

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2019

Welcome by DCM:

Bob M., 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. Eleven groups were represented.

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM -Bob M.

Alt. DCM- Lynn D.

Treasurer – Linda A.

Corrections Service Coordinator (Men) – Bob M.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

George H. – 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

Lynn D. – GSR, No Name Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Greg A. – GSR, Resentment Group

Lacy E. - GSR, Sober Sand Gnats

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

P. J. O. – Won Rebos Group

Visitors:

None.

Secretary’s Report: (No Secretary) P. J. O. had taken the Minutes of the April 14, 2019 meeting, which he submitted for approval. 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 April, 2019.

Income and Expense Beginning Balance:	\$2830.23
Net Income:	\$2168.91
Expenses:	\$ 268.48
Ending Balance:	\$4999.14
Group Contributions:	\$2420.88
Pink Can Contributions:	\$ 337.39

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

(Reports for all funds will be attached to Minutes.)

In addition to summarizing the financial reports, Linda noted several group contributions, including \$1831.00 from the Crystal River Group, for an amazing month. In regard to the Assembly expenses, Linda noted that no one had claimed the GSR rooms, and the total expense for GSR and Committee travel expense was \$343.48. All of the funds were in good shape. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report.

Archives Committee: Submitted by Dean B.

For those who may not know. I am in NY. I gave my baby girl away in marriage yesterday. Truly a Gift from God and Alcoholics Anonymous.

I am still sorting for our display at the Founder's Day Brunch in June. Our speaker is nailed down. The GSO movie 'Markings of a Journey' will be run on the 'big screen'.

I do plan on setting up our Archives Display Friday and help out where I can but I will have my hands full with our guest speaker from Jacksonville.

Yours in service,

Dean B.

District 28 Archives Chair

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Things have been going very well at the jail, although one meeting was cancelled last month. All the literature we bring in is being taken so it is good that we have so much. I thank all the volunteers for their time and service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Women's Corrections Committee: No report.

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Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Treasurer Mike F. presented his report showing an operating plus of \$1100.47 for the month and a closing balance of \$6556.92. Mike's report was accepted and filed for year end audit.

Trustees Lynn D. and Terry P. both said they were satisfied with the present affairs of Nature Coast Intergroup and Dean B. sent a report from New York. He said he had attended a recent meeting of the Events Committee and was delighted that we were able to simplify the procedures for the Founder's Day Brunch for 2019.

Denis S. said he had carried the Hotline for twenty one days and reported 26 calls for that period. Terry P. said that he was finally able to conclude interactions with Verizon Wireless and a new phone

has been provided. This will result in considerable savings to Intergroup going forward. Terry was thanked for his persistent efforts and George H. from the Attitude Adjustment Group volunteered to carry the new phone for a period of one month. Regarding the Website, Steve N. sent a report of 6545 visits to the website for the month and said the most visited pages were Meetings, Audio Files and the Journal.

Journal editor Ben C. presented the May/June issue and said that he could double the size of the Journal to eight pages if the meeting approved. He said the printing cost would be an extra \$60 per bimonthly issue, bringing the total up to \$150 for eight pages. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to increase the size of the Journal.

For the Events Committee, Mike D. said he had attended the Events Committee meeting and that plans were almost complete for the upcoming Founder's Day Brunch scheduled for June 8th at the First Baptist Church, 700 North Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. Mike said there will be one more meeting of the Events Committee to finalize plans. That meeting will be at St. Benedict's in Crystal River, at 1.30pm on Saturday May 18th immediately after the noon meeting. Mike said volunteers will be needed at the First Baptist Church on the morning before the Brunch, Friday June 7th at 10am for food prep and general set-up. He thanked all who generally volunteer and asked new people to be involved.

In Old Business, it was reported that the Hotline business was concluded successfully as described above.

Chairperson Ingrid extended the sympathies of Intergroup to the family of Pete McC who passed recently with more than four decades of sobriety.

A motion to close was made and passed.

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

Janet was unable to be present, but George H., GSR from her home group, reported for her that he had spoken with her. He wasn't able to pick up a copy of her report, but did say that as always, Janet has been distributing a lot of literature. She had also expressed her concern that literature keeps disappearing unusually fast and she thinks it possibly being thrown away. She could not be here today because of a family obligation.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

AAdistrict28.org Web Report of April 2019 for May 5 Business Meeting.

In April of 2019 there were 899 visits to the site by 820 unique visitors who viewed a total of 1540 pages or 1.7 average pages per visit. There were 5309 total hits. 82.8% of the visitors were new and 17.2% returning. The bounce rate was high at 77.4%. 50.6% of the users were male and 49.4% were female. 20.8% were ages 25-34, 13% were ages 35-44, and 22% were ages 45 to 54, 24.7% were ages 55 to 62 and 19.48% were 65 and older. 53.46% used mobile devices, 41.54% used desktop devices, and 5% used tablets. 59.6% of users came directly to the site and 40.4% by organic search. The ten most visited pages after the home page were, Inverness Meetings, Meetings General, Contact Us, Dunnellon Meetings, Calendar, Homosassa Meetings, Help Now, Where and When, Inglis Meetings, and Crystal River Meetings. The most downloaded files were Legacies, 12 Questions, AA History, State Flyer, Where and When, AA District 28 Slides, 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: Thank you for allowing me to serve. I will do the best job I can and I am sure that you will give me all the help I need to fulfill my responsibilities. We are very lucky to have a wealth of knowledge in our district. So, I am going to do the best job I can with your help. Once again, I thank you for allowing me to serve.
Bob M.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

There were no nominations to fill vacant positions. Discussion of the Long Timers Speaker meeting was deferred until a later time. Founders Day Brunch is coming up.

A suggestion was made that we consider having a Hot Line workshop, and that too was deferred. Our energies right now are directed to support of the Founders Day Brunch. Friday June 7 will start the set-up. There will be another events meeting on May 18 for further planning. There will be numerous volunteers there on Friday the 7th.

There may be a need to have a workshop regarding service work. There are numerous service positions that need to be filled, and such a workshop could help educate people on what is involved; we could have a "Service Day" and talk about of the positions. It would be especially helpful with the Hot Line phone, so our people will know how to handle the calls and will be less reluctant to take a turn with the phone. We should be having two workshops per year. NCI may be willing to co-sponsor the Service workshop. Linda will head up a committee to look into this. We will try and do this sometime this summer, at an indoor, air-conditioned location. We should be encouraging sponsors to get their sponsees into service, get them to workshops.

On June 22, our Area delegate will be coming to the Dunnellon to make a presentation on the Post Conference Report. This will be

in the Fellowship Hall at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut Street, from 1-3 p.m. Flyers are available on-line. Coffee and light snacks will be served; people can bring a dish if they want. Bob said that District had made a \$50 donation to the Church for the use of the Hall.

Harry J. from the Miracles Group asked if there were any official guidelines on contributions by Home groups, such as different percentages to the different entities such as between District, Area, Intergroup and AA World Services. Paige responded that there is a pamphlet, *Circles of Love and Service*, which suggested 25% to each of the four entities. In recent years Area 14 had a huge surplus in its prudent reserve, so groups were reluctant to make that contributions to Area. However, Area no longer has that surplus so the rule of thumb is to split the contribution four ways. However, because groups are autonomous, they can split it up however they want. Some groups give a larger percentage to District and Intergroup than they do to Area and World Service. The pamphlets give good guidance. Another helpful pamphlet is *Self-Support: Where Money and Service Meet*.

Linda reported that during the Intergroup meeting, a question was raised about District paying for part of the rental fee for storage, and we do not have any money in our budget for that. Do we really need the storage? Our Archives are not kept there. Last year we paid \$115 for our share of storage. She asked for guidance. Paige noted that we only used about 10% of the space, and there was a concern as to why we would pay so much for the rent. We need to inventory what is in there and see what we can get rid of. A motion was made to increase the budget line item, 5110, to \$115.42, for this year, which was seconded and passed. We will proceed to clear our part if we can, and decide what we want to do in the future. There may be some records that we need to keep and decide what we want to do about a contribution.

Paige pointed out that we may need to revise the language in the Structures and Guidelines and/or advisory actions regarding the issue of our obligation concerning rooms at Area Conferences.

Announcements: None

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 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 V: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. 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 V: Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered. 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?