

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
November 7 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

Mike S. – GSR, Sober Nooners Group

Brian C., GSR Miracles Group; Intergroup Liaison

Sandy H.- GSR, Crystal River Group

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

April W. - GSR, You Have A Choice Group; Women's Corrections

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

Gary- visitor

Reports

Secretary: P. J. O.

P. J. advised that he had prepared and distributed the Minutes from the previous meeting and that he intends to update some of the records.

The Secretary's report from the October meeting was approved.

Treasurer: Dave D.

Dave summarized and distributed copies of the formal reports on Group Contributions for October, District Income and Expenses, and the District General Fund Budget. Reports subject to audit. Copies will be attached to the Minutes for distribution.

Archives: Denis S., Chair

Denis reported that Ruth from the Keep In Step Group had donated her copy of a First Edition Blue Book. Quentin will be running and audio-visual on screen at the Gratitude Dinner.

Men's Corrections Report: Bob M.

Bob expressed hope that 2022 would be a good year for the District's Corrections efforts. He has so many requests for applications to serve on the Committee that he does not have time to process all of them. He is confident that we will have plenty of volunteers available once we are allowed to take meetings into the facility again. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

April thanked Bob, and had nothing further to add for Women's Corrections.

Grapevine:

Bob introduced our new Grapevine Liaison, Don H. Don showed the copy of the new Grapevine display, which will be available at the Gratitude Dinner and other future events.

Intergroup Liaison: Brian C.

Today's meeting was mostly uneventful, everything is in order for the Gratitude Dinner; all of the reports were read; Bill is showing some interest in taking over the Journal. The Young People's Group is having a Christmas gathering on December 3.

PCP/Public Information: Janet B.

She has been able to give every group the information about the Gratitude Dinner. She had traveled around the District making her usual stops. The Central Motel and Holiday Inn, Sheriff's Dept., the Main Office and Substation all had our Where and Whens; the Chamber of Commerce in Crystal River did not have any. They might be throwing them away. City Hall, now the Visitor's Center, had been given our literature but they put it in a basket on the floor. The new lady put them up on the counter but the next week they were gone. So, she put a few in several locations at the Center but, again the next week, they were gone. They don't seem to understand that people's lives can be saved through that literature. The library is very nice. She went to County Probation and State Probation and Parole. Both are very busy. She had taken our papers to Access Health, and when she went back it was all gone, including the plastic holders she had purchased. When she complained, they had no explanation. She will complain to my doctor, who is on the

board. She is seeking volunteers to help her with distribution in some of the outlying areas.

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

I have been working closely with Steve, it is important to all of us that the Website is kept up and running and is current. Steve does a great job doing that, and can do it from remote locations.

DCM Report: Bob M.

Bob thanked the people in Intergroup and District for hanging in there when it got down to 3 or 4 of us, we didn't give up or lose heart. We continued with business as usual during a verry unusual time, putting on events, maintaining the books, holding business meetings, so he really wanted to thank everyone. Also, special thanks to Steve N., our Webmaster, who went through a rough time with health issues but still kept the website up to date. Now we are getting full panel back and it warms my heart too have the privilege to serve with you. Thank all of you for your service and for allowing me to serve. Also, the Sunday night Dunnellon group needs some help, so keep them in mind. They need more people to attend.

Old Business:

Bob had distributed the proposed budget for 2022 and asked the GSR's to take it to their meetings. There was no feedback from the groups. Calling for a vote, all present approved the proposed budget for 2022.

New Business: Bob again asked if there were any nominations or volunteers to fill service vacancies. Literature, Treatment, Alt DCM and numerous positions are open. We especially need help with Literature, as there is a lot of new literature that has come out.

Bob will assist new officers and Committee Chairs in getting registered with Area.

Bob explained the Area Assembly and the different positions that are available for service at the Area level.

He and several others on the North Florida Area Site and Agenda committee did a lot of research and have selected the Sheraton Orland North Maitland in Orlando as the site for the Assembly in January 2022. Cutoff for getting room reservations is December 25. If you want to go, and are a GSR for a group that cannot or will not pay for a room for their

GSR, District 28 pays for two rooms, one for two men and one for two women. For one night. It is advisable to make your reservation as soon as possible, because they usually run of rooms. The District will pay mileage for Committee Chairs and Treasurer to attend.

Bob also noted that this Assembly will be both live and a Zoom meeting. You can vote by zoom.

Don't forget about the Gratitude Dinner, November 13, 1:00 p.m., at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church. It is sold out but it can't hurt to show up in case they have extra food.

Regarding the young people in AA, particularly the Young People's Group which meets in Inverness on Friday nights. Their members will be serving on District 28 someday and we should try and be supportive. That group is having a dinner on Friday, December 3. I will be there and I encourage all of you to attend. You can bring food if you want to help them out.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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

A.A. Traditions and Concepts

Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. • Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive? • Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member? • Am I careful about throwing AA names around-even within the Fellowship? • Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic? • What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be? • Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

Concept Eleven: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, Corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern. •Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system? •How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional “Right of Participation?” •Do we practice rotation in all our service positions.