

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2019

Welcome by DCM:

Linda A., Treasurer, substituting for Rick T., DCM, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm. Linda conducted the meeting.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Roll Call:

P. J. O. took roll call and minutes of the meeting. Eight groups were represented; 5 votes for substantial majority.

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

Treasurer – Linda A.

Archives Service Coordinator– Dean B.

Corrections Service Coordinator (Women) – Mary F.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

CPC Service Coordinator/P. I. Coordinator - Janet B.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group

Denis S. – Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group

Paige B. - GSR Keep in Step Group

Jack B. – GSR Rainbow Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Greg A. - GSR, Resentment Group

Dean B. – Alt. GSR, Sober Sand Gnats

Ollie H. - GSR, Won Rebos Group

Agnes T. – Alt.GSR Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

None.

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Linda A.

Linda submitted the District 28 Income and Expense Report, the Group Contributions and the Pink Can Reports for January 2019,

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$3286.65

Income: \$ 641.91

Expenses: \$ 763.97

Ending Balance: \$ 3164.59

Group Contributions: \$365.00

Pink Can Contributions: \$ 210.91

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

Linda noted that she had added an additional column to the Income and Expense Report, which shows the budget balance for each line item. Also, she had prepared a District 28 Budget Comparison document that can be used for tracking purposes.

The prudent reserve is a low at this time. Part of the problem is the additional expense incurred by the Assembly in St. Augustine. We are doing okay, but GSRs need to encourage the home groups to make larger contributions. The audit group met and did their work at the Serenity Club, and she will send a check for \$10 the rental fee.

(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.

My presentation of the History of District 28 for the 5th Annual Florida AA Archives Workshop on the 23rd is as complete as it's going to get. The problem is, nobody knows for sure whether it's going to happen or not. Hopefully there will be more information tomorrow at the JAX Archives Committee meeting.

The AA Tree Grows in Florida is expanding. I've been asked to assist in any way needed to help St. Petersburg Archives get started on their tree. JAX Archives is helping with researching their history.

I am still waiting for more information from GSO and Area for prior 1970 meetings and groups.

My goals for the next two years are to continue researching group/meeting histories from the 50's to the present, and reaching updating group history forms.

Groups from the 70's in District 28:

6/5/1970 – Inverness Friday Night Group.

4/11/1977 – Lecanto Group.

10/5/1978 – Crystal River Group.

Yours in service,

Dean B.

District 28 Archives Chair

Denis S. commented that the District 28 Archives is undoubtedly the best in Area 14.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee;

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

No report.

Women's Corrections Committee: Mary F.

There were five meetings scheduled for January although one was cancelled. We attended all the other meetings and had 20-25 ladies attending each meeting. We also had orientation last month, which was attended by five people.

Mary advised that she will be ordering literature this month, and asked if it was permissible to buy it from sources other than aa.org, so long as it was Conference approved literature. You can get it cheaper at other sites, especially used books. Mary was assured that it was appropriate to buy it at locations other than aa.org, so long as it was Conference approved, and was commended for her diligence in finding other sources. There was also a brief discussion about the use of the money from the Pink Can fund; it can only be used for literature purchases.

Women's Corrections Coordinator

District 28

Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Intergroup met immediately before this meeting and there were 11 groups represented. The Trustees, Connie and Terry, were present. Mike F. gave a financial account. We have \$5898.03, which is just below prudent reserve, so we are basically in good shape. In the Hotline report, it was mentioned that there were some issues with sound and dropped calls. The trustees are going to investigate the possibility of getting a better phone and perhaps a less expensive plan. Hotline is an important component of our service. Steve sent a Website report. There were in excess of 8000 visits to the site, which is amazing. The next Journal will be coming out March 1; everyone is encouraged to send comments, news, anniversaries, articles or other AA information to news@ncintergroup.com. The Chili Cook-off is all set to go, thanks to Mike D.; it will be awesome. The Spring Fling is also pretty much ready to go. The Founder's Day event will be in June and Mike F. has volunteered to head that up. An issue has come up that will require us to have an alternate chair. Connie and Ingrid have stepped down, and Dean volunteered to step up as a trustee to replace Connie who volunteered to be the Alt. Chair with Ingrid who remains our Intergroup Chair.

Denis may have volunteered to be Secretary. Everything is going well with Intergroup.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

In January 2019 there were 1349 total visits to the site by 1171 unique visitors. There were a total of 9829 hits. The visitors viewed 2752 pages or 2.04 pages per visit. The average session lasted 2 minutes and 01 seconds. 21.05% of the users were age 25-34, 21.05% were ages 45-54, 40.35% were ages 55-64 and 17.54% were 65 or older. 60.8% were male and 39.2% were female. The most visited pages were Inverness meetings, Meetings General, Calendar, Tuesday Meetings, Where and When, Links, Help Now, Dunnellon Meetings, Contact Us, Archives, and 12 Questions. The most downloaded pages were Where and When, State Convention Flier, Minutes, Calendar, Chili Cook-off

Flyer, AA Audio Citrus Al B, AA Audio Citrus Al A, 12 Questions, and Hot Line Phone Number. 4730% of people came directly to the site, The rest were referred by (top ten in order) Google, Club Recovery, NCintergroup.com, Bing, AA Hernando.org, Facebook, AANorthFlorida.org, medicalanswers.com, and Yahoo. 63.41% of the users used mobile devices, 25.61% used desktop devices and 10.98% used tablet devices.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Steve N.

Webmaster

Public Information: Janet B.

Very few of our gold *Where and Whens* are left and I'm anxious to receive our first publication of 2019.

All of the sites I checked were well stocked. Sadly, I have to report that after 15 or so years of filling pamphlet holders at the Laundromat on Highland Boulevard, I was told that they could no longer accommodate us. To add insult to injury, they threw out our pamphlet holder.

Langley Health is back on track. The display rack at the Inverness Sheriff's Department has shrunk for the third time.

"Our Home Citrus" has just been published. The *Citrus County Chronicle* editor, Cindy Connolly, has been very helpful in repeating our AA new release consistently and correctly.

Thanks again to our helpers who distribute our *Where and Whens*. District 28 will soon be covered in green!

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B.

Treatment Committee: No report.

Workshop Committee: No report.

DCM: No report.

Old Business:

The question of moving the location of the monthly meeting was addressed. Dean reported that, subject to what District wanted to do, Intergroup had voted in favor of moving the meeting place from the current location to Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto. The Church welcomes us and will not contract for the payment of any rent money. Instead, we may make a donation or contribution to the Church in whatever amount we deem fit. If we move the meetings, presumably we would get a refund from the county for any money we have already paid for meetings beyond this point. There would also be a refund of our \$50 deposit. The change would not be effective until we have properly terminated our relationship with the County. The Lecanto location was chosen because it is the geographical center of Citrus County. The address is 2540 W. Novell Bryant Highway (CR 486), Lecanto 34446. It is about 2 blocks east of the intersection with CR 491. On motion and second, it was voted to change the location of District 28 monthly meeting to Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal

Church. The vote was unanimous. The move will become effective after coordination between District 28 and Intergroup, to be facilitated by Denis, of the appropriate formalities with the County and the Church. Denis will facilitate. The actual move is not expected for a couple of months. Appropriate notice will be given.

New Business:

Since it had been reported that Public Information is over budget by .96, Paige made a motion to increase the Public Information budget by \$1.00 as we are required by the Structures and Guidelines to have a balanced budget. The motion received a second and passed without dissent.

Paige then made a motion to require that Pink Can donations deposited into a separate account rather than the regular District account as we have been doing. Having the Pink Can money in the same account can sometimes distort the appearance of the budget status and is an unnecessary step. A suggestion that there be separate Pink Can accounts for Men's and Women's corrections was discussed but not pursued. Upon motion and second, it was voted to deposit the Pink Can contributions in a separate account rather than the District general account. A new account will be created.

Announcements:

The 8th Annual Central Florida AA Women's Workshop will be on March 22-24 at the Life Enrichment Center, 4991 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park, FL 34731. More information available through Lake Sumter Central Office, 352-360-0960

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019, 5:45 p.m. at the Holder Community Center.

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. 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? 10

Concept Two: When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society. 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?
