

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2020

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/Chears present at meeting:

DCM and Corrections - Bob M.

Treasurer – Linda A.

Accessibilities- Lynn Dock

Archives – Dean B.

Corrections Coordinator (Men) – Bob M.

Corrections Coordinator (Women) – Mary F.

Grapevine Service Coordinator – Denis S.

Literature Service Coordinator - Gina S.

NCI Liaison - Mike C.

Technology Service Coordinator – Steve N.

Treatment Coordinator – Lisa R. B.

Workshop Service Coordinator – Steve N.

GSRs Alt GSRs and Visitors

George H. – Attitude Adjustment Group

Sandy H._ – GSR, Crystal River Group

Steve N. – GSR, Freedom House Group

Bob M. – GSR, Holder Way of Life Group

Paige B. – GSR, Keep in Step Group

Gina S. – Alt. 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. – GSR, Won Rebos Group

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

Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the January 12, 2020 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Linda A.

Linda submitted the District 28 Income and Expense Reports, the Group Contributions and the Pink Can Reports for January, 2020.

Income and Expense Beginning Balance:	\$ 5253.46
Net Income:	\$ - 435.02
Expenses:	\$ 748.02
General Fund Ending Balance:	\$ 4,818.44
Group Contributions:	\$ 298.00
Basket	\$ 15.00
Pink Can Contributions:	\$ 141.50
Pink Can ending balance:	\$ 920.86

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 evening. My name is Dean and I'm an alcoholic. I participated in the Archives Workshop Teleconference on Wednesday the 15th, finalizing plans for the 5th Annual Florida State Archives Workshop. [The tentative agenda for the Workshop and related information is attached to the Minutes.]

I attended the 64th Florida State Convention Planning Committee meeting Saturday the 18th at the ALCO House in JAX. Archives was not included in the original Committees and Kevin Jr. and I will be working on setting up two rooms; one for displays and one for movies and popcorn/snacks; and we will also be trying to get more interest from the districts in all of Florida.

Gina and I have been getting out to meetings passing around Group History Forms to get updates on their history. I have more with me if needed. And for those that may not know, our collection of Group Histories had 'disappeared' from our display table during one of our events. District 28 history should be important to us all. "Archives is a means by which we collect, preserve and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our Fellowship. It is by the collection and sharing of these important historical elements that our collective gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous is deepened."

I have heard people mention that they think District 28 Archives has strayed from our local history, spending too much time travelling around Florida when it should be concentrating on more 'local' endeavors. Our local history is not confined to just Citrus County. It can be traced back to the spring of 1950 in Panacea, Florida, almost 80 miles NW of us, just south of Tallahassee to

Groveland, west of Orlando. That being said, the committee will be spending more time trying to access ‘local’ history, but we need your help. I am asking all members ask questions of their ‘old-timers’, secretaries, past GSR’s, etc. for information. Send me contact information of local people with local history, if you are one of those local ‘old-timers’, take time to put information on paper, give the info to your Intergroup Rep, your GSR, or the Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

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.

Corrections Women: Mary F.

We now have 12 women who have signed up to go to meetings at The Centers. Most of them have had their background checks. With the number of women who have volunteered and the level of interest they are showing, we will be able to schedule three women for a meeting every week. If one cancels, we will still be able to have the meeting, where last year we would have had to cancel. We are very excited about this development. Formerly we were only able to have one or two meetings a month, and with more volunteers we will also be able to get more residents into meetings.

Grapevine: Denis S.

I attended the Area Assembly and went to the Grapevine presentation. I have a lot of Grapevine subscription forms which I will distribute to the groups and ask the GSRs to make an announcement so they will have the opportunity to subscribe.

Literature: Gina S.

I did not have the opportunity to do anything this month. I’m happy to advise that it has been acknowledged that I am the Literature chair, and they have sent me a literature catalog. It is from 2018, but I understand that it is the current one. They have also sent me a card which will solve a lot of my concerns, as they are going to send me new displays and one of every piece of literature that they display in their pamphlet, at no cost.

Intergroup Chair: Mike C.

I attended the Intergroup meeting. Connie, the Alternate Chair opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. We had the roll call; nine groups were represented. Dennis, the Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted. The Treasurer, Mike F., gave his report. There was a beginning balance of \$7201.04, income of \$355, and expenses of \$452.41,

so a net loss for the month of \$97.41 and a closing balance of \$7103.63. Hotline, I know Chris is doing a good job is being done, he talks about it at meetings, and I have seen 8 to 10 new people in the last month at the Chrystal River meeting as a result of the Hotline. Some of them have stayed, and some not, which is normal. Ben reported on the Journal, which will be printed four to five days before the deadline. Regarding Events, Mike talked to us about the Chili Cook-off coming up on February 8, between 2 and 5. The group voted in favor of an April 16 Spring Fling date, and to have the annual Founders Day event on June 6, at the First Baptist Church in Crystal River. District is asked to be a co-sponsor of that event. The date of September 19 was set for the Picnic in the Park. There was also discussion of the Gratitude Dinner and the Area Assembly, but no decision on dates. On Archives, Dean talked to us about the responses he had been getting with regard to the Archives information sheets that he has been distributing, and hope there will be more responses. Regarding Website, there were 73,386 visits to the NCI site last year, which is amazing, and 4712 visits in January.

Treatment: Lisa R-B.

I still haven't heard anything from Mary Ann at The Centers in Lecanto, although I have called several times. I will wait for her call. Greg said they were trying to get women volunteers to take meetings into The Centers facility in Ocala, but Bob noted that would have to be coordinated through District 17. Greg will volunteer to go into Men's meetings.

Website: Steve N.

In 2019 there were 73,386 visits to ncintergroup.com. They visited 134,824 pages for an average of 1.85 pages per visit and stayed an average of 2 minutes 54 seconds each visit. 51.2% of visitors were male and 48.6% were female. 41.14% were ages 18-24, 14.89% were ages 25-34, 14.11% were ages 35-44, 19.15% were ages 45-54, 26.76% were ages 55-64, and 21.95% were 65 and older. 53.21% of visitors used mobile devices, 40.74% desktop devices and 6.05% tablets to access the site. 54.7% came by direct input of the URL, 36.8% by search engines, 6.7% by referral from other sites and 1.8% from social media. The ten most visited pages after the home page were Where and When, Meetings (Meeting guide), Calendar, Journal, Information Links, Young People, Newcomer, AA History, Is AA for You, and Workshop Topics. The bounce rate was 42.27% which is excellent and made the goal of being below 60%.

In January 2020 there were 4712 visits to ncintergroup.com. They visited 8175 pages for an average of 1.74 pages per visit and stayed an average of 2 minutes 27 seconds each visit. 59.2% of visitors were male and 40.8% were female. 29.73% were ages 25-34, 36.14% were ages 55-64, and 35.14% were 65 and older. 52.92% of visitors used mobile devices 43.19% desktop devices and 3.89% tablets to access the site. 60.17% came by direct input of the URL, 34.63%

by search engines, 6.61% by referral from other sites and 1.8% from social media. The ten most visited pages after the home page were Calendar, Meeting guide, Journal, Information Links, Contact Us, Is AA for You, Newcomer, Young People, Contributions, and Where and When. The bounce rate was 65.4% which did not make the goal of being below 60%.

In 2019 there were 17,522 visits to aadistrict28.org. They visited 27509 pages for an average of 1.57 pages per visit and stayed an average of 2 minutes 7seconds each visit. 50.2% of visitors were male and 49.8% were female. 5.18% were ages 18-24, 19.03% were ages 25-34, 17.5% were ages 35-44, 18.57% were ages 45-54, 24.81% were ages 55-64, and 14.92% were 65 and older. 57.76% of visitors used mobile devices, 42.48% desktop devices and 5.76% tablets to access the site. 41% came by direct input of the URL and 59% by search engines. The ten most visited pages after the home page were Meetings (Meeting guide), Where and When, Archives, Calendar, Minutes, Contract Us, Help Now, Information Links, Legacies, and Training Page. The bounce rate was 59.6% which made the goal of being below 60%.

In January 2020 there were 1507 visits to aadistrict28.org. They visited 2270 pages for an average of 1.51 pages per visit and stayed an average of 2 minutes 32 seconds each visit. 50.2% of visitors were male and 49.8% were female. 5.18% were ages 18-24, 19.03% were ages 25-34, 17.5% were ages 35-44, 18.57% were ages 45-54, 24.81% were ages 55-64, and 14.92% were 65 and older. 57.76% of visitors used mobile devices, 42.48% desktop devices and 5.76% tablets to access the site. 41% came by direct input of the URL and 59% by search engines. The ten most visited pages after the home page were Where and When, Calendar, Meeting guide, Minutes, Archives, Contract Us, Help Now, Information Links, 12 Questions, and 12 Questions results. The bounce rate was 70% which did not make the goal of being below 60%.

Steve reminded everyone to let him know if there are any changes in meeting time or place.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as webmaster this past year.

Workshop: Steve N.

Steve announced that the upcoming Pre-Conferenced Agenda Workshop will be on Saturday, March 14, 1-3 p.m., at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, which is on Chestnut Street. The event is posted on the District website along with a list of the Workshop topics. Several districts are participating. The Conference this summer will be the 70th annual conference. Our district will contribute to the cost of the building rental.

Steve mentioned that the reason there were more hits on the NCI site than District, is that the NCI site has been around longer. As for demographics, District generally has a younger audience.

The NCI site is not password protected, unlike the District site. Anyone who wants the password can contact me and I will give it to them.

Alt. DCM: This position is open. Anyone interested in serving please let Bob know.

DCM Report: Bob M.

Our annual audit has been completed and it went very well, thanks to Paige, Sandy and of course, Linda, for doing a great job. I've done the best I could in distributing the Where and Whens, and I have not had any complaints so I guess I did okay. I am looking forward to another year of good, solid AA work done for our District.

We have our Area Delegate coming to Dunnellon for the Pre-Conference Agenda on March 14, fliers are available. The delegate will be coming back on the 16th of May to give a report. Our surrounding Districts, 7, 14, 17 and 27, will be involved so we hope to have a good turnout.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Old Business:

We did put an ad Hoc committee together to go over the Structures and Guidelines to consider a few points. Regarding the financing of the Accessibilities Committee, we will put a motion together regarding any proposed changes. Any motion would have to be put into our District Minutes, and the motion would have to be tabled for one month so that the Home Groups could consider it and give feedback before there is a vote on the motion. There is some confusion about the language regarding financing for the Accessibilities Committee. For some reason that language is different from the language for the other Committees, and we are going to make it the same. We will also be working on the language for the Intergroup Chair position.

An inquiry was made about the requirements for the position of Alternate Secretary. It was pointed out that there is no provision in the Structures and Guidelines for an Alternate Secretary. It was suggested that perhaps such a position should be considered, as the Secretary position is a difficult and it might be helpful to have an Alternate.

The upcoming Founders' Day event was previously discussed. A motion that that District 28 co-sponsor the Founders' Day Breakfast along with Intergroup was made and passed.

Announcements:

The Holder Group plans to have a Speaker meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month. When a starting date has been established and speakers arranged, an update for the Where and Whens will be provided.

Dean B., Archives Chair, announced that he has Group History forms available. He will be trying to collect additional information so that he can update the current Group History information.

The new Where and Whens will be light blue in color.

Upon Motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The next District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2020, 5:45 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. 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? 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 Two: When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society. 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?
