

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2019

Welcome by DCM:

Bob M., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Roll Call:

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

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM -Bob M.

Treasurer – Linda A.

Archives – Dean B.

NCI Liaison – Denis S.

Website – Steve N.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

George H. – GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group

Steve N. - GSR, Freedom House Group

Denis S. – Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group

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

Gina S. – Miracles Group

Harry J. - GSR, Miracles Group

Lynn D. GSR, No Name Group

Mike D. – GSR Real Happy Hour Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

Ollie H. – GSR, Won Rebos 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 August, 2019.

Income and Expense Beginning Balance:	\$ 3980.28
Net Income:	\$ 169.32
Expenses:	\$ 324.68
Ending Balance:	\$ 5501.90
Group Contributions:	\$ 400.00
Basket	\$ 16.00
Pink Can Contributions:	\$ 175.73

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 Good afternoon, I’m Dean and I’m an alcoholic. It has been a very busy month for the Archives Committee. Although I did not attend the JAX Archives Committee meeting last month I was in contact with Ken S. the IT expert on their committee about the bugs in their recording/transcribing software. At this time there are no updates and I will not attend their meeting tomorrow.

On Wednesday, August 14th I participated in the teleconference for the 5th Annual Archives Workshop. We seem

to have finalized most everything for the workshop February 22, 2020.

The committee has completed the Archives inventory and can be viewed on the website. We have also completed a photographic inventory, created a Power Point presentation, and converted that to movie format. That has been given to the Webmaster. Thank you Steve.

We have not been asked by any group or meeting about viewing the Archives collection, but during a conversation with a member that is visually impaired the question came up whether there was an audio version of the Big Book and 12 and 12 available. After going through the inventory I decided to check the GSO website and found that they have both online to access freely. This presents an opportunity for the need of an Accessibility Chair.

I attended the Service Workshop at the Miracles location and it was very well done regardless of the small turnout.

Grateful to be of service,
Dean B.

District 28 Archives Chair

Dean was commended for his work

Men's Corrections Committee: Bob M.

Meetings are going very well. There have been some changes to the days and times that we go into the jail. Our new day and time is Tuesday from 5:45 until 7:00 p.m. Now we won't be spending nearly as much time waiting and it makes it easier on Mr. Hubbard. Literature is great and inmates are even carrying their Big Books into the meetings; it is very encouraging.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob M.

Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison: Denis S.

Intergroup met here just prior to this meeting. Ingrid chaired the meeting. We had ten groups in attendance. Our Treasurer reported that we received \$800 from the groups, which was great. We had \$580 in expenses but we still have about \$6000 left. The Trustees, Dean, Lynn and Terry, were satisfied with the state of affairs. The Hotline program is going fine. Connie had the Hotline phone for three months, and it has now been turned over to George H. for September, and it will be carried in October by Dean B. Anyone interested in carrying the Hotline phone for a month please let anyone on the Committee know. Webmaster Steve said we had 6461 visits to the website, which is great, and told us about the new AA app, called Meeting Guide, which can be used anywhere. He sent it out to everyone by email, and it is also available for download from the website. It is updated every two minutes. We discussed the Journal, and have considered increasing the number from 30 to 400. In New Business, we talked about the Where and When, because we are going to pick up half of the cost. There is a new system set up, District is doing all the work and NCI will pay half of the expense. It will be printed four times a year, 1500 copies each time, which will facilitate keeping the information current. Steve did an excellent job.

Bob remarked he has worked with the printer and has set up a new format, which is easier to follow, one day per column.

Women's Corrections Committee: No report.

P.I./C.P.C.: Janet B. absent, no report.

Grapevine Committee: Position vacant.

Literature Committee: Position vacant.

Technology Committee/Website: Steve N.

We had 1752 visits in August from 15985 hits. It was a very busy month. The top ten pages visited this month were the Crystal River meetings, Meeting guide, Inverness meetings, the calendar, Contact Us, Where and When, Dunnellon meetings, Archives, Homosassa meetings, Get Help Now. This is the last time we will have a list of meetings because the Meeting Guide has replaced all of those things. The Meeting Guide lets you search several different ways, and every group has a web page with all the information. Also, NCI, and the Meeting Guide will send you there. The meeting guide will give you the meeting location and tell you how to get there. You can text the location of the meeting. The people from national AA were very helpful in helping me to set up. You can download Where and When in pdf or html. You need to notify me right away of any meeting changes so I can keep everything up to date. We have updated our landing page as well.

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

Workshop Committee: No report.

DCM: Bob M.

We have accomplished a lot in only a few months, including two workshops, the post-conference presentation, and Steve did so much at the Workshop. He thanked Steve for getting us connected with the national website and thanked everyone for their help. Bob said he was very proud to be part of the District 28 service structure. We have covered a lot of territory in a short time. We are not perfect but we keep moving forward no matter what. I thank you once again for allowing me to serve.

Bob had handouts from the GSO regarding the 2020 national gathering. He reported that GSO had a temporary

shutdown of its business system and has reorganized all of its business and informational functions to a single platform.

The number of groups in our district contributing to GSO has increased from 40 to 43%. \$1789 has been contributed so far this year.

Bob M.

Alt. DCM: Position vacant.

New Business:

Bob asked if there was anyone interested in volunteering for any of the vacant service positions. He went through the list of available positions, which included Accessibilities and Grapevine, among others. It was pointed out that you don't have to be perfect to take on any one of these positions.

No one volunteered. It was mentioned from the floor that all positions require two years sobriety.

Lynn volunteered to take the Accessibilities position. All these positions are appointed by the DCM. Bob was not comfortable making an appointment there and then. The committee Chair positions available were Grapevine, Accessibilities, Literature, Treatment, Workshop, Secretary and Alt. DCM. Bob said he would ponder Lynn's request for appointment. There was a consensus that a committee chair could enlist a sponsee, for example, to do the work. No other volunteers stepped forward. It was also mentioned that the job descriptions for these positions were set out in the Structures and Guidelines.

Denis remarked that he felt Treatment was a really important position, and that if no one else volunteered, he would take it. Lynn pointed out that she had told Bob before the meeting that she was volunteering to take the Treatment position, she previously run the women's program for two years.

There was dissention among those present as to the process being followed. Lynn pointed out again that men could not set up a women's meeting, to which Bob responded that the Chair could have other women on the committee to handle that. A suggestion was made from the floor that we should go ahead and have an appointment made, because we need to have these positions filled, no experience required. Bob said he felt that Denis would be the best chair. Bob stated that he was appointing Denis to the Treatment Chair position. Lynn stated that she was willing to serve as Accessibilities Chair, but didn't think Bob would appoint her. Bob said he didn't think it was right that she would step down from one position and then seek another.

Regarding the Workshop, Bob said that the Workshop yesterday was excellent.

Regarding the Assembly, Jack said this was his last meeting as GSR from his group, the Rainbow Group, but there was a matter pending before the Area Assembly that he wanted to address. He had previously put in a proposal to the Area Site and Agenda Committee that the Assemblies be held only three times per year, as opposed to four as was presently being done. He believed that Site and Agenda would be asking the GSRs to take this issue back to the home groups for advisory vote on the change. Jack wanted someone from District 28 to be there to be an advocate for this position. The proposal as stated by Area doesn't state why the change is being proposed, namely, that it would save the home groups a lot of money if there were only three meetings. In addition, the July meeting was essentially wasted, as so many people were unavailable because of family vacations etc. Jack had recommended that the meetings be in January, April and September on such weekends as would avoid conflicts with major holidays. Bob stated that there were a lot of

GSRs unhappy with the present location anyway, because of travel expenses. Inquiry was then made if anyone could present his position at the Assembly; Jack said he was not able to do it himself. Bob said he would try to be there or find someone to present the position.

Kim said she has volunteered to have a Long Timer Speaker Meeting for the Dunnellon Group, to support them, on Sunday night, September 22. She had made arrangements; the Church would waive the \$50 rental fee. Kim could get a sheet cake from Sam's for \$19.98, but needed the usual supplies: coffee, cups, plates, forks, creamer, sugar, napkins, and some things from storage so she would need a key. Steve has offered to bring his microphone and speaker. Kim has a speaker lined up, Tommy, from Intergroup, and Denis. Greg from the Resentment Group said his group would donate \$20 for supplies, and encouraged other groups to make donations.

Announcements: None

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, 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 7:10 p.m.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition IX:

AA, as such, ought never to be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. 1. Do I still try to boss things in AA? 2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative? 3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility? 4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take? 5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job? 6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws? 7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes? 8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Concept IX:

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees. Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants? Do we recognize the need for group officers? What are our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them?” Do I set a positive leadership example?