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GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

January 21, 1977

MINUTES OF FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN FLORIDA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, HELD THE WEEK-END OF JANUARY 15-16, 1977 AT HIGH 'Q'QUALITY INN, 1905 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

Present were all State Committee Officers, D.C.M.'S or Alternates

PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday January 15, 1977, 2:00 P.M.--Area Public Information Workshop in Citrus East Room (minutes inclosed)

Area Institutional Workshop in Citrus Room West (minutes inclosed)

4:00 P.M.--G.S.R. Workshop in Citrus Grand Room. Topic; The A.A.Group, organizing the Group for Maximum Service. The meeting was well attended with a lot of newly elected G.S.R.'S.

Committee Meeting, Conference Room, second floor. The meeting was opened by John V. asking all to join in The Serenity Prayer. He presented Porter B. for approval as Chairman of the Public Information Committee. This appointment was approved. Owen and Marge Mc as co-chairmen were approved for the Institutional Committee. The financial report for 1976 with a closing balance of \$530.34, was given by Treasurer Elise D. Motion was made, seconded to accept report as read. Motion accepted. Each member had a copy of the minutes from the fourth quarterly Assembly. Attention was called to the request of D.C.M. Ted K. D#4, to mail minutes to D.C.M.'S within two weeks after ASSEMBLY meeting. It was decided the minutes should be mailed to Committee Officers, D.C.M.'S and G.S.R.'S. This mailing will include minutes of the P.I. and Institutional meetings. Ken V. of D# 14 asked that D# 14 be dissolved and accepted back into D# 9. This request was given to D# 9, D.C.M. Glenn B. He said "yes Sir." The subject of inviting a representative of the Intergroups of the North Florida to attend our Assemblies in the role of a liaison person without a vote (approved). As was agreed, the rotation of Assembly meetings be continued so that local members could attend. The next Assembly to be held last of March or first of April in the Ocala Area. The basket was passed and meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

7:30 P.M.--A banquet was held in the Grand Cirrus Room. Full capacity was in attendance. This was an Open Speaker's Meeting. Emily K from South Dennis, Mass. (Cape Cod) was the Guest Speaker. The basket was passed and meeting brought to a close with The Lord's Prayer.

Sunday January 16, 1977, 9:00 A.M. --Fr. Martin's new Chalk Talk, 'Guide Lines' was viewed by those unable to see it after the G.S.R. Workshop on Saturday afternoon.

10:00 A.M.--Joe C., acting as Chairman and his panel of Delores V. and Bill P. were there to moderate and discuss Service Opportunities in the A.A. Conference Structure sharing their experiences and answering questions from the floor.

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MAIN ASSEMBLY MEETING 1:30 P.M.-- Chairman John V. opened the meeting by asking all to join in The Serenity Prayer. He asked Rhoda Mc. to have each new Committee Officer to introduce themselves and identify their duty as a 'trusted servant'. Barbara S-N., Delegate; Lou M., Alt. Delegate; John V., Chairman; David G., Alt. Chairman; Rhoda Mc., Secretary; Elise D., Treasurer; Porter B. P.I. Chairman; Owen & Marge Mc., Institutional Chairmen. Buck R., our past Delegate, thanked all committee members for their wonderful co-operation and assistance during his two year tenure. He said he is happy to be an Alcoholic and a sober, active member of the Fellowship of A.A. Porter was asked to take about 5 minutes to explain the purpose and working plans of the future growth of Public Information. This was followed by Owen giving a brief report on the purpose and problems of the Institutional Committee. In the essence of time, it was motioned, seconded and approved to discontinue the reading of the minutes of the past Assembly. Elise gave a brief report of our financial condition as of December 31, 1976. A balance of \$530.34 in the treasury. She also reminded us that she would soon be asking us to send in our Group contributions. We were asked to also enclose a donation to assist the Institutional Committee in providing much needed literature to our 'Inside Members'. All Contributions to be sent to Elise. A guide line of \$5.00 per Group was suggested for Institutional Contributions. It was motioned, seconded and voted to approved Elise sending \$200.00 to G.S.O. so our Delegate Barbara could attend the Conference in New York in April. Her expense money for the coming year be increased from \$900.00 to \$1000.00. This was approved. The agreement with the All State Institutional Committee be annulled and the North Florida Institutional Committee be a sub-committee of the Northern Florida Area. An 'Inside' G.S.R. and an outside Sponsor-G.S.R. attend the Assembly and have a vote. Barbara will be working with the Committee on the agenda for the next Assembly which will be mailed as soon as possible so the G.S.R'S. MAY GET THEIR GROUP CONSCIENCE on the subjects on the agenda in New York. She would like to have the grass root feelings and be a well informed Delegate when she attends the Conference. She asked "could you please write or type and send to her, via Rhoda, your feelings on the subjects to appear on the agenda for our next quarterly Assembly. David will be checking the Ocala area for this Assembly. These are held for ALL members of A.A. and they are urged to attend when possible. A round of applause for Districts 9-10-11 for a most excellent arrangement for this Assembly. John V. asked if we would like him to send a letter to High 'Q' thanking them for their wonderful co-operation and most courteous service. We agreed it was above par. The basket was passed and the meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Sincerely yours,

Rhoda
Rhoda McA [REDACTED]
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Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., 32937



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FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE

JANUARY, 1977

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INSTITUTIONAL REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE,
OTHER CONFERENCE OFFICERS, DCM'S, AND G.S.R.'S:

WE HAVE TWENTY EIGHT PRISON AA GROUPS IN NORTH FLORIDA, WITH APPROXIMATELY 1,227 INMATE AA MEMBERS. IN COOPERATION WITH THE ALL FLORIDA INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE (AFIC), SIXTEEN PRISON GROUPS IN NORTH FLORIDA WERE SUPPLIED WITH AA BOOKS AND LITERATURE AT A TOTAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$340.00 DURING 1976. ALSO IN COOPERATION WITH THE AFIC, SEVEN INMATE AA MEMBERS FROM NORTH FLORIDA WERE SENT TO THE STATE CONVENTION IN MIAMI BEACH AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$545.00.

EIGHT ITEMS OF LITERATURE DESIGNED TO HELP INSTITUTIONAL GROUPS, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SPONSORS, DISTRICT INSTITUTIONAL CHAIRMEN, AND ANY OTHER AA MEMBERS INTERESTED IN INSTITUTIONAL WORK WERE COMPOSED AND WIDELY DISTRIBUTED BY THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE IN NORTH FLORIDA DURING 1976. THIS WAS DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THEMSELVES. MOST OF THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN SEEN BY SARAH PIERCE, GENERAL SERVICE STAFF IN NEW YORK, AND SHE CONSIDERS THEM EXCELLENT. THESE ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. MEETING LIST (WHEN AND WHERE) FOR FLORIDA INSTITUTIONS
2. GUIDELINES FOR AA SPONSORS IN INSTITUTIONS
3. SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL (FOR ALL AA PEOPLE INTERESTED IN INSTITUTIONAL WORK).
4. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AA SPONSORS IN INSTITUTIONS
5. SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL TO OUTSIDE SPONSORS OF INSTITUTIONAL AA GROUPS
6. SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR CLOSED MEETINGS IN INSTITUTIONS
7. SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR OPEN MEETINGS IN INSTITUTIONS
8. SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR COMBINED STEP AND SPEAKER'S MEETINGS (SUGGESTED FOR THOSE GROUPS ONLY HAVING ONE MEETING EACH WEEK).

WE NOW HAVE A DISTRICT INSTITUTIONAL CHAIRMAN (DIC) FOR EACH OF OUR AA DISTRICTS IN NORTH FLORIDA. TWENTY OF OUR 28 INSTITUTIONAL AA GROUPS HAVE OUTSIDE SPONSORS WHO ARE AA MEMBERS WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S SOBRIETY. WE NEED MANY MORE AA PEOPLE TO HELP WITH INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AT CLOSED MEETINGS. WE ALSO NEED MONEY.

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTS AS A GUIDE THAT WE WILL NEED \$1.00 FOR EACH INSTITUTIONAL AA MEMBER EACH YEAR IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY THE AA MESSAGE TO CONTINUED ALCOHOLICS WHO CANNOT POSSIBLY COME TO US. THIS COULD BE IN CASH DONATIONS, OR IN DONATIONS OF AA BOOKS AND LITERATURE. TO INCREASE THE DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND LITERATURE THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A BOX MARKED "DONATIONS OF AA BOOKS AND LITERATURE FOR INSTITUTIONS" ON OR BESIDE THE REGISTRATION DESK AT EACH OF OUR QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT EACH OUTSIDE AA GROUP IN NORTH FLORIDA BE REQUESTED TO DONATE \$3.00 IN 1977 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS. SHOULD A MAJORITY OF THE OUTSIDE GROUPS MAKE THIS DONATION, AND SHOULD AA PEOPLE BE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE AA BOOKS AND LITERATURE, WE FEEL THAT WE CAN MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR INSTITUTIONAL AA MEMBERS.



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THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT G.S.R.'S OF PRISON AND HOSPITAL GROUPS BE ALLOWED TO VOTE. ON PAGE 78 OF THE "AA SERVICE MANUAL" IT SAYS: "THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT G.S.R.'S OF PRISON AND HOSPITAL GROUPS ARE TO HAVE A VOTE. (MANY DO AND FIND IT HELPFUL)." IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT PRISON GROUPS BE ALLOWED TO ELECT, SHOULD THEY SO DESIRE, AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR, WHO OF NECESSITY WOULD BE AN AA MEMBER, AS THE GROUP'S G.S.R. OR ALTERNATE G.S.R.. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SHOULD THIS BE DONE, THE G.S.R. ELECTED BY THE PRISON GROUP ONLY HAVE ONE VOTE AND REPRESENT ONE GROUP. SARAH PIERCE, GENERAL SERVICE STAFF IN NEW YORK, SUBMITTED THIS LAST SUGGESTION IN REPLY TO OUR QUESTION TO HER AS TO WHETHER AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR OF A PRISON GROUP COULD BE ELECTED AS THE GROUP'S G.S.R..

A COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE AA GROUPS IN HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION CENTERS SEEMS TO BE NEEDED. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO INVESTIGATE THIS, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED FURTHER. AT LEAST, WE WANT THE HAND OF AA TO BE THERE, SHOULD THE PERSONS IN HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION CENTERS WISH TO TAKE IT.

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE IS SETTING UP A SYSTEM THAT MAY BE USED TO GIVE INMATE AA MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT OUTSIDE AA PEOPLE AND GROUPS IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT IN MOST CASES WHEN INMATE AA MEMBERS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OUTSIDE AA UPON THEIR RELEASE, MANY OF THEM STAY IN AA AND DO NOT RETURN TO PRISON.

SINCERELY IN AA,

Marge and Owen

MARGE AND OWEN MC [REDACTED]



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PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES--AREA ASSEMBLY, JANUARY 15-16, 1977

The P.I. workshop, held in Citrus East Room, was led by outgoing Chairman, John V. He asked all to join in the Serenity Prayer. He then introduced Porter B. as the newly appointed Chairman for the P.I. of North Florida Area. Also asking if there are any changes of Chairmen in any Districts to please send the information to Porter.

John said the Newspaper Publisher gets his information from the people--and, how do we carry the message at local level? All T.V., radio, and newspapers have free Public Service announcements and messages. At the time for renewal of licenses, they are usually in need of more to fill out the necessary time allotted. This is a good time to make an appointment with them, presenting well organized and prepared material. Jacksonville Area reported they are getting several time spots. Doyle W. and Ralph from D#5 had contacted Channels 6-27-11, in Tallahassee. All three could handle our 20 and 30 second tapes, which are now being viewed at various times in this area, over 2 & 6. These tapes are being made available via John V. and Porter B.

Porter gave a report of the activities in D.#12 & #15 (Brevard County). The G.S.R.'S of these Districts started this committee by asking two representatives from each of the 18 Groups to attend a meeting, or any member interested in this kind of service. There are 24 active members of this committee. He was first contacted by the DCM, who knew he was in the field of advertising and promotion and familiar with making contact with agencies that could help in carrying our message to educate and inform the Public that there is help for anyone that wants it. G.S.O. suggests that each District or Area have a P.I. Committee and will send Guide Lines for forming this and assist in any way. Channels 4 (Melbourne) and 5 (Cocoa & Rockledge) are carrying our tapes and local announcements. The runner at the bottom, saying "if you think you may have a drinking problem, consult the white pages of your Telephone Directory. A.A. is there" Tag P. D#12, reported, he had contacted 5 radio stations with tapes of interviews. Four stations gave him very good reception. The fifth, rather cool. He stressed the fact--even though your first contact is cool, don't give up. The others may be very interested and glad to cooperate. Radio belongs to the People.

The newspaper's problem is--keeping a 'live' file. Therefore it is most important that we have up to date and well organized material. Also, the follow up to keep them up to date.

The basket was passed. Announcement--Fr. Martin's Chalk Talk #2 'Guide Lines' would be shown immediately following the close of the Workshop. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Sincerely,

Porter B.
Porter B. [REDACTED], Chairman of P.I. Committee



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INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING, JANUARY 15 - 16, 1977

FORTY-FOUR PERSONS ATTENDED THE INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOP HELD JAN. 15th.. WORKSHOP WAS OPENED WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER AND A.A. PREAMBLE, THEN TURNED OVER TO THE WORKSHOP CHAIRMAN, THERESA M.. REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION CENTERS WANT OUR ASSISTANCE WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS COMMITTEE.

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SUGGESTION BE MADE TO OUTSIDE A.A. GROUPS TO POSSIBLY DONATE \$5.00 PER GROUP DURING 1977 IN ORDER TO MEET OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR PRISON A.A. MEMBERS. GROUPS ARE TO BE REQUESTED TO SEND DONATIONS TO THE NORTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE TREASURER, SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR INSTITUTIONS. THE SUGGESTION WAS ALSO MADE TO REQUEST OUTSIDE A.A. GROUPS DONATE MONEY BEFORE THE END OF MARCH, IF POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO GIVE THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MORE TIME TO CAREFULLY PLAN THE USE OF THIS MONEY.

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT DONATIONS OF A.A. BOOKS AND LITERATURE BY OUTSIDE A.A. GROUPS AND PEOPLE MAY BRING MONEY EXPENSE FOR INSTITUTIONS DOWN CONSIDERABLY. OUTSIDE A.A. GROUPS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS MAY BRING A.A. BOOKS AND LITERATURE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOPS HELD AT THE QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE. ALL DONATIONS WILL CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED!!!

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE SET UP A SYSTEM THAT MAY BE USED TO GIVE INMATE A.A. MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT OUTSIDE A.A. PEOPLE AND GROUPS IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON. THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT IN MOST CASES WHEN INMATE A.A. MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY CONTACT OUTSIDE A.A. UPON THEIR RELEASE, MOST OF THEM STAY IN A.A. AND DO NOT RETURN TO PRISON.

THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT G.S.R.'S OR ALTERNATE G.S.R.'S OF PRISON GROUPS BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN THE QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.

AT THE ASSEMBLY MEETING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 16th., ALL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE WERE APPROVED. THE "SENSE OF THE MEETING" SEEMED TO BE THAT A.A. PEOPLE IN NORTH FLORIDA WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXTEND THE HAND OF A.A. TO THE STILL-SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS IN PRISONS IN OUR AREA WHO CANNOT POSSIBLY COME TO US.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marge and Owen

MARGE AND OWEN Mc



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Elise R. D.
Elise R. D.
Treasurer

January 15, 1977

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REPORT BY TREASURER TO FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR 1977, HIGH "Q" MOTOR HOTEL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA..... JANUARY 15-16, 1977

STATUS FOR 1976

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1975.....					\$ 768.22	'75
RECEIPTS:	<u>Group Contributions</u>	<u>Sale of Manuals</u>	<u>* Assembly Collections</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Jan-March, '76	\$ 996.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 108.61	\$1,131.61		
1 Apr-10 June	496.00	21.00	250.11	767.11		
11 June-10 Oct	120.00	30.00	251.81	401.81		
11 Oct-31 Dec	120.00	21.85	515.95	657.80		
	<u>\$1,732.00</u>	<u>\$ 99.85</u>	<u>\$1,126.48</u>	<u>\$2,958.33</u>		
TOTAL RECEIPTS					\$ 2,958.33	+ '76
					\$ 3,726.55	
EXPENSES:	<u>*** Delegate-GSO&Other</u>	<u>Purchase of Man'ls</u>	<u>* Assembly (Hotel&local)</u>	<u>Institu-tions Com.</u>		
Jan-March	\$ 200.00	\$ 64.50	\$ 101.97			
1 Apr-10 Jn	900.00	25.50	113.76	\$ 50.00		
11 Jn-10 Oct		45.00	197.12			
11 Oct-31 Dec			509.25			
	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$135.00</u>	<u>\$ 922.10</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>		
	<u>Public In-For. Com.</u>	<u>Committee Operational</u>	<u>** Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Jan-March		\$ 188.35		\$ 554.82		
1 Apr-10 Jn		121.33		1,160.59		
11 Jn-10 Oct	\$ 300.00	273.86		865.98		
11 Oct-31 Dec		105.57		614.82		
	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	<u>\$ 689.11</u>		<u>\$3,196.21</u>		
TOTAL EXPENSES.....					\$ 3,196.21	- '76
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1976.....					530.34	

* Assembly collections are used primarily to pay for local expenses (incurred by host groups in preparing for the assemblies), payments to hotels for coffee, luncheons or dinners (where the Committee has collected the fees) In a sense, this becomes a "revolving" fund such as money used for purchase of AA manuals, which are resold to GSR's for exact amount paid to GSO.

** This includes expenses incurred by members of Committee in handling correspondence (postage, xeroxing and printing, envelopes, stationary, communication etc., anything pertaining to the operations of the Conference Area...and no personal expenses of any member of the committee are paid from funds paid into Committee Treasury. *** Each General Service Conference Area sends a designated sum to GSO to pay the expenses of the Delegate in New York. The balance of money given to Delegate defrays his personal expenses over the period of a year incurred in handling General Service Conference and other allied services for AA groups in his area.

** Groups contributing during this period include (Dist. I) Triangle, Jax Beach \$15.00 Arlington, Jax \$25; (Dist. II) All Seven Groups, \$10 each (\$70); (Dist.-V) Wayward (Perry), \$10. A total of 95 out of 145 registered groups contributed during 1976. Triangle (Jax), Arlington and District II groups made multiple contributions.

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