

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2018

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Paige B.
Alt. DCM – P.J. O.
Treasurer – Absent
Archives Chair – Dean B.
Corrections Chair (Men's) – Bob M.
Corrections Chair (Women's) – Lina R.
Grapevine Chair – Kim W.
NCI Liaison – Denis S.
Technology Chair – Steve N.
Workshop Chair – Kim W.

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

Denis S. – Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group
Steve N. – GSR, Freedom House Group
Al M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Bob M. – Alt. GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Paige B. – GSR, Keep In Step Group
Jack B. - GSR, Rainbow Group
Bruce P. – GSR, Resentment Group
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
P. J. O. – Alt. GSR, Won Rebos Group
Linda A. – Alt. GSR, Women's Friendship Group

It was announced that Jerry K. is the new GSR for the Old Firehouse Group and Agnes T. is the new GSR for Won Rebos, Ollie is her alternate.

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

Roll Call: There were 7 GSRs present for a substantial unanimity of 4. (see above)

Secretary's Report: (Position vacant)

Minutes of the January 7th meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

Shana is ill. Paige delivered her report, noting that the report is subject to audit.

Beginning Balance:\$5,877.76
Total income: \$576.42
Expenses: \$183.00
Ending Balance: \$5,628.52

DCM suggested in the future we consider raising our donation to the Holder Way of Life Group for use of their coffee service. We currently pay them \$75.00 annually.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report

Archives Committee: Dean B.

I am all set for the 4th Annual Archives Workshop February 24th in Winter Park. I'm registered, hotel is booked, and my routes are plotted.

I have successfully converted the two Power Point presentations; AA History, and AA District 28 History to jpeg, (movie format). If there is a group that would be interested in viewing these, including the movie AA Comes To Florida feel free to contact me.

I have begun sorting through the District Archives to find what is specific to District 28 and creating a spreadsheet inventory. When I am done I will ask the District as to what is pertinent to the District and what is not, and whether to store everything else or turn over to the Area Archives chair.

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. The men are interacting with us well. The staff is getting better with the new system. Turned in four new applications, waiting for clearance and date for orientation. I also want to thank all the men that go into the jail for their time. The Assembly went well; it was about correspondence and best literature for carrying the message behind the walls.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

I attended the Area 14 Assembly January 12-14 and attended the Corrections Workshop on Saturday conducted by our own Bob M. He serves the Area as Alt. Correction Coordinator. The workshop was well conducted and well attended. I refer you to his report for details.

We were able to carry the meeting to the women at Core Civic for three of four meetings available in January. The last we had to cancel due to illness (mine). We average 15 – 20 attendees.

Love and service,

Lina Ricks

Women's Corrections Coordinator

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

My name is Kim, an Alcoholic, I need to get more involved getting out subscription forms an AA catalog. My plans is to make small packs of them and get them to as many group as possible. Hopefully, I can get some help from some fellows that are frequent meeting flyers.:)

Yours in Service,

Kim W.

Literature Committee position vacant

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Denis reported: 10 groups were represented at the Intergroup meeting. Minutes were accepted with corrections. Balance of \$6,019.24 in treasury. New trustee Linda attended the audit on 2/3. No Hotline report available. For Web report see Tech Chair Steve's report following. The current issue of Nature Coast Journal was picked up 2/5. Events Committee reported: Chili Cookoff finalized for for 2/10. NEEDED a chair for the Spring Fling on 4/20 and for the Founder's Day Brunch 6/9. Please volunteer, no experience necessary!

Alt Chair Dean attended the Assembly workshops GSR, Intergroup, Archives, as well as the business meeting. He also attended the Events Committee meeting yesterday. Intergroup Chair Steve N. also attended the Assembly: participating in a skit for the Area Intergroup Coordinator. Under Old Business – the audit was completed. Paige B.'s records were entirely accurate. In New Business – A proposal was made to purchase a computer for singular use by the Intergroup's treasurer. Group input is requested.

Public Information Committee: Janet B. will forward report

Technology Committee: Steve N District 28 Web Report February 2018 for January 2018 Usage
The AADistrict28.org website received 1080 visits during the month of January. The visitors viewed 3535 pages for an average of pages 3.3 pages per visit. There were approximately a total of 7755 hits. The most visited pages were Where and When, Meetings , Calendar, Dunnellon Meetings, About District 28, Help Now, Legacies, NFAC Link, Archives, and Contact Us. The most visited meetings by place location were Dunnellon, Inglis, Hernando, Homosassa, Inverness, Lecanto, and Crystal River. The most visited meetings by day were Thursday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The most downloaded documents were Archives Workshop Flyer, Where and When, Pre-Conference Workshop, AA Audio John Stone, SSAASA Flyer, Long Time Speakers Meeting Flyer, State Convention Flyer and Freedom House 9th Anniversary Flyer. 43.9% of users used mobile devices, 41.46% used desktops and 14.63% used tablets. 52% of the users were male and 48% were female. 68% of the visitors were new and 32% were returning. 65.2% of the users came directly to the site, The rest came via Google or from sites like nciintergroup.com, aanorthflorida.org, and clubrecoveryof citruscounty.com. The bounce rate was below the goal of 60% or less at 54.45% which is a good improvement. The average time spent on site by a visitor was 3 minutes 33 seconds. The top 6 times visitors come to the site are 4 PM, 1 PM, 2PM, 5 PM, 2 Am and 1 AM.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N, webmaster

Treatment Committee: Lynn D. will forward report

Workshop Committee: Kim W.

My name is Kim, an Alcoholic,

Right now we are working on two workshops. A LTSM March 2, 2018 Inverness FL and Pre Conference Agenda Workshop March 24, 2018. The Pre conference is a wonderful opportunity to get a glimpse at what will be going on at the GSO this year. We will also be hosting the Post Conference in May.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Kim W.

Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Structures and Guidelines: P. J. O.

PJ reported that he, Dean and Janet were still working on some issues and would report further in March.

Alt. DCM: P. J. O.

The District activity that took up the most of my time in January was the preparation of the new edition of *Where and When* for printing. There have been several changes since the last edition, with one group going from six meetings per week to two, several changes in address and/or meeting times, one group going out of existence, and several group name changes. All of this has an impact on spacing and formatting of the document, although the general appearance will be the same. The color of the paper this time will be bright orange.

One new feature you might note is the implementation of more conspicuous coding to identify “Closed” meetings. Both NCI and District officials had received information that people, usually Court referrals, were showing up at closed meetings but were not willing to admit they were alcoholics or at least had a desire to stop drinking. This caused some upset to home group members and confusion or worse to the visitor. To try and address this problem, closed meetings in the new *Where and When* will be identified by a (**C**) that is both bold print and in a larger font than the rest of the text. The explanatory language in the section that sets out the meeting description codes has been changed for the closed meetings to conform to the language in the A.A. Service Manual and is also in bold print. Hopefully, these changes will help reduce the number of unwanted visitors at closed meetings.

Some of my time was spent updating a perhaps little-known document called District 28 Advisory Actions and Motions. This document, available for reading on the District 28 website for those of you who suffer from insomnia, is a compendium of all motions that were passed at District meetings going back a number of years. It is organized by category, with motions arranged chronologically. Since the District has been without an official Secretary for a while, the document had not been updated with the motions that were passed since the last update.

In mid-January I attended the annual audit of the District finances, which is required by the District *Structures and Guidelines*. The actual examination is mostly conducted by two G.S.R.s who are appointed by the Alternate D.C.M. The auditors this year were Sandy H. from the Crystal River Group and Steve N. from the Freedom House Group. Paige B., our D.C.M., was also in attendance along with the District Secretary, Shana D. It was the finding of the auditors that the District 28 financial records were in good order. Shana has done an excellent job with one of the more challenging service positions in the District and is to be commended. (By the way, there are some service committee positions that are open and need to be filled, for example, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Literature. Service work is an important and rewarding part of recovery; your help is needed.)

The AA North Florida Area 14 Assembly was held January 13-14 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Gainesville, and was interesting as usual. Alcoholics Anonymous continues to grow; gatherings such as these assemblies are the principal way that we of the home groups give direction to our delegates on how they should vote on the issues presented at the A.A. General Service Conference in New York. These issues guide the future of A.A., so our participation is important. It only works if you work it. The next assembly will be April 14-15 at the same

location. It is understandable that some home groups cannot afford to pay their G.S.R.'s travel and motel expense for every assembly, but consideration might be given to funding for just one or two assemblies per year. It is a great learning experience and strengthens the bond between the home groups and the assembly.

In service,
P. J. O.
Alt. D.C.M.

DCM: Paige B.

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

Paige reported that the audit went smoothly due to meticulous work by our Treasurer Shana. We will be hosting the registration table for the upcoming Area 14 Assembly, April 13-15. A committee will be signed up at the March District meeting. The Area Chair, Richard C., is sending complete information on the duties of registration.

Our DCM sits on the Area Finance Committee. She has volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee investigating the possibility of initiating scholarship(s) to enable lower income districts to send representatives to Area assemblies. The move to St. Augustine may make this particularly important. The Area is still well over its prudent reserve largely due to increased contributions and underspending by Area services. Our DCM is in support of this idea.

We will be hosting the Area 14 Delegate on March 24 for a pre-conference presentation as well as in May for a post conference report. See attached flyer. We will be co-hosting with District 17 and have invited Districts 7A&D, 21 & 27.

Discounted hotel accommodations for the State Convention in August are filling up. Get your reservations in now.

Old Business: none

New Business: A motion to accept the audit was passed.

A motion to increase the District's prudent reserve from \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00 was made .

Expenses are anticipated to increase significantly by travel to St Augustine for Area Assemblies.

A discussion was begun regarding the suggestion from AA members that the purpose of Pink Can funds be expanded to include clients in Treatment facilities. Input from groups requested.

Announcements: None.

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

A.A. Concepts and Traditions

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

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 II: When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

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?