

**DISTRICT 28**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 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

Paige B. - GSR, Keep In Step 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

April W. - GSR, You Have A Choice Group; NCI liaison

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, July 18. P. J. reported that he had not received any information prior to this meeting regarding GSR changes. No one noted any corrections that were necessary to the Minutes from July 18.

The Secretary's report for June was approved.

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

Bob reported that Linda was not feeling well she is keeping everything up to date and there was no issue with the budget. He has been making the deposits of checks we have received. The new Where and Whens have been printed but there is still an issue remaining concerning reimbursement to District by NCI for the printing expense.

We need to get together with the NCI to determine the exact amount due regarding storage.

**Archives:** Denis S., Chair

I have taken over Archives for Dean officially, but Dean actually continues to do a lot of the work. He will represent us at the State convention and is going up on Thursday. He will be retrieving several items from the Archives storage including photos of our meeting places and Dean will explain the items at the Convention. We will also have a lot of our Archives collection on display at the Gratitude Dinner.

At the convention he will present an inter-active display off of a 48-inch television run off of his computer, and will be able to access the District 28 website, Archives section. and will run the movie room.

Dean said he was sticking to his previous commitment to make 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. There is a binder in circulation that contains all of the group histories and related information which is a work in progress.

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

Bob reported that he had just received an email from the jail advising that due to the new strain of the coronavirus they are limiting movement at the jail. Even the Zoom meetings are being cancelled for now. Thank you for allowing me to serve. They are keeping everyone isolated in the jail. Dean B. will meet with Bob and try to put together a history of the District 28 Corrections Committee including the impact of the coronavirus.

**Grapevine:**

Bob advised that Chris resigned this position and we need to fill the vacancy.

**Intergroup Liaison:** Brian M.

Our meeting today was a good one. I presented the minutes from our last meeting which was followed by the Trustee reports. Billie had nothing to report. Paige reported that she had met Ralph, the new Treasurer, at the bank and that they set things up. They will have to meet with bankers again regarding passwords and to finish the turn-over. Dean reported that he had met with Mike B. and dropped off a prototype for the new

Hotline Manual. Mike will review it, make an assessment and get back to us at the next meeting. Dean also made his report regarding his presence at the Archives room at the convention. Mike, the Hotline Chair, reported that there had been a lot of detox calls, 24, basically looking for meeting locations. He also advised of some good news, a new detox drop-off location here in Beverly Hills and he has a phone number that can be used to locate help. Ralph, Treasurer, didn't have his report completed yet. Steve, Webmaster, reported that he hasn't been well but has been communicating with Denis and Bob to keep up the Where and Whens and meeting locations. No report for the Journal. Events Chair Mike D. reported that Rainbow Springs will not allow the facility to be rented for the Fall event, but we will be able to rent the First Presbyterian Church property in Dunnellon for the event. We will try to keep ticket sales down to about 150 people because of limited capacity. Denis said that the Picnic in the Park set for Sept. 25 has been scaled back in size to about 150. A vote was taken to go ahead with the event with reduced sales rather than cancel. The location is still uncertain. We may have a workshop in October at the Dunnellon First Presbyterian Church, still under consideration. The Gratitude Dinner will be on November 14, also at the First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are urged to arrive at 2:00 p.m., doors open at 3:00, dinner at 4:00-5, and doors close at 7:00 p.m. Request for staff volunteers are open. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Regarding finances, a motion passed to raise the amount that could be requested from \$100 to \$150 without having to go through the GSR for certain items. Denis announced that flyers are available for the State Convention. Dean announced that he will be having surgery soon and will not be available for 8-12 weeks, and Denis advised that he would cover things for him, and we all gave Dean our best wishes for a successful procedure.

Regarding the time elements of the Gratitude Dinner, it was agreed that since the time elements mentioned above are still tentative, those times should not be mentioned in any announcement; only the date can be used until further notice.

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

I haven't had much to do because the other sites are still supplied. I did go to the Salvation Army because they use a lot, and replenished their supply.

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

I sent Steve the template for the next Where and When printing, and he is in the process of making updates. When that is completed, the Where and When and the website information regarding meetings will be the same. Steve is to be commended because he did all of this while not feeling well.

**DCM Report:** Bob M.

I thought things were looking up but I was wrong. With this new strain of Covid I am not sure how things are going to work out. I really appreciate all the people who are serving in this environment. At least we are still moving forward in service to our District. Thank you, District 28, for allowing me to serve.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Bob asked if there were any nominations or volunteers to fill service vacancies. April W. volunteered to be the Women's Corrections Chair. She was given the form to fill out but was appointed at this time. Bob will meet with her later regarding job responsibilities and will let her know when orientation can take place. Paige will also give her information regarding the other ladies who also serve.

Denis advised that he has the Grapevine materials and will deliver them to the new Chair when someone is appointed.

Bob mentioned that the Resource Page is doing to be updated. He asked that anyone present who has information updates for the Resource Page please stay for a few minutes after the meeting so the information can be passed on to the Secretary, P. J. If anyone out in the District has update information, they should pass it along to P. J.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting of District 28 will be at 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

## **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.