

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2021
Shepherd of the Hills Church, Lecanto

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

Paige B. - GRS, Keep in Step Group

Sandy H. – GSR, Crystal River Group

Mike D. – GSR, Real Happy Hour

Brian Mc.-GSR Real Happy Hour Group; Intergroup Rep.

Chris J.- GSR, Nature Coast Intergroup

Denis S.- Archives Chair

Janet B. - GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group; Chair, CPC and PI

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

Linda A.- Treasurer, Dist. 28

Reports

Secretary: P. J. O.

P. J. advised that he had prepared and distributed the Minutes from the previous meeting, April 11, and hand delivered a copy to Janet. He will mail future copies to her. No one noted any corrections that were necessary. His next project would be to go through the District Minutes since the last revision of the District 28 Advisory Actions and Motions to see if any updates were needed. Upon question from Bob, P. J. advised that he will also make contact with as many GSRs as possible to get current information so that the Resource Page can be updated.

Treasurer: Linda A.

Linda made some observations about her reports and noted that some revisions would be made. [A copy of her final reports will be attached to

the Minutes when they are distributed.] An error in the report for a contribution by the Sober Sand Gnats will be corrected. The Bank balance was in good shape because the groups have been so good in their contributions but our expenses have been cut because of Covid, especially with regard to there being no Assembly expenses. We still have some storage expenses.

Archives: Denis S., Chair

Denis said he is facing some issues because this is new to him, but Dean has been a great help. Denis will have the Archives on display at the Spring Fling, Clint will help him as will Dean. With regard to recording the stories from old-timers, Denis reported that he had previously recorded the story from a gentleman who was 95 years old and had 61 years of sobriety, but was going to interview him again. The man's wife died and he sold the boat he had been living on; he didn't drink but was doing 60 meeting in 60 days to deal with it.

Men's Corrections Report: Bob M.

Bob advised that work had finally begun on implementing the capability for Zoom meetings in the jail. He will try to get the Zoom meetings set up; Bob will meet with him soon. Also, a new Program Director has been hired, so it shouldn't be long before an orientation program is in place and AA will be allowed to go into the facility. They hired from within the jail staff this time, a counselor. There are still some communication issues, so he can make direct contact.

Grapevine: Chris J.

I have registered on the Grapevine website and they have sent me a packet. Denis has given me some Grapevine information boards which I can use at the Spring Fling, and has been very helpful. I hope to have a good setup in time for Founders Day.

Bob noted that an outside event was being considered for Founders Day on June 12. All those at the meeting were favorable to that idea.

PCP/Public Information: Janet B.

She thanked Bob for meeting with her and helping her out. She reported that she will not go back to the "Welcome Center" in Crystal River because they would not accommodate her. They throw her literature away. County Probation, State Probation and Parole offices were shut

down for a while because they could not use the Court. Also, they have moved. The Visitor's Center was not accessible, but it has been moved to City Hall. She has visited all of her usual stops, including the Health Department. A literature distribution location at the Y was also identified. Some of the people are very accommodating, and even thank her for her service.

Website/Technology: Bob has been in frequent contact with Steve regarding the Website and meetings so everything is up to date. Steve has posted a lot of information on the site.

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. Things are finally coming back to some kind of normalcy. He is still waiting to hear if there is going to be a face-to-face Assembly; they have not issued mask guidelines. He is not sure he would be comfortable, but will wait and see. It is scheduled for July 9, 10 and 11. The restaurants will likely be closed. The event will not be at the Hyatt, it will be at the South Bank Hotel. He urged everyone to attend and enjoy the Spring Fling, he will be there and could probably use some help. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

Old Business: Regarding the District 28 service positions that are open, there were no volunteers or nominations for appointments.

New Business: A motion was made to increase the District budget for Post Office expenses from \$140 to \$147. Motion allowed.

Bob announced that the annual audit will be done immediately following the meeting.

The next meeting of District 28 will be at 5:45 p.m. on June 6, at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Step Five Concepts and Traditions

Tradition V: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept V: Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.