

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2018

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:

12 groups were represented; 8 votes for substantial unanimity.

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.

Corrections – Lina R.

Grapevine Chair – Kim W.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

Public Information Chair – Janet B

Treatment Chair – Rich. M.

Workshop Chair – Kim W.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

Dennis F. - ABC of Beverly Hills Group

George H. - GSR Attitude Adjustment Group

Sandy H.- GSR Crystal River Group

James C. – GSR First Thought Wrong Group

Al M.- GSR Holder Way of Life

Paige B. - GSR Keep in Step Group

Lynn D. – 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

Agnes T. – GSR Won Rebos Group

P. J. O. – Alt.GSR Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

None

Secretary's Report: (Position vacant)

Paige noted that the Secretary's position was still open; P.J. will take the minutes for this meeting. The minutes of the April meeting were approved. To expedite this meeting, she recommended that approval of the May and June minutes be taken up at the July meeting. There were no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

Shana submitted the District 28 Income and Expense Report, the Group Contributions and the Pink Can Reports for May.

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$5,399.63

Income: \$454.57

Expenses: \$1,837.06

Ending Balance: \$4,910.61

Group Contributions: \$147.51

Pink Can Contributions: \$269.06

Treasurer's Report accepted on motion and second, subject to audit.

(Reports to be attached to Minutes)

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: John H.

John reported that although there had been no activity as such, a new opportunity has presented itself. Not just a new opportunity, but a need. This involves alcoholics in independent living situations and other similar arrangements, where it might be possible to have meetings brought in to the facility. This would not be establishing a separate meeting on site. There are likely a good number of people living in those situations, so there is clearly a need.

Archives Committee: Dean B.

I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic.

I am preparing the District Archives display for the Founder's Day Brunch, hopefully including the slide show presentation of the History of AA. Now that we have a skilled audiovisual person, we can put the presentation on a continuous loop that would run until we shut it down at the appropriate time.

I went to the May 7 Archives Committee meeting and shared my plans for a District 28 Archives event. With the help of Paige, Kim and Sandy, this will happen. I spoke with Tom W., Chairperson of the Jacksonville archives, who will speak on early AA in Florida. We will have someone speak on early AA in Citrus County, and a "tree" is being drawn that will show the growth and progress of the program in Florida. We also have the movie *AA Comes to Florida*. I will

attend the June 4 meeting tomorrow to continue the planning of the event.

Dean B.

Archives Committee Chair

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.

There were no meetings the last three weeks because of Jail activities and construction. Thanks to the Pink Can Fund, we have plenty of literature. I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their patience and dedication to the inmates at the jail.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

In Lina's absence, Paige reported that Women's Corrections was also in pretty good shape, thanks to Lina. There is plenty of literature, again thanks to Pink Can.

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

Nothing new to report.

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

Literature Committee: Paige announced that our new appointee, Kathy F., was not available tonight. Kathy chairs the meeting at the treatment center in order for Lynn D., District 28 Treatment Chair, to attend the District 28 Business Meeting.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Alternate Chair Dean B. opened the meeting and there were ten groups represented. Secretary Lorraine's' minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Paige reported a closing balance of \$5684.43. Trustee Sandy H. announced that she would be stepping down in October when her term is up. Linda A. and Connie H. were absent; Lynn D. had nothing new to report this month.

Hotline Chair, John H., reported that the last two months were successful. There were a lot of calls and two groups had been sharing phone service. Most of the calls were seeking meeting information. Needs of all callers were being met.

Webmaster Steve reported 4050 visits to the website for the month.

Sue S. reported that the Journal for June/July will soon be online. Everyone is welcome to submit articles or relevant information to news@ncintergroup.com.

She said she could use some help. The next issue will be August/September.

Events Chair Mike F. reported on the final preparations for the Founders Day Brunch. Help will be needed with setting up on Friday, cooking, serving and clean-up on Saturday.

Alternate Chair Dean B. reported that volunteers were being lined up for Founders Day, tickets were being sold and that there would even be visitors from out of town.

No report from the Chairperson, who is out of town.

In Old Business, volunteers are needed to fill the Secretary position, as this is Lorraine's last month. Training

and a computer are available. Regarding the new Storage facility issue, Mike advised that he still had two prospects to consider. Denis will continue the search, and it was moved, seconded and passed that he be given the right of decision. We need someone to take over. All positions are available to be filled per rotation at the end of the year.

Under New Business, a motion by Dean that NCI co-sponsor the District 28 Archives event was seconded and passed.

A Hotline training workshop will be scheduled for a Thursday evening in October, date to be decided. There will be a light dinner. A motion was made and passed that Intergroup join with District 28 for the training.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

Contrary to published information, State Probation and Parole was not at their new office in Meadowacres. Homeowners in the development successfully protested the move, so the office remains in Inverness but no literature was visible. I used a lot what I had left to re-stock.

The trip west was not futile. I left *Where and Whens* and *Ordered to AA?* at County Probation, the Centers, and the Crystal River Sheriff's Sub-Station.

Western Judicial had just given out their last *Where and When* and Evan was getting ready to call me when I walked in.

I purchased two pamphlet holders. One I left with my Doctor's permission in his office.

Langley Health did relocate to where they had stated, Highland Boulevard; still, in the confusion of moving, no

literature racks were in sight. No problem, I had my holder with our beautiful orange *Where and Whens* and they gave me prime position on the table in the waiting room.

Lacy reported that he left *Where and Whens* in Inglis at the Food Ranch, Post Office, Town Hall, Dr. Devens, and Fred & Bud's Hardware.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bruno

Technology Committee: Steve N.

District 28 Website Report June 3 2018 for May 2018
AAdistrict28.org received 1283 visits in the month of May 2018 by 1034 unique visitors who looked at 3418 pages for an average of 2.66 pages per visit. The most visited pages were Meetings General, Where and When, Calendar Minutes, Meetings by Day, Monday Meetings, Dunnellon Meetings, Meetings by Location, Inverness meetings, and Links. The most downloaded documents were where and when, contact us, AA+Audio+Citrus/George+M.MP3, AA+Audio+Citrus/John.MP3, aadistrict28slides.pdf, AA+Audio+Citrus/John+Stone, State Convention Flyer, AA+Audio+Citrus/Chuck+M.MP3, and Conference Workshop Flyer. The average length of session was 1 minutes and 27 seconds. 82.8% of the visitors were new with 17.2% returning. The bounce rate was 61.22%. 36.55% of users were age 25-34, 33.3% were age 45-54, and 30.56% were 55-64. 52.8% were male and 47.2% were female. 30.84% used desktop or lap top computers, 66.3% used mobile devices and 2.8% used tablets. 25.23% directly accessed the site and 74.76% from a search engine like

Google or yahoo.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N.

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

The ladies are doing well. We had 13 and are now down to 9. That will change shortly. Five of the ladies want to come on Friday for service work at the church to help with whatever needs to be done. Then on Saturday all of the ladies have put in their paperwork to attend the Founders Day Brunch.

There is a lady who comes every week, who relates well with the ladies and she is always there on the first Sunday of the month so I can attend this meeting. Her name is Cathy, so please keep her in mind for my replacement when my two years are up.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Workshop Committee: Kim W.

We have two workshops coming up. The first one is a Longtimers Speaker Meeting which is at Freedom House, June 19, there are flyers out and it is on both websites. July 28 will be another one, still a work in progress. Dean announced that the Sand Gnats will not have their usual meeting on June 19, so everyone can attend the Long Time Speaker meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee Report on Structures and Guidelines

Revisions: P. J. O.

The Chair opened the floor for questions and comments. The only substantive point raised at this time addressed the title and apparent language revision to the Responsibility statement, which the existing *Structures* refers to as the “I Am

Responsible.” P. J. explained that the Committee’s concern was with the title; there was no intent to change the substantive language. After some discussion, it was agreed that the proper title was the *Responsibility Declaration*, and that all of the traditional language, starting with “I am responsible” should be included. Also, *Structures and Guidelines* will remain as the title of the document.

There was also a discussion regarding the Committee’s proposed revision to add “the ability” to the job description for trusted servants positions. No action taken at this time.

No further discussion of this matter at this time. The proposed revisions to the *Structures and Guidelines* remains on tabled status and will be called for a further discussion and vote at the July meeting.

Alt. DCM: P. J. O.

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

DCM: Paige B.

No report.

Old Business:

(See Ad hoc Committee report on *Structures and Guidelines* revisions.)

New Business:

Revisions to some budget line-items were needed. The Literature budget needs to be increased from the current 0 to \$250. A motion from the floor to increase the Literature budget to \$250 was made, seconded and passed.

The Treatment budget was set at \$400 and needs to be increased to \$650. Motion to increase to \$650 made, seconded and passed.

Paige noted that we are well within our over-all budget and are able to give additional funding to committees if needed.

The Workshop budget was set at \$600 but we have spent \$944. However, we are awaiting a substantial reimbursement check in the amount of \$275 from District 17 for expenses we paid for the Delegate's meeting. We have had more workshops this year than ever before. We still have the Archives workshop and the Hotline training session coming up, as well as the Holiday open-house at the end of the year. We need to increase the Workshop budget by \$301 just to maintain a balanced budget as required by the *Structures and Guidelines*. There was a motion to increase the budget by \$301. In discussion, it was suggested that since we have six months to go, we might as well increase the budget to \$1500, in order to cover all of the anticipated expenses for the remaining workshops. The motion already on the floor to increase the budget by \$301 was called for a vote and defeated. A motion to increase the Workshop budget line item from \$600 to \$1500 was then made, seconded and passed.

The Hotline training session will be an evening event, not a workshop, and will be held on a Thursday evening on a date and location to be announced.

There was not time to take up the question of a District vote on the suggestion that a motion be made at the Area Assembly to reduce the number of assemblies each year from

four to two. This issue will require a lot of discussion at the District level and can be taken up at a later meeting when there is more time. Jack B. will do further research on this issue and bring the matter before the District at a future meeting.

Announcements:

Next Assembly will be in July.

The election of District officers will be coming up in September.

We have an Archives event coming up on July 28th.

Our next Long Timers Speaker Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19, hosted by the Freedom House Group at the River of Life Church on Rt. 488 at Dunnellon. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

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

The next District 28 meeting will be on Sunday, July 1, 5:45 p.m., at the Holder Community Center

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Six An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital? Is it good for a group to lease a small building? Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)? Should the secretary of our group serve on the

mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism? Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Concept VI The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?
- Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?