

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
(Held in Conjunction with Nature Coast Intergroup Meeting)
October 4, 2020
Nature Coast Church pavilion

Welcome by DCM:

Bob M., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

P. J. O. took Minutes of the meeting. (The meeting was held outdoors in the Pavilion and appropriate social distancing was maintained.)

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Declaration

Present at the meeting:

Ben C., NCI Journal

Mike D., NCI Events Chair

Connie H., NCI

Ingrid, NCI

Bob M., Dist. 28 DCM

Linda A., Dist. 28 Treasurer

Dean B, Hotline and Archives

Harry J., GSR, Miracles Group

Denis S., NCI Secretary

P. J. O., (Acting Secretary), Won Rebos Group GSR

District 28 Treasurer's Report: Linda A.

Linda reported that a bill had been received from Steve N., Website Chair, in the amount of \$119.96 from Go-Daddy for the Website bill. It has been paid.

Linda advised that all of the Financial reports that she was submitting covered the period from January through September 2021: 2021 Proposed Dist. 28 Budget; Pink Can Income and Expenses; Dist. 28 General Fund Income and Expenses; Pink Can Contributions; Dist. 28 Group Contributions. Linda pointed out that although all of the income figures were smaller than usual because of the Coronavirus, we are maintaining our prudent reserve. Expenses have also been light, Linda expects that things will balance at the end of the year. Dean remarked that the only significant expense he anticipated would be the framing of the Group Tree that was previously created. The Treasurer's Report was accepted on motion and second, subject to audit. GSRs will vote on the proposed 2021 Budget at the December meeting.

(Treasurer's Reports attached to Minutes distribution.)

Archives Report: Dean B.: April, May, June, July, August, September, 2020

Good evening, I'm Dean and I'm an alcoholic. As of Thursday, March 5th the District Archives have been moved to storage. I want to thank Denis for meeting me there and assisting in unloading everything. I noticed that there are electrical outlets in the unit that would support lighting. As far as having room to set up a table and shelves there will need to be some organizing.

The Archives is in the process of scanning and organizing all the information we have on group histories. We have started a binder outlining the history of District 28 with group histories and the two clubs. Included in this will be the documentation of the progression of Nature Coast Intergroup and District 28 meetings during the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus in our area.

Gina did a great presentation at the noon NCI/District 28 Zoom meeting and again at the 4 o'clock Real Happy Hour Zoom meeting on '*How Alcoholics Anonymous Got Started*' for Founder's Day June 10, 2020.

I attended the Virtual Post Conference Report and New York will be Considering requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present; kind of like *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age Part II*.

I attended the September Virtual Area Assembly, Gina and I participated in the Archives Workshop on 'The Dying Art Of The 12th Step Call', I attended the NFAC Convention Committee where there was very little information about the 64th Florida State Convention August 5-8, 2021, and the Delegates Business meeting.

I have decided that during the next District Elections I will be rotating out as Archive Chair. (my first Archives Chair report was December 2016) Although I had committed to three terms, I feel I have brought our Archives History as far as I can and my health issues have made it too difficult to physically do the job or give it the attention it deserves. I believe in rotation and I would love to see others benefit from the wonders and joys I have experienced in researching our history. It saddens me that I could not compile

the Oral Histories or Coffee Conversations as I had wished. I will continue to research our District history back to the 50's prior to all the redistricting over the years, but this I will do in my leisure and in the background. I will turn over a thumb drive of all Archives material I have acquired over the years to whoever stands for Archives or the DCM if need be.

Yours in service,

Dean B. – Archives Chair

DCM Report: Bob M.

Bob addressed the question of officers for the new panel. He is willing to continue to serve as DCM until things get back to normal. Dean advised that he would be rotating out as Archives Chair but will give advice or assistance if asked, to the extent he was able. P. J. agreed to continue to serve as (Acting) Secretary until a replacement could be found. Linda A. also agreed to continue serving as Treasurer.

Bob advised that there would be a Dist. 28/NCI Events meeting at the Nature Coast Church on Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m.

The next District 28 meeting will be on Sunday, November 1.
Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

A. A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. 1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen? 2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”? 3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition? 4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life? 5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be? 6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways? 7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept Ten: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. --Do we

understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates? --Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority?”