



GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE NORTHERN AREA

April 19, 1972

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SERVICE MEETING HELD SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1972:

The second quarterly meeting of the General Service Conference, Northern Florida Area, Alcoholics Anonymous, was opened by the chairman with the serenity prayer.

Present were delegate, Sam I chairman, Earl M , committee members Marie T , Bert L Buck R , Joe L Barbara S and Dave C Absent were Jesse P and Lamar P

We first discussed the disposition of the home of our late co-founder, Bill W. "Stepping Stones." It had been offered as a gift to our fellowship by his widow, Lois. Nearly all of us felt that acceptance of such a gift would not be in line with our Traditions, nor would joint ownership with Al-Anon. We felt that Bill's true memorial lay in the reaching of sick alcoholics and their recovery through AA and that this was not a time in which to give in and compromise our Traditions.

Secondly, we discussed the monies which had been sent to AA during the past year in memory of Bill. More than \$36,000.00 has been donated by AA members and now the problem is what to do with it. No suitable use has been found for this money and the Trustees feel that, given time, our Group Conscience and Higher Power will provide the answer. Many felt that the money should be used for the General Service Office to draw upon as needed, as it usually operates in deficit. In this manner, the money would go where it would do the most good.

We talked about "family groups" who have requested listing in our AA World Directory. The General Service Office feels that such mixed groups are simply meetings which AAs attend, rather than AA meetings, and Al-Anon feels that the use of the word "family" is too confusing. Most of us voted against their being listed in our AA World Directory.

This led into a discussion of other kinds of mixed groups and their right to be listed, such as those groups with half-way houses. We felt that the latter could be listed in the beginning along with the institutional groups. To be listed as an AA group it was felt that the Tradition of self-support should be followed, as well as the other Traditions.

Should we allow our World Directory to be used by doctors for referrals? We all felt that it would be to our advantage for institutions and doctors to be able to refer patients and inmates to us. It was suggested that no group list a name it did not wish to be used publicly. A counter proposal was made to form our own Florida directory for institutional use in referrals. The use of the names of recovered alcoholics without fear of broken anonymity would serve a great purpose and cause.

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Again we talked about clubs. There is no such thing as an "AA Club." Clubs are formed by individuals but any AA member should be free to use the clubroom, at any time, dues or not. In the future, for listing in the World Directory, the General Service Office would rather have such people refer to themselves as groups rather than as clubs. Clubs for socializing should not use the AA name.

The delegate again asked each committee member to list alternate dates in his district to enable him to present his Conference report. The sooner, the better. Mail your dates for this to Sam Inman, 7703 Hare Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla., 32211

Because of the importance of attendance at these meetings a motion was made and seconded and it was voted unanimously as follows: any committee member who misses two consecutive meetings without representation will be considered as "resigned" and will be replaced by the election of a new committee member by his district groups.

Our next quarterly meeting has been set for Sunday, May 21, 1972 at St. Augustine, Fla. We will advise you of the time and place later.

Sincerely,

Barbara

FINANCIAL REPORT - - NORTH FLORIDA COMMITTEE A.A.

March 13th, 1972

On Hand 5/1/71

\$401.44

Paid Out:

5/17	Ck #108	Marie Toerpe	Post. & Eps.	\$2.11
5/24	#109	B. Scharla-Nielsen	- Mail.	8.02
6/17	#110	"	" "	9.20
9/14	#111	Velma Hall.	Institution Mail	5.50
10/18	#112	B. Scharla-Nielsen	- Mail	7.95
11/23	#113	"	" Mail	9.65
2/5/72	#114	"	" Mail	8.38
3/4	#115	"	" Mail	20.20
3/13	#116	"	" Mail	12.76

83.77

Received:

317.67

2/24/72	Central Brevard Grp.	Cocoa	20.00
2/22/72	Satellite Beach Grp.		20.00
2/29/72	Ocala Group		30.00
3/4/72	Merritt Island Grp.		20.00
3/4/72	Lake Underhill Grp.		10.00
3/4/72	Grace Group - Oklawaha		30.00
3/5/72	Azalea Park Grp.	Orlando	5.00
3/5/72	Canova Beach Grp.		10.00
3/6/72	Port Orange Grp.		10.00
3/6/72	Melbourne Beach Grp.		25.00

Dep. 3/13/72 180.00

On Hand March 13, 1972 - - - - - 497.67

Marie Toerpe

TREASURERS REPORT - - NORTH FLORIDA COMMITTEE A.A.

MARCH 28th, 1972

On Hand March 15th, 1972

\$487.67

PAID OUT:

3/28/72 Ck #117 Barbara Scharla-Nielson - Mailing

8.20

\$489.47

RECEIVED :

3/5/72	12 & 12 Grp. Tavares	\$10.00
3/11	You Are Not Alone Grp. Bastes	25.00
3/14	Central Grp. Jacksonville	25.00
3/17	Palatka Grp.	20.00
3/18	Oldest City Grp. St. Augustine	20.00
3/18	Life Line Grp. Jacksonville	20.00
3/21	Lakewood-St Jose Grp. St Augustine	10.00
✓ 3/21	Amelia Buchanan Grp. Fernandina Beh.	5.00
3/22	Ormond Beach Grp.	20.00
3/23	Magnolia Grp Orlando	5.00
3/24	Indian River Grp. Cocoa	15.00
3/26	Daytona Highlands Grp.	25.00
3/26	Central Orlando Grp.	25.00
* 3/26	Anonymous - Orlando	25.00

Dep. 3/28/72

260.00

\$ 749.47

BARBARA

TREASURER'S REPORT - - NORTH FLORIDA COMMITTEE AA

April 7, 1972

On Hand March 28, 1972 \$749.47

RECEIVED:

3/27/72	Sanford Women's Grp.	\$ 5.00	
	Live Oak Grp.	5.00	
3/29	Ortega Grp. Jax	15.00	
	Wescomet Grp. Jax	15.00	
	Lake Shore Grp. Jax	15.00	
	Orange Pk Grp. Jax	10.00	
	Gainesville Grp	20.00	
	Fireside - Gainesville	10.00	
3/30	Triangle Grp. Mt Dora	20.00	
3/31	Arlington Grp. Jax	15.00	
	Deland Grp.	5.00	
4/1	Gateway Grp. Titusville	25.00	
4/4	Pinecastle Kit. Grp. Orlando	6.00	
	Beach Group - Cocoa Beh.	15.00	
	✓ Kissimmee Ala-ean Grp.	10.00	
4/5	Madison Ave Grp. Day. Beh.	20.00	
	Maitland Grp.	10.00	
4/7	✓ Daytona Beh Grps (3 m446)	45.00	
			<u>266.00</u>
			1015.47

PAID OUT:

3/28	#118 Marie Toerpe - Post & Eps	2.00	
	#119 1972 Conference GSO	150.00	
	#120 E.K. Martin Conf. Lthds.	22.00	
	#121 Sam Inman - Conf. Exp.	250.00	
			<u>424.00</u>

On Hand April 7, 1972 591.47

Marie Toerpe

NOTE:

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✓ Anonymous Cont. 25⁰⁰
from EDW C. J

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