

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 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

Roll Call:

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

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM -Bob M.

Treasurer – Linda A.

Archives – Dean B.

CPC/PI - Janet B.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

Website – Steve N.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

Steve N. - GSR, Freedom House Group

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

Gina S. – Miracles Group

Harry J. - GSR, Miracles Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

P. J. O. – Won Rebos Group

Dean B. – Alt. GSR, Sober Sand Gnats

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

Secretary's Report: (No Secretary)

Treasurer's Report: Linda A.

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

Income and Expense Beginning Balance:	\$ 4886.99
Net Income:	\$ - 906.71
Expenses:	\$ 1068.71
Ending Balance:	\$ 3980.28
Group Contributions:	\$ 150.00
Basket	\$ 12.00
Pink Can Contributions:	\$ 165.25

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

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

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Chair: No report.

Archives Committee: Submitted by Dean B.

He and Gina participated in the statewide AA Archives Workshop teleconference on July 10. The District 28 Archives Committee will be presenting the history of AA in Citrus County and the history of Our Tree Grows in Florida at the 5th Annual Archives Convention in Winter Park in February. The next teleconference will be on August 14. We attended the Area Assembly on Saturday, July 13, and participated in the Archives Workshop. We set up our projector to show the history of AA in Citrus County. Sorry to say, but the meeting was not well attended. The Miracles Group is interested in a movie night, one night a month, for Archives, and Denis S. has mentioned that he Crystal River Group might be interested as well. We are offering this to any meeting or group that is interested.

The archives are very important to me. I have been asked to bring the bulk of the District archives into storage, and I have no problem doing so, except that it would make it very difficult to present our archives to the populace of District 28 other than at the Founders Day and Gratitude Dinner events. Gina and I have completed the inventory of our Archives and what we propose is a traveling archives display that will be readily available to any and all of those interested in viewing them. Our books, literature movies and other items do not mean anything if they are hidden away except for two events or a workshop. I have prepared a spreadsheet of our inventory and the items in gray are what I would like to make available in our travelling display. They could be made available anywhere at any time. Please take time to let your GSRs and home group members review the inventory in the next few months and let us know.

Last month I talked about recording coffee conversations. We have a volunteer for our first coffee conversation participant, and as soon as I can get more familiar with the recording transcription software I will present it to District 28 and possibly have it in the next copy of the Journal. As of this morning the Jacksonville Archives agenda for tomorrow: Coffee Conversations. Twelve conversations have been recorded to date. They are all still in the editorial process, complicated by software and audio challenges. The voice recognition software has some bugs which are being worked out for a solution. So I will not be making the Jacksonville Archives Committee meeting tomorrow and will wait until they get the bugs worked out before starting the process of recording conversations.

Gina and I spent an immense amount of time inventorying every single item that we have, piece by piece, in the Archives, which is printed out in the inventory sheet. I have it on a spreadsheet I my computer. Any Big Book, meeting list or any other item that has any handwriting or inscription or dedication in it has a link in my

spreadsheet file. I plan on taking pictures of everything, including that link, to the spreadsheet, and in that way creating a digital archives display. I'll get with Steve in getting in on the system's Archives portion of the website. But, as you'll see, we have a lot of stuff that isn't very pertinent or personal to District 28, but the things in gray I would want to keep for the travelling archives display. All of our audio-visual stuff, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, all sitting in one place, and it doesn't do us any good sitting at my house or cold storage where people can't access it. The other thing to do, although expensive and complicated, is to have all of that stuff digitally recorded. Then it could be put on the website and accessed anytime. Jacksonville is doing that and it is costing a lot of money with a private contractor. In the meantime, I will make it available to anyone who wants to see it, at any time.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Steve volunteered to start the process of digital recording, one piece at a time.

Dean was commended for his work

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going very well, lots of participation from the inmates. A few meetings were cancelled due to the overload on Mr. Hubbard. Thank You to all the volunteers for their continued service. Also, our literature supply is in great shape thanks to the Pink Can. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Intergroup met here just before this meeting. Ingrid, our Chairperson, was present. Mike reported that we had \$5758.42, which is awesome, we are doing fine financially. Dean was the only trustee present. He said he had attended several workshops at the Jacksonville assembly. Colleen reported that the Hotline is being answered and is going along fine. Regarding the Website, Steve

reported 6,393 visits for the month, which is amazing. He has been updating various pages, including where and when and Calendar, and is working on a new project, so that we can attach ourselves by computer app to a nation-wide list of meeting, the app being called “Meeting Guide.” Ben was at the meeting and will be putting out a new Journal around the 1st of September. He would like to include more local content, looking for more stories of interest. If anyone has anything to submit, please send it to him at *news@nciintergroup.com*. Alternate Chair, Connie, said that she is pleased with the condition of Intergroup. In the Chair’s report, Ingrid said she had gone to the Intergroup Workshop at the Area Assembly where they discussed various organization topics and how they relate to each other. It was concluded that Intergroups are autonomous, just as AA groups are autonomous, and each group can make its own decisions.

Women’s Corrections Committee: No report.

P.I./C.P.C: Janet B.

Where and Whens are very well stocked at all of our sites. I got to the Sheriff’s Office Substation over in Crystal River where everything seemed to be untouched from my last visit.

My home group, Attitude Adjustment, has lots of willing elves that help distribute the NCI Journal, the Intergroup and workshop flyers to groups on the east side of District 28, including Club Recovery and the Wahoo Group.

I’m looking forward to bringing information in on our next activity, the Picnic in the Park, on September 14 at Rainbow Springs State Park in the Felburn Pavilion. It will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

She also expressed gratitude that the new Where and Whens were being distributed.

Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

We had 5301 visits in July by 4600 unique visitors. The bounce rate is still higher than 60%, but it is lower than in has been. We want to get the rate lower because that means people are staying. We are reaching a younger group than the Intergroup website, probably because the District 28 website is younger and hasn't been around as long. When we look at referrals, almost 57% of the referrals to the NCI site come directly to the site, not from a search engine. We also have a very high rate of mobile devices, 54.33% for phones, and 5.51 for tablets. The top ten pages visited this month indicate that apparently there were a lot of drunks in the Inverness area looking for meetings, as it was page #1, and then there was Meetings, Contact Us, Where and When, the Dunnellon meetings, the Crystal River meetings, the calendar, Homosassa meetings, Get Help Now, and then Thursday meetings. The most downloaded meetings were Where and When, the minutes, the Workshop flyer, and the Get Help number. We made a lot of updates to the Where and When. We have several flyers that we have created, and the calendar has been updated twice. I am working on how to develop a data base for a meeting guide for meetings nationally, it will be accessed through an app.

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

Workshop Committee: No report.

Alt. DCM: Lynn D.

It was announced by DCM Bob that he had received a letter from Lynn in which she advised of her resignation as Alt. DCM. She is still willing to serve as Treatment Committee Chair if requested. Bob acknowledged her good service and regretted that she was resigning.

DCM: Bob M. The assembly was alright but I was disappointed at some of the workshops, but I guess that is just me. On a much

brighter note, Steve did an awesome job on his workshop. I appreciate all the work he put in and he has our thanks. I thank all of you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A question from the floor addressed the issue of who would be responsible for making room reservations for the Area Assembly. Should it be the individual who wants the room, or should it be handled by a designated District person? Bob stated that it was his belief that each person who wanted to go to the Assembly would have the responsibility of making his/her reservation. They should contact the facility directly to take care of it. He advised that the reservations needed to be made at least thirty days in advance, as the rooms are reserved for the Assembly are released if not claimed thirty days before the date. Linda agreed that his position would work for people who could afford their own rooms, but pointed out that the District-paid rooms, one for men and one for women, should be reserved by a District official. Bob agreed and said he would reserve the rooms if people let him know at least thirty days before the date. Linda advised that she would help Bob if asked. There were no objections from the floor to that proposal.

Linda made a motion to increase the 2019 budget for Public Information, Line Item 5245, by \$20 to a total of \$45, as \$11.80 in excess of the budgeted amount has been spent. It was mentioned from the floor that, since PI and CPC had been consolidated, the requested amount could legitimately be taken from the CPC budget, from which there had been no expenditures. After discussion, Linda's motion as originally stated was seconded and passed.

DCM Bob asked if there were any nominations to fill any of the vacant service positions. No responses.

Bob addressed the next workshop, which will be the second half of the program on Service Work. Steve N. will present the program, which will take place on Saturday, September 7, from 2-4 p.m., at the location of the Miracles Group meeting place (Frank's Consignment), 21121 HWY 40 West Dunellon, Florida. Flyers for the program will be posted on the website and available for distribution.

Harry J. inquired as to whether any interest had been shown in signing up for the Hotline. Janet B. said her group has a form that they use, which she would share with him.

Announcements: None

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 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 p.m.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition VIII:

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual AA Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

Concept VIII:

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities:

(a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs.

(b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.