

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
October 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 – 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

Sandy H. - GSR Crystal River Group
Steve N. - Freedom House Group
Al M. - GSR Holder Way of Life
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
Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group
Dean B. – Alt. GSR Sober Sand Gnats Group
Linda A. – GSR Women’s Friendship Group
Agnes T – GSR Won Rebos Group
P. J. O. – Alt.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:

12 groups represented; 8 votes for substantial unanimity

Secretary's Report: (Position vacant) P. J. presented the Minutes from the October Meeting.

The Minutes of the September meeting were presented and accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

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

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$3306.20

Total Income: \$443.46

Expenses: \$1248.46

Net Income -\$805.00

Ending Balance: \$2501.20

Group Contributions: \$150.00

Pink Can Contributions: \$

Treasurer's Report accepted on motion and second, subject to audit at the end of the year.

(Reports to be attached to Minutes)

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report

Archives Committee: Dean B.

I had the pleasure of attending the "Picnic in the Park" last month and although I did not partake in the festivities at the pavilion I got to meet everybody as they came in selling tickets at the door and giving door prize tickets. It was an experience I will not soon forget and hope to enjoy doing it again in the future. It was wonderful spending time with Paige B., and greeting everyone including some that were there to enjoy other aspects of the park. I would like to thank Mike F., and his committee, and volunteers who did a wonderful job setting up, cooking, providing the speaker, and cleaning up, including all those that brought a dish. And thank you Denis for bringing me a plate of food. I was not able to attend Area Assembly this month. I drove to NY to be with my daughter's, grandchildren, brother, my

last NY sponsor, and friends I had not seen in years. Time goes by so fast, but I thank God for the opportunity He presented me with. With the Gratitude Dinner fast approaching, I have sent a list to Paige, Kim, and Sammi of the 139 groups/meeting in District 28 for our A Tree Grows in District 28, or as I like to refer to it as Sammi's Tree. This list was compiled from over 500 pages of New Group Forms, Group Change forms, and miscellaneous notes from GSO, Area 14 Records, and communiqués from past DCM's and GSR's. Of the 139 listings only 20 do not have a history date. This is by no means to be taken as accurate. There is the question of groups/meetings in Citrus County and our surrounding area from past re-districting. More may be revealed.

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.

Meetings are going well although there was no meeting on October 3rd. I want to thank all of the volunteers for their service.

The recent Assembly was very informative. We are trying to deal with the problem of lack of volunteers. Districts 5 and 16 are in need of help.

On November 3rd there will be a Corrections Workshop in Winter Park, Florida, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church from noon until 4:00 p.m. It is sponsored by Area 14 and Area 15.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

We were able to hold meetings on three of the four Wednesdays in September.

We didn't have enough volunteers for twenty sixth and so had to cancel. Our number of attendees stays consistent at 25 and we are currently stocked with literature.

Love and service,

Lina Ricks

Women's Corrections Coordinator

District 28

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

This month we hosted the Grapevine Room at the Area Assembly and it was a wonderful experience! Sandy ran the raffle and sold an amazing amount of tickets. The room itself was busy in spurts and we did sell quite a bit of books. We made more than \$300 from the books and raffle tickets. Sandy was given a round of applause for all of her work.

We were the first District to make shirts and received a lot of compliments.

Yours in service,

Kim W.

Literature Committee: Kathie S.

I attended the last Assembly that was held in Gainesville on September 28 & 29th. I attended several workshops that helped me understand various committees that encompass the tiers of service work that is available to help alcoholics in many areas. Bridging the Gap is a service that I am trying to better understand and carry the message to my home group.

This AA Assembly was an election of Area Chair members. I attended most of the Business Meeting on Saturday night but was not able to volunteer for the elections on Sunday. I missed an opportunity to see first hand the election process this time. I am looking forward to the next.

I was able to purchase a copy of *ONE BIG TENT Atheist and agnostic AA members share their experience, strength and hope*, which was recently released by Grapevine. The Grapevine room/bookstore was awesome. Congrats to Kim and Sandy (and many others that helped) for the work they put into serving this Assembly!!

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Chair Steve N. presided and ten groups were represented. Acting Secretary Linda A. read previous minutes. Treasurer Paige B. reported a closing balance of \$5692.76. A new rep, Michael D. represented the Real Happy Hour group. Webmaster Steve N. said there were 6453 visits to the website during the month. Events Chair Mike F. sent a report that the Picnic In The Park was a big success and that preparations were under way for the Gratitude Dinner to be held at St. Benedict's Church in Crystal River on Sunday November 4th at 4pm. A meeting of the Events Committee was set for the Serenity Club at St. Benedict's on Saturday October 13th at 1.30pm. All are invited to attend. A new Journal was available and the meeting sent

gratitude to editor Sue S. Elections were held and the following people were elected:-

Chairperson-----Ingrid R.

Alternate Chair-----Lacy E.

Treasurer-----Mike F.

Trustee-----Linda A.

Trustee-----Terry P.

We are in need of a permanent Secretary.

Public Information Committee: Janet B.

District 28 is still golden and we should have enough *Where and Whens* to last us until the end of 2018.

I checked most of our sites and Western Judicial, W. Central Drivers Improvement, and County Probation at the Salvation Army were the only places that needed more schedules.

The Citrus County Courthouse and Inverness and Crystal River Police Stations were still full.

I went to an NFA conference last weekend and attended some very informative sessions with great ideas.

My thanks to Kim, Lacy and Bob who cover Dunnellon, Inglis/Yankeetown, and the YA clinic in Lecanto. You all help so much.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bruno

Technology Committee: Steve N.

District 28 Website Report October 7 for September 2018

AAdistrict28.org was visited 1521 times in September by 1038 unique visitors viewing 3251 pages or an average of 2.2 pages per visit.

The ten most visited pages after the start page were Dunnellon Meetings, Meetings General, Where and When, Inverness meetings, Calendar, Links, Contact Us, Help Now, Archives, and Homosassa Meetings. The most downloaded pages were Convention Flyer, Where and When, Calendar, District 28 Slides, Archives Flyer, and Minutes. The reported bounce rate was 70%, we have been trying to get it down to about 60%. He questions the accuracy of the bounce rate figures. There are also some other figures that are questionable. He will look into it.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Steve N., Webmaster

Treatment Committee: Lynn D.

There is not much to report regarding our activities this month. A new company has purchased the treatment center. We are not sure where this will leave us or how our services will be utilized. Also, we have taken a lot of literature into the facility.

Paige observed that AA goes into facilities because we need to stay sober and carrying the message is part of our program. We should stay out of the way at the present time until the new owners have settled in and let them decide how they want to run their program. After their program is established we can approach them about our services if we have not been contacted.

Workshop Committee: Kim W.

Kim reported that speakers have been lined up for the Long Timer Speaker Meeting on October 24th. The flyer is in circulation.

In Service,

Kim

DCM: Paige B.

No separate report; matters are covered in other business and reports.

Old Business: Paige B.

Returning to the matter of election of District officers for Panel 69, Paige announced that several people had volunteered to serve. Rick T. had submitted his resume` to serve as DCM, which Paige read to the group. No one else had submitted for that position. Rick was unanimously elected DCM for Panel 69.

No one has volunteered to serve as Alt. DCM or Secretary. Linda A. has submitted her resume` to serve as Treasurer, which was read to the group. Linda was unanimously elected to serve as Treasurer for Panel 69.

District 28 is still looking for people to serve in the open office positions. Chair positions for the service committees will be filled by appointment by the new DCM and Panel upon taking office.

New Business:

A. Regarding Hotline training, Paige noted that the Hotline is a function of the Intergroup and they voted at the meeting last month to let the new Panel of District 28 schedule their own training session.

An issue has come up regarding the scheduling of the next Long Time Speaker Meeting. We have had three this year although our goal was four.

After discussion it was agreed by all that neither the Hotline training nor the next speaker meeting should be taken up until after the first of the year.

B. With regard to the 2018 budget, there are two items that need to be revised. For Technology, the budgeted amount was \$150 and the amount spent is \$276. We had the opportunity to pay our domain expense for two years at a reduced cost, so we went ahead, and there were some other small expenses. On motion and second, the Technology budget for 2018 was increased from \$150 to \$276.

With regard to the Treatment budget, the budgeted amount was \$650, and the amount spent to date is \$1310.73. An unanticipated expense came up in providing for the women's Sanctuary program and associated literature. A motion was made and seconded to increase the 2018 Treatment budget by \$660.73, to \$1310.73. Motion passed. The literature itself is not being donated to the Sanctuary facility, but to the women themselves, to keep.

Paige advised that some revisions were needed for the propose Budget for 2019. Since the budget needs to be adopted by the end of the year, it is necessary to take this up now rather than wait. This way people can consider the budget between now and the November meeting and we can vote on it at that time. She asked that everyone consider the budget until November and contact Shana if you have any questions.

The first revision was to correct the net income figure on the proposed 2019 budget, third column, from \$2807.00 to a negative number, (-\$2807) to reflect the correct mathematics. Motion made, seconded and allowed.

Paige then solicited feedback from the service chairs and putative new officers and GSRs regarding the amounts proposed in the various categories. It was acknowledged that this is a rough draft. The proposed 2019 budget document shows our income and expenses so far this year and the proposed figures for 2019. The Area Assembly expenses for 2019 will be very challenging because of the increased mileage to the new location, St. Augustine, and the higher hotel room expense, from \$95 to approximately \$125 per night. Under current budgeting there would be a deficit of \$2807. Also, there may be additional rent expenses for our own monthly meetings. Area 14 is considering the possibility of subsidizing a few "scholarship" rooms for GSRs or Alt. GSRs from Districts simply cannot afford to send a representative to the Assembly.

C. District facility rental insurance. There has been a discussion that the County might require it. The expense would be burdensome and there are reasons why we might not even want to stay at the Holder facility. The Holder facility has only a 25 person capacity, the acoustics are bad, and the A/C is not reliable. Also, our rent may go up. Mike W. advised that the County Commission recommended on Tuesday that a waiver of insurance be made available on a yearly basis for groups of 40 or less people, so the problem may resolve itself.

Since the next District meeting is scheduled on the 2018 calendar to meet on November 4, and it has turned out that the Long Timer Speakers Meeting will be on that night, our November meeting will be rescheduled for November 11, here at the Holder facility.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. 1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen? 2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”? 3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition? 4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life? 5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be? 6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways? 7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept Ten: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. --Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates? --Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority?”