

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2021
Beverly Hills Community Center

DISTRICT 28 MEETING

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., Old Fire House and No Name Groups

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

Chris J.

Denis S.

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

Janet B., Public Information, CPC

Clint W.

Ashley S.

P. J. advised that he would send copies of the District 28 Structures and Guidelines to Chris J., Bob Mc., Ingrid R. and anyone else that who requested one.

Reports

Archives: Denis S., Chair

Denis thanked and congratulated his predecessor, Dean B., for his excellent service. Denis will meet with Dean and have Dean bring him up to date on the Archives status. Denis said he would bring some of the Archival materials to the Spring Fling.

Accessibilities: Clint W.

Clint thanked everyone for his appointment as Accessibilities Committee Chairperson. He looks forward to the task and will be familiarizing himself with current issues.

Men's Corrections Report: Bob M.

Bob advised that he had received an email from the Corrections facility Chaplin, who advised that the facility Director's position has still not been filled. As a result, no orientation for visitors can be scheduled. There are County, State and Federal guidelines that must be followed. Hopefully, it won't be much longer.

Intergroup: Brian M.

Brian is the new Intergroup Chairperson and is happy to be of service. Brian has just taken over this position and is glad to help out. Other than what was brought up during the Intergroup meeting about the phone situation, he had nothing to add.

PCP/Public Information: Janet B. Janet said she was happy to be able to attend the District meetings again. In addition to taking literature to the usual locations, Janet has been able to have some AA information in the Citrus Home annual magazine.

Website/Technology: Bob said that Steve N., Chairperson, is still not able to get out much but is able to take care of the Website and tech issues from home. We are fortunate to have him.

Where and When: Bob reported that copies of the new Where and When have been distributed to those who wanted them

DCM Report: Bob M.

Bob thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There are a lot of positive things going on. We are finally getting over the hump, more meetings are starting to open up, and attendance is increasing. Most recently, meetings of the Old Firehouse Group have resumed. Bob expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone who has stepped up for service during these difficult times. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

Old Business: No reports.

New Business:

Chris J. was nominated and duly appointed to the position of Grapevine Chair. Chris said he was happy to be of service and would begin familiarizing himself with the current Grapevine status.

Bob advised that the Big Book was available for the blind and/or deaf through the General Services Office.

Bob said that he would be going to the printer tomorrow for another printing of Where and When. He hadn't thought it would be necessary to print again so soon, but there are a lot of groups that are reopening and meeting again.

Bob advised that he had been contacted by a person from one of the groups in District 7 who asked if we would list that group in the District 28. The southeast portion of Citrus County, which is in District 28, shares a boundary with the northwest portion of Sumter County, District 7. After discussion, it was agreed that we should not list groups that were not in our District.

The next meeting of District 28 will be on May 2, at the Shepherd of the Hills Church if possible. [Editor's note: It has since been learned that we will be allowed to return to that facility, so the meeting on May 2 will take place at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

AA Traditions and Concepts

Tradition IV

With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount. 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 IV

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. 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 insure 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?