

DISTRICT 28  
Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 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. Nine groups were represented.

**Officers/Chairs present at meeting:**

DCM and Corrections -Bob M.

Treasurer – Linda A.

Archives – Dean B.

Corrections Coordinator (Men) – Bob M.

Literature Service Coordinator - Gina S.

NCI Liaison- Denis S.

Treatment Coordinator – Lisa R. B.

**GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors**

Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group

Bob M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group

Gina S. – Alt. GSR, Miracles Group

Harry J. - GSR, Miracles Group

Rick T. – Monday Night Men’s Step Group

Mike D. – GSR, Real Happy Hour Group

Greg A. – GSR, Resentment Group

Linda A. – GSR, Women’s Friendship Group

Lisa R.B. – GSR, Women’s New Beginnings

P. J. O. – Won Rebos Group

A District 28newcomer, Bob C., was introduced and welcomed. He has many years of sobriety and has joined the Crystal River Group.

**Secretary’s Report:** (P.J. O., Acting Secretary)

The minutes of the November meeting were presented for approval. An error in the name of the Literature Chair was corrected. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the October 3, 2019, meeting were accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda A.

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

Income and Expense Beginning Balance:                      \$ 4964.63

Net Income:	\$ 90.20
Expenses:	\$ 72.80
General Fund Ending Balance:	\$ 5054.83
Group Contributions:	\$ 150.00
Basket	\$ 13.00
Pink Can Contributions:	\$ 64.00
Pink Can ending balance:	\$ 730.36

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:**

**Archives Committee:** Dean B.

Good afternoon, I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. The committee attended the JAX Intergroup Archives Committee meeting Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the difficulty they have been having with their transcription software they decided to purchase a half dozen hand-held digital recorders to be downloaded to a newly purchased dedicated laptop computer with the capability to handle future needs. This will enable individuals to be able to utilize transcription software at the Intergroup Office for Long-timer Coffee Conversations and Old Timer Conversations. The next JAX Intergroup Archives Committee meeting will be tomorrow, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and our committee will not be attending.

We participated in the 5th Annual Florida Archives Workshop Teleconference on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Right now, all is basically set. Kevin Jr toured the premises and everything should work out great. Registration sales are slow as are tee shirt orders. The next teleconference is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the assistance Nature Coast Intergroup provided for helping to set up the 36 ft. of Archives display. There were quite a few favorable comments concerning the Inventory movie of the television. And no Bob, I am not going to ask for a 60" big screen tv.

I will be attending the January 4, 2020 Area Assembly in St. Augustine.

Dean was complimented on the great Archives display at the Dinner.

**Men's Corrections Committee:** Bob M.

All meetings are going well. Lots of literature is being handed out. Everything is going very well. I want to thank all of the volunteers for their dedication and service. There have been 15-20 men attending the meetings. I am working on starting another meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Nature Coast Intergroup Liaison:** Denis S.

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

Mike reported that we had \$6966 in the account. The Trustees were all delighted with the Gratitude Dinner.

Regarding the Hotline, Connie wants to get a new phone because it would do a better job.

The Events Chair, Mike, thanked everyone who helped at the Dinner, it was a great success. He announced that our next event will be the Chili Cook-Off on February 8 at Calvary Chapel in Inverness, a Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m.

In conjunction with District 28, we have established a calendar for all of the events next year, and it is of course the understanding that District will adopt the same calendar.

Ingrid will be out of town for two months and Connie H. will be in charge. So, if you have any Intergroup issues during that time, please contact Connie.

**Literature:** Gina S.

No orders were placed in November. My plan is to place a small order in December to cover at least as a minimum number of pamphlets to fill the display in the event one is needed and my suspicion is based on the Hotline calls last weekend. I believe Seven Rivers called and said they were in need of AA. A few people were gathered and went, and the people there were quite impressed that so many came. They may start bringing us in on a regular basis, I plan to order pamphlets such as *Bridging the Gap* that are aimed at the transition from treatment into AA. The Gratitude Dinner went very well. The display attracted a lot of comments. Several people to asked questions about the Centers but I directed them to *AA.org*. The display also attracted the attention of our speaker and her guest, who happened to be the Area Archivist, Vivian. She was impressed by the display and asked me to bring it to the Area display for inclusion with the Literature table there. Bob said we would bring the literature there. He had talked to Stephanie and she explained that with respect to Seven Rivers, you have to have a Level 2 Background Check to get into a hospital or that kind of facility. For now, they will just do 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls, and individuals will go up there on their own. Gina felt there should still be some kind of baseline. Bob offered to assist her with the orders to keep costs down. She wanted to have a large enough inventory of literature so she could prepare a display if there was another event. Dean suggested that another rack be ordered. Bob noted that some of the racks belonged to CPC.

**Treatment Committee:** Lisa R. B.

We are currently on hold with regard to bringing meetings into The Springs because there are no residents. The Supervisor will call us when there are residents and we will begin meetings at the time. I just learned today that there would be six new residents coming in shortly so we should be resuming meetings in a couple weeks or so.

I got a call from the charge nurse at Seven Rivers, she contacted us through the Hotline. She was requesting services for patients that come into the hospital. Upon further investigation the decision was made to bring AA Step service calls into the hospital. We will begin doing that.

Bob reported that when he was at the Centers recently, they expressed interest in having their own bookstore with AA literature and other recovery information.

**DCM:** Bob M.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out at the Gratitude Dinner. It was a great turnout and a great time, and it was my pleasure to help.

We have come to the end of the year. I am very proud of all our service chairs and the entire panel. I hope to see everyone at the Assembly next month. I want to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Alt. DCM:** Position vacant.

**Old Business:** Regarding the proposed budget for 2020, Linda reported that there was one minor adjustment in which the amount to be requested by Website would actually be lower than the amount agreed to in the proposed budget. There were no objections from any of the home groups to the proposed 2020 budget. Upon motion and second, the proposed budget for District 28 for 2020 was unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

Mike C., who has a lot of experience in AA and has served in many different capacities but is new to District 28, was introduced to the group. He would like to serve in any capacity. Denis S. remarked that he no longer wanted to serve in his capacity of Intergroup Service Chair, and would like to see Mike serve in that capacity. After further discussion, it was agreed that Mike would be appointed to the Intergroup Service Chair position, and Denis would serve as Grapevine Service Chair. Accordingly, DCM Bob appointed Mike to the position of Intergroup Service Chair and Denis S. to the position of Grapevine Service Chair.

Regarding the next Assembly, which will be Jan. 3-5 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine, there was some question as to whether there would be a District room for women. Through discussion it was learned that Linda A. had her own room and that neither the room for men or the room for women were going to be used, so they would be released.

Bob said he was going to have another printing of the Where and When. He had already received several updates, which he recited. If anyone knows of other changes please let him know soon, as he will be going to the printer on December 15. The new printing will be brought to the next meeting for distribution.

A question was raised about the appropriate disposition of money remaining in the Pink Can fund at the end of this fiscal year; there is still \$700 in the men's account. It was decided that the balance remaining should be rolled over into the budget for the next fiscal year.

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Announcements:**

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2020, 5:45 p.m., at the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

### **A.A. Concepts and Traditions**

#### **Concept XII:**

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. 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 ensure 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?

Tradition XII: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. Why is it a 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?