

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 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.
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
Denis S. – 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
Rick T. - GSR Monday Night Men's Group
Lynn _ GSR No Name Group
Jack B. - GSR, Rainbow Group
Bruce P. – GSR, Resentment Group
John H.- GSR Sober Nooners Group
Lacy E. – GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Dean B. – Alt. GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Lorraine T – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group
Agnes T. – GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors: none

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: Alt DCM took roll call. 13 groups represented. Substantial unanimity was 9.

Secretary’s Report: (Position vacant)

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.
Beginning Balance: \$5,603.52
Total Income: \$539.68
Expenses: \$305.00
Ending Balance: \$5,838.20
Report accepted subject to audit.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report

Archives Committee: Dean B.

Good afternoon. I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic.

The 4th Annual Archives workshop is history. Even though it began at 9am Saturday, I was there at 7am to help finish setting up the workshop with Kevin Jr.

We began with 'Interviewing and Recording Old Timers' by Charlie M. from Jacksonville.

Next was 'Video Recording and Sharing Old Timer Stories with GSO approval'. Yes, full frontal video recording, and it started back in 2010. There are guidelines of course. No stories are to be shared until 'old timer' has passed. One copy goes to GSO Archives, one copy to the Old Timer, and one copy to the District. There are release forms that need to be attended to of course.

There was a showing of the brand new movie 'Tour of Dr. Bob's House' by Peggy W., District 5, Area 15 narrated by Gail B. from Akron. This movie will be part of the collection at Dr. Bob's house in Akron and to California exclusively to fund 'the Foundation'.

Tom W. Jacksonville, presented and showed the movie 'The Beginnings of AA in Florida', showcased at the Jacksonville Convention.

Kevin Jr. went over 'Documenting and Sharing Group Histories'.

For those of you that are familiar with the 'Florida AA Group History Tree', Tom W. of Jacksonville, is heading a committee to update the tree by District/Group. What he would like us to do is compile each group in our District with an 'accurate beginning date' and or create our own tree. The committee plans on creating a database of the entire State of Florida.

Vivian F., our Area 14 Archivist went over information on 'Digitizing Florida AA Material'. She emphasized keeping it specific to your District, and create backups; and NOT to use the Cloud.

Maria S., Area 14 Archives Service Coordinator talked about her experience at the 'National AA Archives Workshop', September 28 – October 1, 2017, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

The question was asked concerning creating an online quarterly Florida Archives Newsletter.

More information will be forthcoming.

All the persons who brought a display were introduced and asked to briefly explain their display. A question for District 28. Do we need a 'Disaster Plan' for our Archives?

Your Archives Service Coordinator needs help. Anyone interested in being a part of District 28 Archives, please have them contact me.

...and, I have approached Paige about the possibility of putting on a local Archives workshop later in the year and if you all think it's a good idea I would love the support.

Finally, the 5th Annual Florida AA Archives Workshop will be February 23, 2019 at the Aloma Avenue location in Winter Park, Florida.

Yours in Service,
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 well. One meeting was canceled by the jail. I want to thank the volunteers for their dedication and consistency. I'm fortunate to have a good committee. Literature is also good thanks to the Pink Can Fund, Our yearly orientation is March 10th 9-5:00.
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

Women's Committee had a sharing session/dinner on 2/26. We had a sincere discussion centered primarily on singleness of purpose, Tradition 5, and having no opinion on outside issues, Tradition 10, including in both – just what constitutes “outside issue”.

I was able to distribute 4 applications for clearance and will have 5 volunteers attending the orientation (see Bob's report). I look forward to meeting a new lady there that Bob has recruited! Particularly as we lost a volunteer – so holding steady!
Love and service,
Lina Ricks
Women's Corrections Coordinator

Grapevine Committee: no report

Literature Committee

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Chairperson Steve N. opened the meeting and eleven groups were represented. Secretary Lorraine read minutes of previous meeting and they were accepted as read. Treasurer Paige B. reported a closing balance of \$6232.03. Trustee Connie H. attended the Chili Cook off and was pleased with the event. Hotline Chair John H. said it was time to make a new list of people willing to respond to calls. He will put an article in the next Journal about this matter. Webmaster Steve N. said there were 4658 visits to the website in February. Journal Editor Sue S. is in need of help with the formulation of the Journal. Please send articles of interest, anniversaries, etc to her at news@ncintergroup.com
Events Chair Mike F. said the Chili Cook off was a great success and announced a meeting of the Events Committee at the Serenity Club, St. Benedict's, Crystal River on Saturday March 10th at 1:30pm to finalize plans for The Spring Fling to take place at Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, on Saturday April 21st. Alternate Chair Dean B. said he enjoyed being the Master Of Ceremonies at the Chili Cook off and said he enjoyed the event. Chair Steve N. said he had purchased a

computer for the sole use of the Intergroup Secretary as approved previously and a motion to purchase a similar computer for the sole use of the Intergroup Treasurer was passed.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

Congratulations to P.J. on doing a great job on our new meeting schedules. I hope the changes made regarding closed meetings will help district attendees to the proper meetings. I also love the outstanding orange color – and it is!

I had an interesting visit to Citrus Memorial Emergency waiting room at the end of last month. Previously holders and Where and Whens have been moved about or vanished completely but this time the entire waiting room disappeared! Security told me that due to remodeling the room is now a hallway with chairs only. No tables were available and where the holders are now or if they will resurface, I can only say “More will be revealed.”

Using my willing volunteers from my home group the Where and Whens were distributed to all the groups in Inverness plus the Wahoo Group and Club Recovery.

Bob S. went to the VA Clinic in Lecanto. Paige B. took care of Seven Rivers Hospital. Sheila S. and Lacy E. cover a dozen spots in Ingliss and Yankeetown.

Also visited were the following sites: Citrus County Courthouse. This rack serves not only Court ordered people but the Court Alternative Program (aka drug court) and the teen court. I went to the Citrus County Sheriffs' Department in Inverness, State Probation and Parole, County Probation at the Salvation Army, Sheriff's Substation in Crystal River, the Centers in Lecanto, Lakes Region Library, The Lighthouse, Langley Health Dept. Inverness Chamber of Commerce, Citrus Memorial Hospital's Auditorium (lobby), Highland Blvd. Laundromat, Central Motel. Our two leading users are West Central Drivers' Improvement and Western Judicial Services. They are very pleased to get new information.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bruno

Technology Committee: Steve N.

The AADistrict28.org website received 1020 visits during the month of January. The visitors viewed 3516 pages for an average of pages 3.45 pages per visit. There were approximately a total of 7365 hits. The most visited pages were, Calendar, Where and When, Dunnellon Meetings, Contact Us ' Meetings, Legacies, Help Now, About District 28, Links, Homosassa meetings and Archives. The most visited meetings by place location were Dunnellon, Homosassa, Inverness, Inglis, Chassahowsitzka, Hernando, Crystal River, Lecanto and Wahoo. The most downloaded documents were AAAudio Al a, AAAudio Alb, Sate Convention Flyer, Archives Worskshop Flyer, AAAudio Dynamite, Long Time Speakers meeting Flyer, Where and When, AAAudio George, AA Audio Ken and Minutes. 64.58% of users used mobile devices, 20.83% used desktops and 14.58% used tablets. 54.17% of the visitors were new and 45.83% were returning. 58.33% of the users came directly to the site, The rest came via referral from a search engine. The bounce rate was below the goal of 60% or less at 57.3%. The average time spent on site by a visitor was 2 minutes 42 seconds.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N, Webmaster

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

Lynn reported: Several women have graduated out of the facility and were replaced by new ones. She has ordered books. The meeting was shut out for a time due to a scabies outbreak; they should be back in next week. She has been working in partnership with Kim W. They plan to put on programs and recruit speakers. She is getting permission for sponsors to take the clients to other meetings. Kathy, facility director is working on getting a meeting for first Sundays and outings. All seems to be going well.

Thanks,

Lynn D

Treatment Facilities Coordinator

Workshop Committee: Kim W.

The Long Timer Speaker Meeting went well. The Young People's Group were wonderful hosts and the location was perfect. We are considering the location for future events. Robbie M. and Eddie H, were both great speakers, Robbie with 44 and Eddie H. with 47 years. The next workshop on the calendar is the Pre-Conference Agenda Review. The menu has already been decided, also there have been flyers circulating for quite some time. The next workshop will be Post-Conference. See you all at both I am sure,

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Kim W.

Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Structures and Guidelines: P. J. O. (see Alt.DCM report below)

Alt. DCM: P. J. O. The annual District 28 Chili Cook-Off on February 10 was very well attended and was a big success. There were about a dozen submissions of chili to sample and all were good. Everyone had a good time. Many thanks to Dean B. and the others who helped organize the event, and especially to the good cooks who submitted their chili for the contest.

The *Structures and Guidelines* revision project is nearing completion. Dean B., Janet B. and I need to get together to resolve any remaining issues. We will then ask the DCM to put the proposal on the meeting agenda of the District Committee for discussion and voting after the home groups have had a chance for review. There are not many changes in substance.

It is a pleasure to be of service to District 28. We still have some service positions open at the District level. Since the District presently does not have an appointed Secretary, Lina R., Paige B. and I have been working together to prepare and distribute the monthly meeting minutes. Lina has been volunteering for the most challenging part, recording the meeting and then typing the minutes from the recording. Paige does most of the editing and I make email distribution to some 75 people. If you have a computer and basic typing skills at all you can do the secretary job; it is a great way to learn how the District works and the operation of A.A. as a whole. Please consider volunteering for this position. In addition, the other District position vacancies are committee chairpersons for Cooperation with the Professional Community, Nature Coast Intergroup and

Literature. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to do service work as suggested by the A.A. symbol, the circle around the triangle of Recovery Unity and **Service**. A.A. keeps us sober; service work is a great way to give back.

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

I attended the Women's Corrections In-service dinner (see Lina's report) and was inspired and impressed by the insightful and passionate discussion regarding our singleness of purpose.

The Long Timers Meeting featured Robbie M. and Eddie H. who shared their experience, strength, and hope illustrating the power of one alcoholic sharing their story with another. The Longtimers Speaker Meeting reminds me of a phrase I used to hear routinely regarding anniversary night and some of the large speaker meetings I attended, their being, "the showcase of AA." The YPG's effort and enthusiasm, especially in the cake decorating department, made the event really special. Kudos go to Kim W. on hosting her first event as Workshop Chair. Well done! We plan to hold Long Timer Meetings quarterly with the location rotating to group meeting places throughout the district. If your group would like to host, please, contact Kim or me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com.

Joyce C., the North Florida Area Delegate, is joining us on Saturday, March 24 at 4:30pm at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs, to review the 68th GSC Final Agenda. District 17 is cosponsoring this review with an invitation to Districts 7a, 7b and 27. Joyce visits the districts of the North Florida to gather a sense of how to best represent us in New York at the conference in April. When Bill and Dr. Bob turned AA over to the members in 1955, responsibility for the fellowship became our collective legacy. A post conference review is scheduled for May 19. Printed copies of the General Service Conference Final Agenda Items here today to bring to your groups for review and are available online on the NFAC website with background materials as well. Steve N, our Technology Service Chair can help if you have difficulty.

The North Florida Area Assembly is scheduled for April 13, 14 and 15 in Gainesville. District 28 has Registration Table responsibilities. This occurs once in a two year panel. Consider attending and sign up for a shift. This is a great way to learn, to serve and to meet other members of the North Florida Area.

Sadly, Patty P. passed. When I first met Patty, she reminded me of the women who were there for me when I came in...They never minced words, they walked the walk and they loved without conditions. She is missed.

Gratefully,

Paige B.
DCM District 28

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Motion to expand the Pink Can Donations to include Treatment was tabled.

Motion to increase the Archives budget from \$350.00 to \$500.00 passed.

A request for feedback on the building of the 2019 Budget was made.

Announcements: None.

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition III: As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

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?

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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?