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GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

June 18, 1977

MINUTES OF THIRD QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, HELD JUNE 11-12, 1977 AT RAMADA INN EAST, 1355 APALACHEE PKY. (HWY. 27), TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday June 11, 1977-1:00 P.M.--Area Institutional Committee in Conference Room. (Minutes Enclosed)

Saturday June 11, 1977-2:30 P.M.--Area Public Information Committee in Conference Room (Minutes Enclosed)

- Saturday June 11, 1977--4:00 P.M.--Conference Room--Three Workshops
- (1)-Are we putting too much emphasis on Recovery rather than on our Traditions and Concepts?
 - (2)-How can we make more effective use of our Alternates?
 - (3)-Carrying the message of AA.

(Minutes of April 12, 1977 Workshops enclosed)

Saturday June 11, 1977--4:00 P.M.--Committee Meeting in Caucus Room. The meeting was opened by John V., Chairman, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roll call was taken by Rhoda Mc., Secretary. Present were all Committee Members or Alternates. Absent--Ralph P.-DCM #2; Mary S.-DCM #7; Pat S.-DCM-#8; Merrill T.-DCM-#13.

Elise D. gave a financial report, Jan. 1-June 7, 1977. The current balance is \$1,533.57. This report was approved and accepted by the Committee.

Owen Mc., Institutional Chairman, reported Northern Florida Area AA has fulfilled all requests for Big Books and literature to our Inside Groups. The bills were presented, approved. Elise paid them.

Porter B., Public Information Chairman, now has available 10 & 30 second cassette tapes, also a master TV cassette. These for radio and TV spots that could be used for Public Service announcements. The bill was presented and approved. Elise paid this.

→ John asked if committee members would write and mail to him, reports of activities and workshops in their respective districts. He would review them and present to our next assembly. This for Unity.

General Service carries a prudent reserve fund equal to one years expense. Establishing a similar plan for North Florida AA was discussed, perhaps projecting two years expenses and income. Have a budget for quarterly, semi-annual or annual operation. Several Groups now have such a plan.

Two Grapevine Chairmen were nominated, Newt W. and David G. This was tabled for correct procedure for this election.

The basket was passed and the meeting closed with The Lords Prayer

Saturday June 11, 1977-- District #5 arranged for an open speaker's meeting in the American Legion Hall on Lake Ella Drive. Bob P. of Tallahassee shared his experience, strength and hope with a large gathering of AA and Alanon members. The basket was passed and closed with The Lords Prayer. A Fellowship hour of iced tea, coffee and a beautiful decorated cake was furnished by District #5.

Sunday June 12, 10:00 A.M.--Conference Room--a film from General Service to the members. Comments were very favorable. The Committee met in the Caucus Room and David G. elected as Grapevine

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Chairman. He would like each Committee Member to try to have a Representative from her or his District.

MAIN ASSEMBLY MEETING

Sunday June 12, 1977-1:30 A.M.--John V. opened the meeting with a moment of silence folled by the Serenity Prayer.

Rhoda Mc. took a roll call, asking the Committee Member to stand, also General Service Representatives and members from that District. Absent were, Ralph P.-DCM #2; Mary S.-DCM #7; Pat S.-DCM #8; Merrill T.-DCM #13. Members had copies of the minutes of the 2nd. quarterly Assembly and voted to accept them as presented.

Elise D. presented the financial report, January 1, 1977-June 7, 1977, showing a current balance of \$1,533.57. Members had a detailed account. This was voted upon and accepted. Of the 161 Groups registered in the Northern Fla. Area AA, only 78 have contributed to the support of carrying the message. Could each committee member contact their groups and remind them we are self-supporting and please send in their contributions? Tradition 7.

> Porter B. reported the activities of the Public Information Committee. There is considerable progress made with the TV spots in Prime time and on local cable. Radio cassettes in 10 & 30 second are available also some of the groups might like to play these at their regular meetings. Feelings are; our own groups need educating on Public Information carrying the message. Read pg. 89, 104, 136, & 147 in the Big Book.

Owen Mc., Institutional Chairman, reported, there is an increase in number of Inside Groups and progress is being made with Inside and Outside Sponsors. There is an increase in members wanting to attend meetings. They need our continued support.

John V. read a letter from Bob P. [redacted] of General Service Office to John W. [redacted], Secretary, of the committee of the Ocean Round Up, "Cruise without Booze". The committee's letter stated this was sanctioned and approved by Alcoholics Anonymous and authorized by G.S.O. in New York. Bob P. explained; GSO has no authority. Tradition 2. The yearly Convention in New York is the only sanctioned and approved by GSO. All gatherings, meetings, assemblies, conventions, retreats, round-ups, etc. is group autonomy. Tradition 4. Whether on land or at sea. John W. wrote a letter of apology, admitting the committee was wrong and remiss in applying this wording and in the future would be very vigilant. Barbara S-N. had read these letters at the committee meeting.

If any city would like to bid for 1978 State Convention, submit a written bid to John V. He and Barbara have the requirements that would have to be met. Knoxville has submitted a bid for the combined South Eastern and Tennessee State convention for 1978. The city would have to be capable of caring for 2500 people. The combined South Eastern and Georgia State Conventions, 1977, is being held in Atlanta in August.

A 15 minute break was taken at this time, to re-convene at 12:15 P.M. to have Delegate Barbara S-N. present her report of the Convention she attended in New York in April.

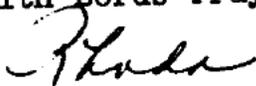
DELEGATES REPORT:--

Barbara presented a very enlightening, interesting and educative talk to all members of the assembly. Thank you Barbara for being such a dedicated TRUSTED SERVANT. (full speech enclosed)

Each group has a computer number listed with GSO. When making contribution write the number on the check. Use your group number on order blanks and checks on all correspondence to GSO. This will assure the credit is given to the correct group (example-- State - N. Fla. Conf. Area- group location-Eng. speak:
10 - 14 - 11948 - 500

The next Assembly--Brevard County--Time will be sent with location. Basket passed and we closed with Lords Prayer.

Rhoda Mc. [redacted], Sec.





REPLY TO:

Sanford, Florida 32771
Phone: 1-305/323-0383

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM:
TO: NO. FLA. GSCon. Committee
District Committeemen
General Service Representatives

NORTHERN AREA

June 7, 1977

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report
Presented at General Assembly,
Tallahassee, June 11-12, 1977

DATE	R E C E I P T S				TOTAL	EXPENSES	PERIOD BALANCE	BALANCES
	Misc.	Grps-Gen.	Grps.-Ins.	Grps.Total				
1JAN	530.34				530.34		530.34	530.34
2APR	1483.37	1084.00	160.00	1244.00	2727.37	1708.02	1019.35	1549.69
7JUN	956.41	492.16	85.00	577.16	1533.57	2468.59	-935.02	614.67
CUM.	\$2970.12	1576.16	245.00	1821.16	4791.28	4176.61	614.67	614.67

PERIOD 2 APRIL - 7 JUNE

<u>Receipts</u>		
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 577.16
Literature Sales		20.68
Banquet Tickets		710.75
Misc. Collections		224.98
		<u>2727.37</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		1533.57
General Assembly, Ocala:		
Hotel: Banquet	701.20	
Gratuity	75.60	
Coffee	168.46	
Gratuity	22.50	
s/total	967.66	
Literature Purchased		
General (GSO)	25.15	
* For Institutions N. Fla.	321.90	
Other Committee Exp.	238.88	
General Assembly, Tallahassee, Rent for Am. Legion Hall	115.00	
Delegate Expenses		
(Balance due)	800.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2468.59

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS (A=General' B=Institutions)
1 APRIL - 7 JUNE (* indicates contributors since
May 1 General Summary was mailed to all GSR's)

DIST	"A"	"B"	DIST.	"A"	"B"
1 * CENTRAL	\$ 5	\$	9 *Friendship	\$10	
* CENTRAL	5		*Pinacastle		
Strength&Hope	20		Kitchennette	20	5
THE	25		10 *Fairbanks	15	
*Triangle	15		12 Eau Gallie	20	5
2 CABOOSE	20		*Patrick AFB	15	
3 JAX Men	25		*Satellite		
4 Alexis	15	5	Beach		20
Buccanner	10	5	15 Central Bre-		
Northside	15	5	vard		5
Riverview Study	10	5	16 Unity		5
6 * Bronson		5			
Palatka	20				
7 *You Are Not					
Alone"-Eustis	23.16				
8 Aloha	25				
Daytona Bch	25	5			
D'tona Thurs.	20	5			
Fellowship	20	5			
Brighter Days)					
Wed. Women,)	69				
Young People)					
New Smyrna	20	5			
Ormond by the					
Sea	20	5			

\$492.16 \$85

The May 1 report covers group contributions from the first of the year up to May 1. This report along with May 1 will give total group contributions.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Elise R. D.
Elise R. D. [Redacted]
Committee Treasurer

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161 Gr N. Fla. 1821.00
Total
78 Contr.
83 NMC



108 Mayfair Circle, Sanford Fla., 32771
(Phone: 1/305/323-0383)

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

MAY 1, 1977

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

MEMORANDUM TO: Committee Members and G.S.R.'s, North Florida General Service Conference
SUBJECT: Summary of Contributions, by Districts, by Groups - 1 January - 30 April, '77
(* = Made during & since Ocala Assembly; "A" = General purposes; "B" = Institu.)

Districts:
 I. Arlington
 II. *Caboose
 III. *JAX Men
 IV. *Alexis
 V. W. Thorpe St.
 VI. Downtown
 VII. Fairweather
 VIII. *Aloha
 IX. Apopka
 X. Altamonte Sprge
 XI. Azalea Park
 XII. Canova Beach
 XIII. Beverly Hills
 XIV. *Central Brevard
 XV. Gateway
 XVI. Bradford
 XVII. Hamilton County
 XVIII. Sincerity
 XIX. Lake City
 XX. Serenity
 TOTALS
 Dist. Groups "A" "B"
 1. 10* 235 15
 2. 1 20
 3. 7 165 35
 4. 7 75 30
 5. 1 25
 6. 4 80
 7. 4 65 20
 8. 12 199 40
 9. 2 12 8
 10. 7 120
 11. 4 50
 12. 8* 136 17
 13. 8 106 15
 15. 2 65 10
 16. 3 25 5
 80* \$1378 \$195
 2 Speciale \$1,573

DIST.	"A"	"B"	DIST.	"A"	"B"	DIST.	"A"	"B"
I. Arlington	\$ 25	5	VIII. *Aloha	\$ 25		XIII. Beverly Hills	6	5
Better Days	20		*Almos Club Groups	134		Brooksville	10	
B.D. Women	5		Brighter Days)			B'ville, Thurs. Nite	5	5
Central	10	5	D'Tona Bch \$ 25)		5	Grace	20	
*Central	5		" " Thurs 20)		5	Homosassa Springs	15	5
GSR's I	40	5	Fellowship 20)		5	Inverness	20	
Life Line	10		Wed. Women)			Ocala	20	
Living	50		Young People)			Spring Hill	10	
*Strength & Hope	20		Daytona Highlands	20	5	XV. Central Brevard	40	
*THE Group	25		DeLand	30		*Central Brevard		5
Triangle	25		*New Smyrna	20	5	Gateway	25	5
II. *Caboose	20		Ormond Beach	50	10	XVI. Bradford	10	
III. *JAX Men	25		*Ormond-by-the-Sea	20	5	Hamilton County		
Lake Shore	10	5	IX. Apopka	12	3	Sincerity	5	
Ortego	25	5	Osceola Central		5	Lake City		
Timaquana	15	5	X. Altamonte Sprge	20		Serenity	10	5
T. Ladies	15	5	Dry Dock #24	25				
Wesconnet	25	5	Fairbanks	15				
Westside	50	10	Maitland	35				
IV. *Alexis	15	5	Sanford	10				
*Amelia Succanor	10	5	S. Women	5				
Fernandina (TuesN)		5	So. Seminole	10				
Murray Hill	15		XI. Azalea Park	10				
*Northside	15	5	G'd Shepherd/BgBk	20				
*Riverview Study	10	5	Winter Park	10				
Yulee	10	5	Woodlake	10				
V. W. Thorpe St.	25		XII. Canova Beach	10				
VI. Downtown	25		* Eau Gallie	20	5			
Fireside	25		Melbourne	25	5			
Gainesville Big Bk	10		Mel. 12TH Step	25	5			
*Palatka	20		Palm Bay 5th Trad.	15				
VII. Fairweather	20	5	Satellite Beach	20				
Leesburg	15	5	So. Brev. New Year's					
Mt. Dora, Triangle	25	5	Eve Committee	3				
THIS	10	5	Young People	8	2			

We are most grateful to the above groups for their prompt contributions to the support of the activities of the North Florida General Service Conference Area, which include (1) sending our Delegate to New York and paying her expenses to carry out related duties; (2) expenses incurred by the Committee in holding the General Assemblies for the information of all our area; (3) for advancing information about AA to the public through our Public Information Program; (4) for bringing the "message" to those in Institutions who cannot come to us. It is important that we all share in this expense and participate in our service program. Those groups who have not yet contributed will be most welcome... Please send to Treasurer, Elise R. D., 108 Mayfair Circle, Sanford, Fla. 32771

Thanks! Elise D.



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GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA
NORTH FLORIDA INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING, JUNE 11 - 12, 1977

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. Chuck G. read the Preamble. Thirty-seven persons attended, including the North Florida Delegate, Barbara S - K., and the Chairman of the North Florida General Service Conference, John Van D..

Discussion was held concerning "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous for Correctional Facility Officials in Florida". With two minor changes, information sheet was approved for distribution. The pamphlet, "A.A. in Prisons", will be included with information sheet in mailing to correctional facility officials.

"Suggested Guidelines for District Institutional Chairmen" was discussed. The Committee agreed that a District Institutional Chairman (DIC) should have at least three years of sobriety in A.A., and that the DIC should be concerned with everything concerning institutional A.A. groups within his District. Other DIC guidelines agreed upon were:

1. The DIC should visit each institutional group within his District on a regular basis; a minimum of one visit to each group every three months was suggested.
2. The DIC should maintain an up-to-date list of Institutional General Service Representatives (I-GSR's) and group inside and outside sponsors within his District, and should keep the Chairman of the North Florida Institutional Committee informed of the names and addresses of the I-GSR's and group sponsors.
3. The DIC should hold monthly and/or quarterly meetings for I-GSR's and group sponsors within his District.

District Institutional Chairmen present and making reports were:

District One	Dorothy Mc.
Districts Two and Three	Bernest T .
District Four	Edna J.
District Six	Brad D.
District Sixteen	Lynn W.

Lynn, Bernie, and other committee members suggested and recommended that a list of the District Institutional Chairmen be sent to all correctional facilities in North Florida, with a request that the persons listed be cleared to attend A.A. meetings. It was decided that this would be done as soon as possible.

Ken S., I-GSR for the Mc-Life Group at Florida State Prison, brought out that there are three institutional groups in the area of FSP, only one of which gets support from outside A.A. people. Chuck G., outside sponsor of "The Insiders" and "Way Out" groups at ACI, reported that these groups have grown to the extent that a new group will soon be formed.

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It was brought out that still-suffering alcoholics in local jails are best contacted by local groups and A.A. members. Also, the Intergroups in Jacksonville and Orlando are doing excellent jobs in local area jails, as well as giving outstanding support to correctional facility A.A. groups within their areas.

Barbara S-N., North Florida Delegate, reported that the Trustees' Committee for Correctional Facilities had discussed ways to inform A.A. members and groups of the spiritual rewards of carrying the message behind the walls. These suggestions have proved successful:

1. Institutions committee members inform "outside" groups, at closed meetings, about the rewards of speaking to "inside" groups, and the purpose and needs of inside groups.
2. Outside groups elect institutions representatives and book speakers for inside meetings.
3. A.A.'s formerly on the inside are encouraged to speak at institutions.
4. Institutions special events meetings and/or workshops are held at conferences.
5. A leaflet of suggestions be prepared for members speaking in prisons.

Two inmate A.A. members from the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee were present at this meeting, as were three inmate A.A. members from the Nu-Way Group at the Quency Vocational Center, along with their sponsors. Other sponsors present were: Charlie H., inside sponsor, Men's Faith Group, Marion Correctional Institution; Bill H., outside sponsor of the three Faith Groups at Florida Correctional Institution, MCI, and Forest Hills; Charles C., outside sponsor of "The Inciders" and "Way Out Group" at MCI; Bill C., outside sponsor, FCI Tallahassee; and Ken S., outside sponsor and I-SOR, In-Life Group, FSP.

"WORK WITH OUR A.A. MEMBERS IN INSTITUTIONS WHO CANNOT POSSIBLY COME TO US IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO TWELFTH STEP WORK, AND FOR THIS I AM RESPONSIBLE".

Sincerely in A.A.,

Owen and Marge
Owen & Marge McR



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GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ASSEMBLY, JUNE 11-12, 1977

Porter B., Chairman, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, followed, the Serenity Prayer.

With copies of minutes of the previous Assembly available, reading of these minutes was deleted.

Porter presented a resume of the continual progress and functions of the Public Information Committee.

(1)-T.V. cassette tapes-these were made last year and are still being shown on various major net work stations, including Prime Time. These tapes are available for use on local T.V. cable stations. Contact Porter for borrowing these tapes. They are 3/4 inch.

(2)-Radio cassette tapes-these have been sent to District P.I. Chairmen. It is suggested they contact their local stations for airing time on their Public Service programs. Some stations are unable to use 60 second tapes. These are also available in 10 and 20 second tapes. Perhaps, following the Guidelines on radio presentation on the scripts in the P.I. kits, sent from General Service to each P.I. Chair Person, at the request of Porter, you can make your own tapes, using local and young people. He also reminded us--These tapes are the property of the North Florida Area Service and should be mailed back to him if not being used.

(3)-Newspapers-It is very important to keep making follow up calls on any contacts. We have been trying to get Public Service announcement of meetings, as a starter. Again, use your P.I. kit and the Guideline from General Service.

Porter asked for reports from various District Chairmen. Mary C., Jacksonville, told of the different activities in that area. She finds that so many groups are confused on the nature of the purpose of the P.I. work. There seems to be a need to start at group level and educate them first. Edna of the Jacksonville Area has been very busy in schools, speaking at numerous grade levels. They are also getting calls for repeating their visits. There is a very active Inter-Group in that area. They are working on programs of cooperation with the P.I. Committee. Luke, from the Central Florida Intergroup, reports, in the past three months, they have had 82 calls from schools. They have a library of films. They also provide an operator to run the projector. This is all available on request. He mentioned that first, you must have willing workers, those that like children and can communicate with them. They co-operate with the P.I. A feasible method for them is, use the Intergroup P.I. Chairman as the co-ordinator. Unity-Intergroup, Recovery-A.A., Service-G.S.R.'S.

At this point, the question came up, P.I. and G.S.R.'S. There seems to be confusion. General Service Representatives and Public Service Committee are two entirely different departments of Service. They should be kept separate. However, G.S.R.'S. may also be members of the P.I. Committee.

Doyle of the Tallahassee Area told about his small group of five to seven members, but wanting to be involved, and are showing excellent progress. No group is too small. They get Newspaper announcements of Open Meetings where the Public is invited. At times they borrow films, getting out flyers-FREE MOVIE- inviting any one interested in the disease of Alcoholism. They have

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taped interviews for radio cassettes for local radio stations. Porter played a portion of one of these tapes. It is suggested that we might play one of the 30 second tapes at one of our home group meetings.

Porter read a portion of a letter from General Service, expressing gratitude for sharing with them, the locally produced T.V. cassettes. To quote, "These 10-20-30 second spots were viewed by several members of the various committees. They all agreed, the spots are excellent. They are illustrations so there is no problem with anonymity!" We are going to try to set up an exchange program with other areas that may have a similar method of carrying the message.

Porter asked if we could talk to more members, try to get them to attend these Assemblies. Some think this is only for G.S.R.'S and Committee Members. This could get more members interested in Service.

The basket was passed and the meeting closed with The Lords Prayer.

Sincerely,



Porter B [REDACTED]