

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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

Greg M.-GSR, Upon Awakening Group (new)

Brian C., GSR Miracles Group

Mike D.- Alt GSR, Real Happy Hour

Sandy H.- GSR, Crystal River Group

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

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

Bill - No Name Group

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 and 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 the August meeting.

The Secretary's report for June was approved.

Treasurer: Linda A.(Bob Reporting for Linda)

Bob reported that Linda was no longer willing to serve as Treasurer. He noted that she had done an excellent job as Treasurer and we will miss her. All present commended and thanked Linda for her good service.

Linda left everything in good order and Bob will deal with the Treasurer duties until we can find a replacement. Bob summarized the Income and

Expense Report and distributed copies. meeting. He also distributed copies of the Group Contributions reports for July and August. The contributions will be attached to the meeting Minutes. We are behind on income compared to last year. He also recited the report for the Pink Can Fund, and gave a history of the Pink Can to the new attendees at the meeting. Pink Can contributions can be used only to purchased AA literature for people who are incarcerated. The Treasurer's Report was accepted, and Bob noted that the annual audit would be coming up before too long.

Archives: Denis S., Chair

I serve as Archives but Dean B., previous Chair, does most of the work. He has actually prepared the Report. Dean reports that he attended the State Convention in Jacksonville. It was a good crowd. He spent most of his time in the Archives Room. It was disappointing that there were only three displays this year, Area 14, the Jacksonville Inter-District display and District 28. I helped with the movie room display. I met with the Area 14 Archives Chairperson and he was very impressed with our Archives collection. We have an excellent Archives collection.

Men's Corrections Report: Bob M.

Bob reported that the orientation for the volunteers at the jail that was supposed to take place at the end of this month was postponed due to an uptick in the Delta Covid infection. The orientation will probably be rescheduled for January, which is when they usually take place. It will be nice to get back on track. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Grapevine:

The Grapevine Liaison position is still vacant. Please contact Bob or your GSR if you are interested in this important service position.

Intergroup Liaison: Brian M.

Mike D. reported for Brian, who is out of town. Brian had not given him any particular matter to report. Denis reported on the meeting and noted that Mike has stepped up to take on the job of Intergroup Chair, which is very much appreciated. We discussed the Hotline; ownership of the Hotline phone needs to be changed over due to Ingrid's death. A registration needs to be changed. We will discuss this further this month.

There was a motion to change the date of the Gratitude Dinner

from Sunday, Nov. 14, to Saturday, Nov. 13, in order to facilitate the person who is to handle all of the electronics for us. The motion was passed. It will still be at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church assuming it is still available.

In response to a question, Denis explained how the rotation of the Hotline phone works, and advised that more volunteers are welcome.

PCP/Public Information: Janet B.

The new Where and Whens are now in distribution. I have delivered copies to our usual sites. The supply is usually used up quickly at Drivers' Improvement. She still has a good supply, printing again in October will be okay.

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

Steve does an excellent job working from home. Everything is up to date.

DCM Report: Bob M.

Bob thanked everyone for their service, he appreciates all the work that is done. Although it seems like there is not much going on, he has been swamped with emails and a lot of things to be processed. He said he would not overwhelm everyone with the details but will disclose all that is necessary to get the important information out to us.

Bob thanked everyone for allowing him to serve.

Old Business:

Bob brought up the subject of Workshops. Holding a separate workshop under present conditions might not work out, but to help bring in more people we might want to consider inviting people to come to the District Meeting where we would serve pizza and soft drinks. We will do this at the next District meeting, October 3, so we need to get the word out at our home group meetings. This will be a workshop function, promoting service, and there is funding for it in the budget. Bob will have Steve put it up on the Website and order the pizzas, and we should all let our home groups know about it.

Also, there was a discussion that we would take up the budget for the next fiscal year in November.

New Business: Bob asked if there were any nominations or volunteers to fill service vacancies. Bob advised that he has found someone to serve as

Treasurer, but he couldn't be present today because of a family commitment. He, David D., has previously served as treasurer. Other service positions that are open include Alt. DCM, Grapevine, Literature and Accessibilities.

Regarding the Area Assembly, Bob advised that Assembly that was scheduled for October has been cancelled due to a change in hotel ownership. The new owner, Marriott, would be charging way too much. They are looking at other facilities, including the Hyatt in Gainesville, and it looks like it might work. Bids are still coming in. For the October Assembly, anyone can virtually attend all of the sessions on Oct. 8-10. Go to the **Area 14 website, aanorthflorida.org**, click on "Assembly" and you will be able to see all of the workshops that will take place. You can participate and even be able to vote on Sunday morning. They will be voting on some proposed significant changes in longstanding literature, which will then be submitted to the annual AA convention in New York. Some of the proposed changes would involve the use of gender-neutral terms. A Fourth Edition of the Big Book will be printed later and will reflect any language changes made at the AA Convention.

A concern was raised by a person in attendance followed regarding the giving out of phone numbers for detox facilities by people handing the Hotline phone and having detox facility telephone numbers on the Where and When. The Sixth Tradition of AA provides that "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." There was a motion to remove the detox telephone numbers but it was tabled until the next meeting so Home groups can have input on this question. Before the next District meeting, the home groups should try discuss and/or vote on the question of whether the telephone numbers should be removed from the Where and When.

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting of District 28 will be at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, at the Shepherd of the Hills Church, 2540 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition IX:

AA, as such, ought never to be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. 1. Do I still try to boss things in AA? 2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative? 3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility? 4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take? 5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job? 6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws? 7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes? 8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Concept IX:

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees. Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants? Do we recognize the need for group officers? What are our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them?” Do I set a positive leadership example?