

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2019

Welcome by DCM:

Linda A., Treasurer, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Rick T., DCM, announced with deep regrets that he was resigning from the position of DCM due to health reasons. He was given great applause and thanks for his service.

Linda conducted the meeting.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Announcement

Roll Call:

P. J. O. took roll call and minutes of the meeting. Eleven groups were represented.

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

Treasurer – Linda A.

Corrections Service Coordinator (Women) – Mary F.

Corrections Service Coordinator (Men) – Bob M.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

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

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

Dennis F. - GSR, ABC of Beverly Hills Group

George H. – GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group

Janet B. – Alt. GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group

Sandy Higgins - GSR, Crystal River Group

Steve B. – GSR, Freedom House Group

Bob M. – Alt. GSR, Holder Way of Life Group

Paige B. – GSR, Keep in Step Group

Harry J.- GSR, Miracles Group

Lynn D. – GSR, No Name Group

Jack B. – GSR Rainbow Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

Ollie H. - GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

None.

Secretary’s Report: None. The Minutes of the February, 2019, meeting were submitted. On motion and second, the Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report: Linda A.

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

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$2953.68

Income: \$ 508.01

Expenses: \$ 90.00

Ending Balance: \$ 2766.71

Group Contributions: \$ 541.00

Pink Can Contributions: \$ 90.93

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

All reports will 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. At the JAX Archives Committee meeting last month I was informed that the Florida Archives Workshop in Winter Park was rescheduled for June or July. I cancelled my hotel reservation and from a group email I received last week the workshop will wait until next year. While at the JAX Archives Committee I was surprised that they had 13 committee people present and all assigned tasks. I am considering having a open committee meeting of anyone who may be interested similar to the way the Nature Coast Intergroup’s Events Committee functions. I am researching group histories still and working on the history of the first group/meeting in District 28. I am also working on creating a newer presentation of the History of AA for Founder’s Day. This will include information on the Oxford Group, Washingtonians, early AA members to the present. The Sober Sand Gnats voted to purchase a copy of the AA Grows in Florida Tree, District 28. Any meeting or group that is interested please contact me. 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; Public Information: Janet B. (Presented for Janet B. by George H., Attitude Adjustment Group GSR)

I used the last of my gold *Where and When* pamphlets to stock the sites with the most needs: State Probation and Parole, West Central Driver Improvement, Western Judicial Services and County Probation.

As soon as I receive our green schedules I have three new services to add hopefully to our CPC work. Citrus memorial Hospital has started a detox unit. I would also like to see if we could be of service to the Citrus Pregnancy Center and also the Health Families Citrus.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet B., CPC/PI Chair

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going well. We have plenty of literature thanks to the Pink Can fund. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help in carrying the message and their time and effort. We get a lot of good responses from the inmates. I have one former inmate with me tonight and expect to have another join us soon, when he gets out of rehab.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: Mary F.

[Mary had prepared an excellent report but, unfortunately, it has been lost. Just as she began her presentation, the blower for the air conditioner kicked in and the noise was such that her voice was inaudible on the electronic recorder for the minutes. Hopefully, when the meeting place is moved to the new location in April such problems will not occur.]

Mary F.

Women's Corrections Coordinator

District 28

Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

CHAIRPERSON: Ingrid R. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

SECRETARY: Acting Secretary Denis S. took a roll call and nine groups were represented. There were no new representatives present and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

TREASURER: Mike F. reported an income of \$999 for the month and operating expenses of \$1025.23 for a small loss and a closing balance of \$5900.78. Mike's report was filed pending audit at the end of the year.

TRUSTEES: Trustees Terry P., Sandy H. and Lynn D. were present and all were satisfied with the business affairs of Intergroup at this time. Terry said he had a great time at the Chili Cook-off and he thanked all the organizers and volunteers.

HOTLINE: Kim W. reported twenty two calls for the month and was hopeful that a workshop could be organized to promote the hotline within the District.

WEBSITE: Webmaster Steve N. said there were 5771 visits to the website during the month and he said the most viewed pages were Where and When, Meetings General, Information Links, The Journal, Meetings by Day and Workshop Topics.

JOURNAL: Editor Ben C. said the March /April Journal was out and as usual he invited everyone to feel free and submit articles, suggestions, anniversaries or AA related news to news@ncintergroup.com

EVENTS: Chair Mike D. said the Chili Cook-off was a big success and he thanked everyone who helped or attended. He said preparations were made for our next event, the Spring Fling, to be held at Whispering Pines Park in Inverness on Saturday April 13th at 2pm.

CHAIRPERSON: Ingrid R. said she was grateful for the opportunity to serve and said that she intends to be more involved with events going forward. She thanked everyone who has made the Events so successful.

OLD BUSINESS: Three votes of ratification were taken on nominations made at the previous meeting.

1. Connie H. was voted in as new Alternate Chair.
2. Dean B. was voted in as a new Trustee.
3. Denis S. was voted in as the new Secretary.

Trustee Terry P. did an investigation into the phone service concerning the Hotline. He was able to present options that could make our system cheaper

and more effective. He was commended by all for a job well done and he said he will investigate the matter some more and bring further information to the next Business Meeting. All decisions concerning the Hotline were tabled for a month.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Ingrid said she had met with Mary Kay at Shepherd of the Hills in Lecanto and that we were all set to start having our monthly meetings there on Sunday April 14th at 4.30pm. Ingrid will be the only person to have a key and she said that the Church was willing to accept a contribution from us but was not willing to call it rent.

A motion to close was accepted.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

In February 2019 there were 1588 total visits to the site by 1316 unique visitors. There were a total of **12453** hits. The visitors viewed 3201 pages or 2.1 pages per visit. The average session lasted 1 minutes and 17 seconds. 33.96% of the users were age 25-34, 22.64% were ages 35-44, and 43.4% were ages 55- 64. 55.1.% were male and 44.9% were female. The most visited pages were: Tuesday, Inverness, Dunnellon, Meetings general, Contact Us. Calendar, Links, Where and When and Homosassa. The most downloaded pages were Where and When, 12 Questions, , Files from Audio Archives, Chili Cook-off Flyer, Spring Fling Flyer, State Convention Registration Form, and AA District 28 Slides. The order of access to meetings by day was Tuesday, Friday, Sunday, Thursday, Wednesday, Monday and Saturday. The order of access to meetings by location was Inverness, Dunnellon, Homosassa, Crystal River, Hernando, Inglis, Chassahowitzka, Holder, Floral City, and Wahoo. 36.4% of people came directly to the site. 64.5% were referred by search engines like Google, Bing, and Yahoo. 54.38% of the users used mobile devices, 37.79% used desktop devices and 7.83% used tablet devices. The top browsers used were Chrome, Safari, Internet explorer, Edge, Firefox, Amazon Silk, and Android Webview.

Steve is tracking the demographics of the people visiting the NCI and District websites to see if it is really financially worth maintaining two different sites.

He will be downloading the new *Where and When* information using the excellent work that Paige did for the recent print version. He will also update the new meeting locations on each site.

Steve N.

Webmaster

Treatment Committee: No report.

Workshop Committee: No report.

DCM: No report. Lynn announced that the agenda for the next Assembly was available. Linda advised that she had reserved two rooms for District 28, one for men and one for women. The number of beds (1 or 2) in each room has not been confirmed. Paige advised that there are no more rooms available at the Assembly facility, and the overflow needs will be met by the Holiday Inn. Also, Area 14 will be funding four “scholarship” rooms for Districts that cannot afford a room. GSRs were reminded that they needed to make their reservations as far in advance as they could to have a better chance of getting a room.

Old Business:

Lynn reminded everyone that District is in need of individuals to fill the positions of DCM and Secretary.

A motion to move the location of the District meeting place to the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lecanto was made, seconded and passed at the last meeting. It was noted that the motion should have been tabled instead of voted on at that time, in order to comply with the Structures and Guidelines. Accordingly, it was moved that the motion, which was therefore considered to still on the table due to lack of valid action, be called for a vote. It was so moved and the motion to change the meeting place passed unanimously.

Everyone was reminded that the change in meeting place location would start next month, on April 14. Both District and NCI will be meeting at the new location: Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

New Business:

Linda made a motion to amend the current budget. Line item 5040, for post office box rental, needs to be increased by \$10 as the rate has been increased by that amount. A motion to amend Line Item 5040 as stated was then made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Steve made a motion to rescind a motion, made and passed at the last meeting, to establish a separate bank account for the Pink Can funds. It had been decided that the second account would not be necessary. The motion to rescind was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

The next Area 14 Assembly will be on April 5-7 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. Copies of the agenda for the AA Conference in New York this summer were distributed for the GSRs to take back to their groups. The items on this agenda will be addressed at the Area 14 Assembly in April so that the Delegate can have an understanding of how the various home groups feel about the matters on the agenda.

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2019, 5:45 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461..

Lynn thanked everyone for their support and courtesy as she chaired a District meeting for the first time.

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition III: As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision." 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?

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