

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2021
Beverly Hills Community Center

Welcome:

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

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Declaration

Present at the meeting:

Bob M., Dist. 28 DCM

Ingrid R.

Brian Mc., Real Happy Hour Group; Intergroup Rep.

Sandy H., GSR, Crystal River Group

Jim K., Hotline volunteer

P. J. O., District Secretary, Won Rebos Group GSR

Men's Corrections Report: Bob M.

Bob reported that there have been a lot of changes at the Citrus County Jail. He has been in contact with the Chaplin who advised that there will be a new orientation program in the near future. The person we worked with previously is no longer there and they are in the process of hiring a new person. There have also been some staff changes and a lot of strict regulations to follow. He will keep everyone informed. We were unable to have today's meeting with Zoom because the person who can manage it was not available. It is important that we continue with meetings and do them with Zoom while the Covid-19 is still active because alcohol and drug addiction have skyrocketed. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

On a related matter, Bob said that he would like to re-establish a Bridging the Gap program in District 28. We had one a few years ago.

Intergroup: Brian Mc. Brian has just taken over this position and is glad to help out.

PCP/Public Information: Janet B. Bob, reporting for Janet, said that she is doing fine but could not be present at this meeting. He said she looks forward to getting out and distributing Where and Whens.

Website: Steve N. Reporting for Steve, Bob said that Steve had reported that all is well with the Website. As an ongoing process he updates the site and the Where and When as new information becomes available. Steve is reviewing meeting

information to determine which ones are outdoors so it can be indicated on the website.

With regard to **Workshops**, Bob noted that Steve is also the Chair of that Committee. Steve had prepared a Workshop Report for January that listed several workshops that can be viewed online. The January Report will be attached to these minutes.

Where and When: Bob said that he was hoping that information regarding outdoor meetings could also be indicated on the Where and When. At the present time the only outdoor meetings Bob knows about are Old Firehouse and Nature Coast Intergroup. There was a question about whether the online version of the Where and When on our website format is sufficient for people to copy and paste. Making distribution that way could save us some expense. Bob said it would take a little while before printing because the template will have to be revised. Bob will proceed with a printing of 1200 Where and Whens, instead of the usual 1800. He will try to find a way to indicate which meetings are outside. At present, the only know outdoor meetings are Old Firehouse and Nature Coast. The new printing will be on yellow paper. Bob will make distribution after printing.

DCM Report: Bob M.

Bob thanked everyone in attendance for being there and noted that we have an uphill battle to restore some kind of normalcy to our District and our service structure. However, we are moving in a positive direction. He extended his thanks to everyone for their help and for allowing him to serve.

Everyone welcomed Brian, the new Intergroup Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A.A. Concepts and Traditions

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 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?