

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 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:

11 groups were represented; 7 votes for substantial unanimity.

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Paige B.

Alt. DCM – P.J. O.

Secretary- position vacant (P. J. taking minutes)

Treasurer – Shana D.

Archives Chair – Dean B.

Corrections Chair (Men's) – Bob M.

Corrections – Lina R.

Grapevine Chair – Kim W.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

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

Steve N. - GSR Freedom House Group

Bob M. - Alt. GSR Holder Way of Life

Paige B. - GSR Keep in Step Group

Lynn D. – GSR No Name Group

Jack B. – GSR Rainbow Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Lacy E. – GSR Sober Sand Gnats Group

P. J. O. – Alt.GSR Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

No new GSRs, Alternates or visitors present.

Secretary's Report: (Position vacant) Lina had taken the minutes of the November meeting and gave her report.

In New Business, Rick T. was elected new DCM, and Lynn D. was the new Alt. DCM. Secretary position still open. The County Commissioners had decided that groups of

fewer than 40 meeting at the Holder Center would not be required to have insurance or pay additional rent. The 2019 budget had been discussed, in which concerns were expressed about sending representatives to the Assembly in St. Augustine. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

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

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$2675.64

Income: \$511.02

Expenses: \$17.77

Ending Balance: \$3186.66

Group Contributions: \$ 205.96

Pink Can Contributions: \$ 299.83

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: No report.

Archives Committee: Dean B.

I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. I am still in the process of researching the Histories of District 28 and at the January Area Assembly I will be reaching out to Area Archives and the Registrar to gather information on history from the 50's from the Panhandle area, in District 4 in the 60's, and District 13 in the 70's. I know there has got to be a lot of lost information prior to the 70's in District 28; it just has to be found. I will also browse the Area Group Histories to update our records. I will be attending the JAX Intergroup Archives Committee meeting tomorrow to work on more research accessing their collection of GSO Directories and their connection of AA in prisons. I am working on the District 28 Archives Presentation for the Annual Archives Workshop in Winter Park in February.

I am in need of assistance in recording oral histories and getting out to outlying meetings and groups to update group histories. This involves talking to 'old timers' and picking their brains on those meetings.

For the history buffs:

We've all heard the importance of the first 164 pages of the Big Book, but did you know that the 1st Edition there were 179 pages? The Doctor's Opinion started on page #1 and was relegated to Roman numerals in the 2nd Edition printing.

Yours in service,

Dean B.

District 28 Archives 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 very well. There has been good participation. Thanks are extended to the volunteers for their time and effort. Thanks are also given to those who donate to the Pink Can Fund for literature.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Lina R.

In the month of November all Wednesdays were available and we were able to cover them all. Still averaging 25 inmates in attendance. Our snowbird Wanda B returned and Donna K joined our committee! We are thrilled with our increased numbers!

I've placed an order with AAWS for \$187.82 for books and pamphlets as well as an order for back issues of the Grapevine for \$54.00. We have not been receiving back issue donations hence my order for a pack of 30. The Grapevines have already arrived and I'll take them in this coming Wednesday.

We had a display at the Gratitude Dinner on how to become a volunteer, complete with applications. Mary F (wo)manned the booth engaging many ladies in conversation. Sandy T. was also in attendance. Women's Corrections was well represented!

Kathie, our District 28 Literature Coordinator, gave me a small pamphlet rack; it has 6 slots, complete with Corrections related materials. It is a welcome addition to our display.

I suppose that, other than my report for December, this will be my last meeting with District 28. Whether as a GSR, CPC Coordinator or Women's Corrections I have loved being with you and I love you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve for 15 years,

Line Ricks

Women's Corrections Coordinator

District 28

Grapevine Committee: Kim W.

No report.

Literature Committee: No report.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Steve N. opened the meeting at 4:30. There were no new reps. Dean B. read the minutes for last month and accepted as read. Paige B. went over the Treasurer's report with beginning balance of \$5815.08 with an ending balance of \$6599.16. There were no reports from the Trustees. Hot Line Chair was absent and no report given. Web Site Chair Steve N. gave the reports for October and November. The journal Editor was absent, no report. Ben C., the new Journal editor, was present. Events Chair Mike F. had nothing to report other than the Chili Cook-off was all set and suggested the new Events Chair Mike D. set a date for a committee meeting. Alt. Chair Dean B. expressed his gratitude to NCI for the opportunity to serve these past 2 years. Chair Steve N. I cannot

express enough gratitude that you have allowed me to be Nature Coast Intergroup chair for the past two years. You have trusted me to chair your monthly meetings, set agendas for meetings, sign checks if needed, attend assemblies, and represent you to groups, area, district and the community. It has been an honor to do these things for you. It has kept me sober, kept me responsible, and has allowed me to grow in my sobriety. You have offered me a rewarding opportunity to share in A.A.'s Third Legacy --Service--and I appreciate it. I cannot thank the officers, trustees, committee chairs, and committee members enough for service over the past two years. Without them, my job would not have been possible, and the business of AA would not have happened. They deserve appreciation from all groups and members for their service in keeping the hand of AA always there. Old Business, we still need a secretary. New Business, Linda A. resigned as Trustee, Sandy H. volunteered; vote was unanimous. The 2019 calendar was set. The budget for 2019 was passed. Closed at 5:12

Dean B.

Public Information Committee: No report.

Technology Committee: Steve N.

District 28 October 2018 Web Report

In the month of October there were 1697 visits to the website by 1048 unique visitors who saw a total of 3379 pages or 2 pages per visit. 30.94% of users accessed via desktop, 59.67% by phone and 9.39% by tablets. 30.49% of users were age 25-34, 14.63% were ages 35-44, 1.55% were ages 45-54, 21.95% were ages 55-64 and 17.07% were over age 65. 53.6% of users were male and 46.4% were female. The 10 most visited pages after the Start Page were Inverness Meetings, Dunnellon Meetings, Meetings General, Calendar, Where and When, Homosassa Meetings, Hernando meetings, Help Now, Contact Us, and Archives. Top meetings by location in order were Inverness, Dunnellon, Homosassa, Hernando, Crystal River, Inglis, Lecanto, Holder, Floral City, and Wahoo. Top meetings by day in order were Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, Thursday, Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday. The top downloads were Where and When, Archives Workshop, Correction Workshop, Audio Tapes, Gratitude Flyer, Minutes, and Long Time Speaker Flyer. The bounce rate was 67% which did not making our goal of having it be less than 60%. For the few remaining "hitsters", there were a total of 10299 hits in October.

District 28 November 2018 Web Report

In the month of November there were 2015 visits to the website by 1329 unique visitors who saw a total of 3039 pages or 1.5 pages per visit. 22.83% of users accessed via desktop, 70.08% by phone and 7.09% by tablets. 28.57% of users were age 25-34, 42.86% were ages 55-64 and 28.57% % were over age 65. 55.7% of users were male and 44.3% were female. The 10 most visited pages after the Start Page were Calendar, Meetings General, Inverness Meetings, AA Links, Where and When, Homosassa Meetings, Legacies, Archives, Crystal River Meetings, and Inglis Meetings. Top meetings by location in order were Inverness, Homosassa, Hernando, Crystal River,

Inglis, Holder, Chassahowitzka, Lecanto, and Floral City. Top Meetings by day in order were Friday, Thursday, Tuesday, Saturday, Monday, Sunday, and Wednesday. The top ten downloads were Where and When, State Convention Flyer, AA History Slides, AA Audio, Archives Workshop Flyer, Gratitude Flyer, Corrections Flyer, Long Time Speakers Flyer, Spring Fling Flyer, and Minutes. The bounce rate was 64% which did not making our goal of having it be less than 60%. For the few remaining "hitsters", there were a total of 8693 hits in November.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Steve N.

Steve also noted that there is a different audience for District 28 as opposed to NCI, most prominently in age group and type of meetings, and device used for access.

Treatment Committee: No report.

Workshop Committee: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Shana D.

Need to load from email

Shana presented the financial reports for both October and November 2018. The reports will be attached to the Minutes.

DCM: Paige B.

Paige gave no report so that time could be given to Old Business.

Old Business:

Paige asked if there was anyone interested in serving as District 28 Secretary for the next panel. There were no volunteers.

Regarding the proposed 2019 Budget, the main issue is that if no revisions are made, we would be in negative numbers by \$4074.50. No deficit spending is the goal. She had the committee chairs submit new proposals in view of the realities. Committee expenses were thereby reduced. With regard to Assembly expenses, she recalculated based on alternate attendance by the Alt. DCM and DCM, saving \$500. She did not change the funding for GSR attendance as attendance by GSRs is important. Likewise, Committee Chair attendance. This leaves a deficit of \$37.50 in the proposed revised budget. Dean B., Archives Chair, mentioned that it might be possible to further reduce his expenditures. The Storage line item could be reduced or even eliminated if we scanned the stored documents. The Technology budget would have to be put back to \$40 to cover the annual domain maintenance fee. It was mentioned that Area 14 could afford to provide scholarship money to some GSRs so more could attend. The Pink Can money is not part of Group budget plans for District as it is "in and out" in separate income and expense lines. Motion to end discussion was made, seconded and passed. A motion to adopt the proposal for revisions to the District 28 Proposed 2019 Budget was passed upon motion and second. A copy will be attached to the Minutes of this meeting.

New Business:

A motion to amend the District 28 Proposed 2019 Budget by putting \$40 in the Technology budget was passed upon motion and second.

A scheduling conflict between our meetings and Assembly meetings in 2019 had been noticed for January and April. NCI has already changed their dates to avoid the conflict. Meetings were changed from January 6th to January 13th and from April 7th to April 14th. Upon motion and second, the District 28 meetings for those months were likewise changed and our calendar amended accordingly.

Paige said that the highest point of her AA service has been working as DCM in District 28. She thanked all the DCMs who had come before and that she learned from. It has been a pleasure to serve. She thanked everyone for helping her, and was in turn thanked for her service by all of District 28.

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

Announcements:

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 2019, 5:45 p.m. at the Holder Community Center.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Concept Twelve: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. 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?

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. 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?