

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2018

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.
Women's Corrections – Lina R
Grapevine Chair – Kim W.
NCI Liaison – Denis S.
Public Information Chair – Janet B
Technology Chair – Steve N.
Treatment Chair – Lynn D
Workshop Chair – Kim W

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

George H. - GSR Attitude Adjustment Group
James C – GSR First Thought Wrong Group
Steve N. - Freedom House Group
Paige B. - GSR Keep In Step Group
Rick T – GSR Monday Night Men's Group
Lynn D – GSR No Name Group
Jack B – GSR Rainbow Group
Bruce P – GSR Resentment Group
Lacy E – GSR Sober Sand Gnats Group
Agnes T – GSR Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

Joel H

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:

14 groups represented; 9 votes for substantial unanimity

Secretary's Report: (Position vacant)

Paige noted that the Minutes from March needed to be amended to reflect that the motion to reallocate the distribution of funds from the Pink Can collections was defeated, not tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.
Beginning Balance: \$5,838.20
Total Income: \$438.57
Expenses: \$827.26
Ending Balance: \$5,399.63
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.

I made it to the Wahoo Group at the Desoto Historic Site last month where I met the new secretary and the coffee maker of 13 years. When I sent the updated 'A Tree Grows in Florida' for the Jacksonville Archives Committee, I was asked why there was such a large gap between the Wahoo Group and other groups in Citrus County. The Wahoo Group dates to 1984 where the rest of the district boasts around the early 2000's. So I explained a bit of the District Archives with a few questions and asked if they would fill out a new Group History form for me. To date I am still awaiting the information. Jacksonville also asked if I could research and verify the following story: *In our Archive Collection I found the following story of a man named Frank M. and his determination to get to a meeting at any cost. Here is his story as it was written: "Around 1949 Frank M., living in Wildwood, Florida, got sober with the help of Rich W. of Daytona Beach. However, travel to Orlando from Wildwood was easier than hitching a ride to see Rich in Daytona Beach. Frank had no car and became familiar with the schedule of the freight train that passed his home. He would hop a freight car to travel the 50 miles to an AA meeting in Orland. He is later credited with starting the Wildwood group in 1950. There are presently 5 groups in Sumter County."* The best I could come up with were a few names and meeting place in the Leesburg and forwarded that information to Tom W. in Jacksonville. Before I left the Wahoo Group, I asked how the group was managing and asked if there was anything that Intergroup or District could help them with. The only request was that they are looking for the roll ups of the Steps and Traditions to put on the wall during their meetings.

I am saddened to report the passing on March 9th of John Stone, the Founder and first Intergroup Rep and GSR of the Sober Sand Gnats in Inglis. John celebrated 30 years of continuous sobriety in October of last year. He will be missed.

Yours in service,

Dean B.

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. I want to thank all volunteers for being consistent and dedicated to this service. It does take a lot of sacrifice so I just want to thank them. And the Pink Can Fund for the money for literature.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

On March 10 we attended the annual Core Civic volunteers orientation. There were 5 in attendance from Women's Corrections including a new volunteer recruited by our Men's Corrections Coordinator (thanks, Bob). Many new procedures were announced. Of particular importance to us is the requirement that we bring in large lots of literature on a quarterly basis, as opposed to replenishing our supply as needed. The DCM and I are suggesting a new ordering process whereby I order books and pamphlets, pay by card and have them delivered to my address. I would present a receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement. Assuming no dispute from the district that will be our process. Attendance stays steady and the committee remains committed.

Thank you members and committees of District 28!

Lina Ricks

Women's Corrections Coordinator

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

I have been passing out subscription forms to members. Soon I will be making a display board for founders day.

Paige and I met to set the calendar for the year of Workshops. We have definite dates up to the Archives Workshop (July 21st) everything else, we set the months in which the events are going to happen. We are discussing a workshop combining the Hotline, Corrections and Treatment in October.

I have been continuing to help Janet pass out When and Wheres in Dunnellon.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Kim W.

Literature Committee: (vacant)

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

12 groups were present at the Intergroup meeting. Treasurer reports a balance of \$4,959.00. The Hotline received 36 calls March. See District Technology Chair report below for webmasters report. The new Journal is out. The editor requests articles and announcements for forthcoming issues. Intergroup Chair, Steve N., reports that 2 computers were purchased to the sole use of the Treasurer and the Secretary of NCI. A workshop is being planned to address ongoing issues with the Hotline.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

March

This month was much slower than the "Citrus Blast" of January and February. Most sites were still filled. The emergency waiting room at Citrus Memorial is still under construction. We are still able to use the wall rack in the lobby of the CMH auditorium.

Doing the disappearing act this month was Langley Health. They were fully shut down and the Chronicle reports they are moving to Highland Blvd. In April.

Speaking of the Citrus County Chronicle, the always helpful Cindy Connelly, editor of Our Home Citrus, saw to it that we had our usual place under Support Groups.

The Laundromat on Highland Blvd. got some new machines and all the advertisers were moved. I don't know where the rest went but because we have a nice standing rack someone placed us on the only table I saw and we stand out and above the reading clutter.

Kim W has done a great job in Dunnellon. She visits the library, the local police, and the Marion County substation of the Sheriff and Fire Departments. She also told me of some clear folding holders that sound great – working on it.

The United Way of Citrus County is seeking information from local available treatment, support services and programs for the purpose of creating a catalog. I sent info to Amy Meek, Executive Chair, regarding AA and what she could use. I see this as similar to our Tuesday listing in the daily newspaper and that of the annual publication Our Home Citrus.

Sincerely,

Janet Bruno

Technology Committee: Steve

District 28 Web Report April 2018 for March 2018

The AADistrict28.org website received 1269 visits by 1035 unique visitors during the month of March. The visitors viewed 5951 pages for an average of pages 4.72 pages per visit. There were approximately a total of 1167 hits. The top ten pages visited were Where and When, Dunnellon, General Meetings, Inverness Meetings, Calendar, Archives, Minutes, Help Now, Crystal River Meetings, and Homosassa Meetings. The most visited meetings by place location were Dunnellon, Inverness, Crystal River Homosassa, Holder, Hernando, Inglis, Chassahowitzka, Floral City and Lecanto. The top meeting by days visited were Friday, Monday, Saturday, Thursday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. The most downloaded documents were Where and When, Minutes, Legacies, About Us, Help Now, AA History Slide Show, State Convention Flyer, Archives Workshop Flyer, Preconference Workshop Flyer, and SSAASA Flyer.

62.1% of users were male and 37.9% were female. 55.17% of users used mobile devices, 39.66% used desktops and 5.17% used tablets. 71.9% of the visitors were new and 28.1% were returning. 50% of the users came directly to the site, 46.6% from a search engine, and 1.7% from social media, and 1.7% from social media. The bounce rate was below the goal of 60% or less at 56.4%. The average time spent on site by a visitor was 2 minutes 49 seconds.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N, webmaster

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

As Lynn has lost her voice due to illness, Paige B. reported that meetings at the Oasis facility were going well.

Workshop Committee: Kim W

Planning is underway for the Area 14 Delegate's post-conference presentation. Kim was hospitalized but heard the pre-conference presentation went well. June will be the month for our next Longtimers Meeting featuring speakers with 30+ years of sobriety. Location TBA. These meetings are held quarterly and groups are encouraged to host one. District will provide coffee, cake and speakers. The committee is willing to plan the meeting at your usual meeting time and location but it must be able to have a seating capacity of 50-75 people. Let Kim know.

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

The committee met and reviewed the most recent draft. We have gone through several revisions. It has been problematic revising the previous revision versions and still maintaining accurate reference to the existing Structures and Guidelines document. P.J. will email the final version for proposed revisions to everyone and will present the final document for consideration at the May meeting.

Steve N, tech chair, requested that the final revision be posted in the password protected area of the website. P.J. agreed.

Alt. DCM: P. J. O.

Nothing to report other than the matters covered in my report for the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the revisions to the Structures and Guidelines

DCM: Paige B.

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

District service positions available: Secretary, Cooperation with the Professional Community and Literature Coordinators.

Though she would like to see more attendance, the Delegate's Pre-Conference presentation went very well with excellent questions from our 4 districts participating. Plan to attend the post-Conference event!

District 28 is staffing the registration table for the upcoming, April 22nd, Area Assembly.

John S. a founding member of the Sober Sand Gnats in Inglis, has passed away. Services were announced. He will be sorely missed.

Old Business:

The upcoming budget will be adjusted to the higher cost of attending future area assemblies held in St. Augustine.

There is discussion at Area about devoting \$3,000.00 to scholarships to enable more G.S.R.s to attend the Assemblies.

New Business:

Jack B., G.S.R. for the Rainbow Group, passed on a request from his group that consideration be given to holding only 2 area assemblies a year. The reasons for so doing were 1) cut cost to groups, districts, and area and 2) the time for communication between those 3 entities would be lengthened. Discussion included the most efficient way to bring the motion to the Area, which apparently would be attendance and presentation to the Area Site and Agenda committee. The existing hotel contracts would exclude immediate enactment should motion succeed.

A motion was made and passed that this discussion be taken to the groups and be placed on the May District Agenda.

Announcements: None.

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

Tradition IV

With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

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 IV: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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?