

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2019

Welcome by DCM:

Lynn D., Alt. DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and conducted the meeting.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Announcement

Roll Call:

P. J. O. took roll call and Minutes of the meeting. Twelve groups were represented.

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

Alt. DCM- Lynn D.

Treasurer – Linda A.

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

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

Paige B. – GSR, Keep in Step Group

Harry J. - GSR, Miracles Group

Rick T. – GSR, Monday Night Men’s Step Group

Lynn D. – GSR, No Name Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Greg A. – GSR, Resentment Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

P. J. O. – GSR, Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

None.

Secretary's Report: None. The Minutes of the March 3, 2019 meeting, taken and prepared by P. J. O., 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 March, 2019.

Income and Expense Beginning Balance: \$2766.71

Net Income: \$63.52

Expenses: \$223.48

Ending Balance: \$2830.23

Group Contributions: \$250.00

Pink Can Contributions: \$260.00

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

(All reports will be attached to Minutes.) In addition to summarizing the financial reports, Linda said that the Committee expenses for the most recent Area Assembly will be in next month's report. All of the reports for this month have been reconciled with the Bank statement. In response to a question about compensation for travel to Assemblies by Committee Chairs, Linda confirmed that they will be paid 40 cents per mile; there will be no other stipend. In answer to a question about Pink Can funds, Linda explained that Pink Can income is divided equally between Men's and Women's Corrections. People in corrections who receive books or literature from us will be able to keep it when released.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report.

Archives Committee: Dean B.

Good evening. I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic.

I have been kind of busy. I've been researching the histories of the early beginnings of our groups and meetings but nothing farther back than 1970 yet. I have a little assistance from JAX Intergroup Archives Committee working together compiling local information. I attended the April 1st JAX Intergroup Archives Committee meeting and gave Tom W. what history I have on the Inverness Group for the "Florida Tree Project". He is gathering histories of the first group of all the Districts and plans on presenting that display 'map' at the AA

National Archives Workshop in Detroit, MI in September. In researching the Inverness Group, History Date, June 5, 1970, under Contact Information, District #2 Hotline: 352-527-2733 was listed. We were District #4 at the time and JAX was District #2. Talking to Vivian, our Area 14 Archivist, the District boundaries that Area has do not coincide with GSO boundaries, and a lot of group and meeting information has been lost over the years. It appears that everything we have been given by GSO and Area is about all that exists. Anything that pertains to our area found in the future will be sent to us.

The book 'Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970' is scheduled for publication in early May 2019. I have emailed Literature at GSO and Malina S., Publishing Operations Manager A.A.W.S. they will be available but no pre-orders taken.

I ordered and have in our possession the DVD, new and revised, 'Markings on the Journey' from GSO. It depicts nearly 80 years of A.A.'s history using rare material from the General Service Office Archives. It explores A.A.'s pioneering days and growth in the United States and Canada, as well as around the world. This I will use on the big screen for the Founder's Day Brunch.

I attended the April 6th Area Assembly spending the bulk of my time in the Archives Room and at the Conference Agenda Items Workshops.

I have Jim P. from the Wesconnett Group in JAX as our Founder's Day Brunch speaker. We will need to provide a room for that Friday for him. I will book it the room as soon as I get approval. Thinking the Days Inn which is around the corner from me and inexpensive and close to the venue.

The 5th Annual Florida AA Archives Workshop will be held February 22, 2020 in Winter Park.

In 1995 there were 43 meetings listed per week in Citrus County. The Serenity Club hosted 16 of those. In 1998 there were 56 meetings listed in Citrus County. The Serenity Club hosted 21 with Sunday only at 8 pm, four meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Those were a Women's (Wednesday) and Men's (Thursday) meeting at 6 pm. January 2017, there were 99 meeting per week listed in our Where and When. The

current 2019 Where and When lists 104 meetings per week, not counting our business meetings.

Grateful to be of service,
Dean B.

District 28 Archives Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee; Public Information: Janet B.

Janet B., CPC/PI Chair

Spring is here and we have fresh green *Where and When* schedules to celebrate. I celebrated when I went to the Citrus County Sheriff's main Station in Inverness and found a nice new display rack with plenty of room. Now I can add *Ordered to AA* along with the schedules.

I also visit State Probation and Parole, the Sheriff's Sub-Station in Crystal River, the County Courthouse, County Probation at the Salvation Army, Western Judicial, Langley Health, Access Health, West Central Drivers Improvement and the Lake Region Library.

The staff at the Lake Region Library, Chamber of Commerce and the Central Motel are so welcoming, I love to go there.

The lobby at the CMH auditorium was very quiet. I changed the *Where and When* pamphlets but I'm not sure there is anyone using the facility to see them.

Since the Emergency Room at Citrus Memorial Hospital reopened all has run smoothly. They did not bring back any holders so I used our last one. I replaced the gold with green and all was well. This past week I went to refill and NADA! Nothing was there. The employee at the desk suggested I leave them on the counter. The next day they were gone. That afternoon I tried again with a small stack, elastic bound. More shall be revealed.

I have been trying to reach the head of the volunteers but she has not returned calls, so far.

At this time there is no Detox center at either hospital in Citrus. There is a Mental Health Department. LifeStream will have a Detox unit and they will use one of the hospitals in Citrus. So far, Citrus County has no Baker Act facility.

One of our members is a resident at Rosecastle and may need to have a meeting in his room. The administration gave us permission to do that at any time with the exception of 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

I thank the CPC & PI Committee members and individuals who help
“Carry the Message.”

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Bruno

Men’s Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going very well. They are holding an Appreciation Dinner for us on April 18th. I opened an account at World Service in New York. The literature order was over \$500 and at that price there is no shipping charge. *Big Book* costs \$8.33 each and the ‘*Twelve by Twelve*’ cost was \$7.75, great prices. Linda has the customer number for District to use.

I want to thank all the volunteers for their sacrifice. Also, at the Assembly we dealt with the Service Conference agenda, and it was also brought up about going paperless.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Long-time AA member Billy W. was given recognition and appreciation for his service to the Corrections Committee. Approximately 20 used AA *Grapevine* magazines had been donated to District for distribution in the Corrections facilities. However, because the magazines were bound together by staples they would not have been allowed in the facilities by the Corrections authorities. Billy solved this problem by removing all of the staples and re-binding the magazines with fishing line. It worked beautifully. Thank you, Billy, for your service to AA.

Women’s Corrections Committee: No report.

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Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Intergroup met here just prior to this meeting and we had a good group. The Treasurer reported that we had a closing balance of \$5406.45, which is good. The trustees were present and were satisfied with the state of affairs. Sandy had carried the Hotline phone for a month and turned it back it; there had been 47 calls. Webmaster Steve reported that there had been 6214 visits to the Website, The Journal was out and they are getting ready for the next Journal, which will be out in a couple of months. Events Chair Mike reported that everything is going well and that all had a great time at the event

yesterday at Inverness. In Old Business, Terry from the Holder Group brought some pertinent about the Hotline and we are going to be getting a new phone, with better service and other benefits. Lynn gave information about how to book rooms at the next Florida Area Assembly. She has the phone number for making reservations and has given it to me; let us know if you need it.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

AAAdistrict28.org Web Report of March 2019 for April 14 Business Meeting

In March of 2019 there were 1599 visits to the site by 1292 unique visitors who viewed a total of 3848 pages or 2.4 average pages per visit. There were 12,411 total hits. 80.9% of the visitors were new and 19.1 % returning. The bounce rate was high at 68.24%. 51.9% of the users were male and 48.1 % were female. 27.5% were ages 25-34, 350/0 were ages 35-44, and 37.5% were ages 55 to 62. 63.680/0 used mobile devices, 27.89% used desktop devices, and 8.420/0 used tablets. 26.8% of users came directly to the site, 73.150/0 by organic search, but only .5% by referral from a sister AA site. 91 % of the visitors were from the United States, but the other 9% visited from 23 different countries.

The ten most visited pages after the home page were Dunnellon Meetings, Inverness Meetings, Tuesday meetings, Meetings General, Calendar, Contact Us, Homosassa Meetings, Links, Where and When, and Crystal River Meetings. The most downloaded files were AA History, State Flyer, Where and When, AA Audio AI, Spring Fling Flyer, Long Time Speaker Meeting Flyer, and Minutes.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as District 28 webmaster and technology chair,

Steve N.

Treatment Committee: No report.

Workshop Committee: No report.

DCM: No report.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Bob Moses announced that he was willing to serve as DCM. By way of resume, he has been a GSR, he has chaired the Corrections Committee (Men's) for the last few years and has been in the program for 26 years. Upon motion and second, Bob Moses was elected DCM of District 28. Lynn Dock continues to serve as Alt. DCM and Linda Antley is Treasurer. Bob was thanked profusely by everyone.

Under other new business, Lynn announced that she has reserved rooms for the July and September Assemblies. For the two rooms she reserved for men in July (12th-14th), one is already filled and one bed in the second room is already taken. Of the two rooms reserved for women, no requests have been made. For the September Assembly, September 27-29, no rooms have been spoken for. If others want rooms they will have to make the reservations themselves.

Dean raised a new matter pertaining to Founders' Day, which the District co-sponsors. Dean was appointed by NCI to acquire a speaker for the event, and he has lined up a man from Jacksonville, who will need a room for one night. He asked approval from District to share the cost of the room with NCI. Paige observed that the agreement between NCI and District is that NCI is responsible for the financial part. Dean then withdrew the request.

On another matter, Lynn advised that she and Ingrid, from NCI, had discussed the cost of the new meeting place and had agreed that NCI and District would each contribute \$17.50 per month, \$35 total, for use of the room and facility. It was understood that this would be a donation, not rent. On motion and second, this agreement was unanimously approved.

Paige announced some significant policy changes at Area 14. First, the \$36,000 or \$27,000 excess above the maximum prudent reserve has been addressed, so that starting with the 2019 budget, Area is \$10,000 below the recommended maximum reserve. They increased the budget to use the excess, so it was absorbed by the new budget that includes the additional expenses of the hotel costs at the new location, workshops and other activities. So, Area 14 is now a legitimate recipient of contributions from the home groups and needs our support.

On other Area 14 business, Paige advised that one of the important issues to be voted on at the next annual meeting in New York is whether the Big Book should be revised. The first 184 pages would remain the same, but some of the stories and other items might be changed. Another item to be taken up is the procedure for approving literature for AA publication. Further, there have never been guidelines been established for the removal the Board Members. Revisions to the 7th Tradition dealing with outside contribution guidelines and sources might also be the subject of discussion.

Announcements: None

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

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition IV. With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount. 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?

Concept IV: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. 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?
