.

**DCM:** Paige B.

My name is Paige; I am an alcoholic, honored to serve as the District 28 DCM.

The Area 14 Assembly is scheduled for next weekend, January 13 & 14, in Gainesville. I look forward to seeing representatives of District 28 there. I am looking forward to a year filled with opportunities to serve and learn particularly in the form of workshops. It is time for the meeting schedules to be printed with or without proposed tweaks. We print 4000 copies with 1500 going to the PI chair and the rest distributed to groups. I want to commend the work being done by the Ad-hoc Committee to revise the District 28 Structures and Guidelines and the Service Chairs diligently working to carry the message of recovery.

**Old Business:**

**Motion to print separate Open Meeting Where and When**

Discussion: Freedom House Group strongly opposed on grounds of group autonomy. On Background: a group approached the district with a request for help regarding the attendance of non-alcoholics at closed meetings.

Motion Failed

Where and When: Deadline to submit changes to schedule is the week of 1//8.

**New Business:**

Technology Coordinator requested a budget increase of \$100 i.e. from \$50 to \$150.

Motion passed.

Ken W., DCM for District 17, asked that we join together in hosting our Delegate for a pre-General Service Conference presentation. It was also suggested that we host the follow-up post conference presentation and perhaps hold both events at the Hope Evangelical church in Citrus Springs. All of motion passed with much enthusiasm.

We may again investigate a new location for our regular District meeting.

**Announcements:** None.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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**A.A. Concepts and Traditions**

**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?