

**DISTRICT 28**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18, 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

Denis S.- Archives Chair; Alternate GSR, Crystal River Group

Dean B., Archives Emeritus

Brian, GSR Real Happy Hour, and Intergroup Liaison

Dave D.- GSR, Monday Night Men's Group

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

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

**Reports**

**Secretary:** P. J. O.

P. J. advised that he had prepared and distributed the Minutes from the previous meeting, June 6. No one noted any corrections that were necessary.

The Secretary's report for June was approved.

**Treasurer:** Linda A.(Bob Reporting)

Linda was not able to be present but Bob advised that she had submitted the District Income and Expense Report and the Group Contributions Report. Copies of her reports will be attached to the Minutes when they are sent out. Everything is in order, and we have received the money owed us from Intergroup. The previous problem with the Post Office box has been resolved. We are now on an automatic pay arrangement.

**Archives:** Denis S., Chair

Denis advised that Dean B. will be representing us at the State convention in Jacksonville. Denis will retrieve several items from the Archives storage and Dean will explain the items at the Convention. Dean advised that he has made a commitment to make the Archives presentations for three conventions, particularly the inter-active archives display. He will take our display case and some other items particular to our district, and will run the movie room. He will not ask for reimbursement. Also, he will still be helping out on Archives in the background, but has some health limitations, and will continue researching our history.

**Men's Corrections Report:** Bob M.

Bob reported that things are not moving very well at the jail. They have an audit going on right now and have cancelled all of the Zoom meetings. A new director has been hired. Everything is on hold for now and we are not allowed to come into the facility. They will try to do an orientation outside of the jail, possibly a four-hour program. The officials want to educate us on all of the rules, so that if there are violations, we can be held accountable. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Grapevine:** Chris J.

Bob advised that Chris sent him an email saying he had taken another job.

**Intergroup Liaison:** Brian M.

Brian said he is comfortable with his home group and he really enjoys service work, it has improved his life. However, he didn't feel like he had been accomplishing much in his position of Intergroup rep and has decided to take more notes at the Intergroup meetings. At the Intergroup meeting today, Denis gave an excellent Secretary's report, Mike delivered the Treasurer's report, and Trustee reports were delivered by Billy, Dean and Paige. Steve was unable to attend and deliver the Webmaster report as he in the hospital. Denis delivered the Journal report for Ben, who wasn't able to attend today. Ben needs more help in preparing the Journal, and hopes that people from the meetings will pitch in. Regarding the Hotline, we need more people to volunteer to

take the phone. There were about 70 calls last month. It was also mentioned that downloading the Meeting App has made it easier to keep track of meetings, as there have been a lot of changes. The Events Committee is still looking for a site for the next Gratitude Dinner. There are still some Committee chair positions that are open. The Group voted to appoint Ralph as the new Treasurer. There will be a remembrance service for Kel on the last Friday of this month at the Dunnellon First Presbyterian Church, right after the regular meeting.

**PCP/Public Information:** Janet B.

She went to the Sheriff's Substation in Crystal River to check on the literature supply, it was really a mess. She straightened out all the literature while there and left a few more Where and Whens. The only other place that needed additional Where and Whens were Driver Improvement and County Probation, which she took care of.

**Website/Technology:** Steve N. (Bob reporting.)

Bob noted that Steve has been in the hospital for at least a week and probably has received a lot of emails. Bob called him, Steve said they would be sending him home in the next few days.

**DCM Report:** Bob M.

Bob said he had thought things would go smoothly at the Assembly, but found out it wasn't going to be that way. He decided not to go. He does not really trust the housekeeping at the hotel. As soon as he receives the Minutes from the Assembly, he will give us a report. He said he knew most of what went on there but will wait for the Minutes. There was supposed to have been social distancing there, but it didn't happen. There was a DJ conference going on at the same time as the Assembly, and they had all these fans and people packed into the hotel, drug and alcohol users in the same contact with us. Some of them were trying to panhandle our people. Someone needs to talk to the Hotel people so that this sort of thing doesn't happen again. It was a bad situation. Our people were trying to have meetings and there was loud music and drum beats in the background. Thank you all for your service, and thank you for allowing me to serve. Please keep Steve N. in your prayers.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Bob asked if there were any nominations to fill vacancies, we need some people. No responses.

Regarding Where and Whens, we will have to do revisions and another printing fairly soon as there have been a lot of changes. We have received our reimbursement from Intergroup. If any of you know of any changes or additions that need to be made, please let me know, and there was one error that needs to be corrected. You can email changes to Steve also, for the Website, but Bob cautioned that Steve gets an awful lot of emails.

With regard to the creation of meetings, it is recommended that people simply organize themselves and proceed as just a meeting until it appears that it will be success, and then you can register with AA in New York to be a recognized group. It costs AA in New York \$150 to process new registrations, and they don't like to incur that expense unnecessarily. Also, we can list meetings in our Where and When and on our website even if it is not a registered group. We actually have several meetings that are not registered groups.

It was also announced that there had been a family service for Kel last week.

The next meeting of District 28 will be at 5:45 p.m. on August 29 at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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### **A.A. Traditions and Concepts**

**Tradition VII:** The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation

whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

**Concept VII:** The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.