



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

FIRST QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
January 17-18, 1981, St. Augustine Beach, Florida

AGENDA - Saturday 1/17

1:00 p.m.	Public Information Committee Meeting Grapevine Meeting Handicap Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Institutional Committee Meeting Secretary/Treasurer's Meeting
4:00 p.m.	General Service Representatives Meeting Area Committee Officer's Meeting
8:30 p.m.	Open Speaker Meeting

AGENDA - Sunday 1/18

8:30 a.m.	GSR's Sharing Session
10:30 a.m.	General Assembly

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Senerity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present - 24; Absent - Alt. Del., DCM's #4, #9 & #16.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer presented the quarterly/annual financial report including individual group yearly contributions. The group yearly contributions report will be sent to all GSR's in February with the treasurer's annual money-pitch letter. Balance Dec. 1980 \$2,661.26 Prudent Reserve Dec. 1980 \$1,404.94. Financial report was passed as given.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom L. reported on the Southeast Regional forum, which is reported in the Assembly minutes.

Dates for the remaining quarterly meetings were given and tentative dates for 1982. These dates were approved and are listed in the Assembly minutes.

Bob S. stated expenses for Area Assembly meetings can be claimed on IRS (long form only) with a list of meetings, mileage, plus hotel/motel receipts, if possible.

NEW BUSINESS: Archives Committee needs to be formed, if desired. Central Florida has one and will forward all data to the Area.

Pamphlets are being started for the sightless. A group representative is needed for the handicapped to help work out guidelines.

After discussion, a motion was made to increase the New York delegate's expense money due to inflation. A motion was passed to increase the delegate's expenses from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and to provide for his expenses over and above this, if necessary.

Basket was passed and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

SPEAKER MEETING: Perry G. from St. Augustine introduced the speaker, Joella S., who shared her experiences stressing the importance to twelve-stepping always in pairs. She stated that AA is for those who have a desire to quit drinking and the importance of following AA suggestions and by practicing these principals in her daily life.

ASSEMBLY MEETING: Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Senerity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present-Committee Officers, District Committee Members or Alternates - 23
Absent-Alt. Del., Alt. Chmn., DCM's #4, #9 & #16

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The financial report was given by Elise D., Treasurer, reporting the following balances: Dec., 1979 - \$1,758.17 Dec., 1980 - \$2,661.26 Prudent Reserve \$1,404.94 with \$300 from the State Convention Committee. In 1980, 100 registered groups out of 210 contributed to the Area or 48%. Group contributions had come up 59.7%. The financial report was approved as given.

Bob S. reported that Assembly members could deduct on their income tax (long form only) expenses for quarterly meetings keeping number of meetings, mileage & hotel/motel receipts.

It was brought out that due to inflation the New York delegate's expenses were not enough. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to increase the delegate's expense fund from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Motion passed.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom L. was introduced and he spoke of the General Service Conference, April 28 - May 2 with the theme "AA Takes Its Inventory" with three major topics:

- 1) The Spiritual Mean of Anonymity;
- 2) Let's Examine our Committee System;
- 3) Should Clubs be Entitled to AA Group Discounts. Tom asked DCM's to meet with GSR's and bring these questions back to their groups for consensus of opinion.

Tom reported on the S. E. Regional forum. He stated the same questions are being asked now as 20 years ago, such as, sponsorship, old people's homes, rotation of officers and finances. He reported the largest growth of AA groups is in Central/South America with 10-15 new groups daily. Also discussed was bring the price of the Big Book down but leaving pamphlet prices the same. Workshop Discussions were: The value of the Big Book and to check all libraries including universities as to availability of the Big Book and to furnish where none available; universities with medical facilities to get doctors to attend open meetings (at Temple Univ. over 5,000 doctors have attended meetings); DCM's should have monthly meetings with GSR's.

Montreal is trying for the 1985 International Conference. Tom also reported the three millionth copy of the Big Book will soon be sold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports were given and copies are attached.

The following dates for the remaining quarterly meetings are:

2nd quarter	April 11, 12	Ocala
3rd quarter	June 13, 14	Palatka
4th quarter	Oct. 17, 18	Cocoa Beach

Tentative 1982 dates are: 1st quarter, Jan. - Gainesville, 2nd quarter, April - Orlando, 3rd quarter, June - Tallahassee, 4th quarter, October - Crystal River.

There was talk of establishing an Archives Committee for the No. Fl. area if it was thought appropriate.

There was discussion as to the misrepresentation of AA by TV show "Knots Landing". If a person on an individual basis wishes to express displeasure, it is there right. AA as a whole has no opinion on this matter.

The following are the new officers for the North Florida Area:

Delegate - Tom L	Alt. Delegate - Evelyn S
Chairman - Bob S	Alt. Chairman - Jimmy G
Recording Sec'y - Phyllis D	Corr. Sec'y - Pat N
Treasurer - Elise D	S. E. Trustee - Sam I
Trustee at Large - Barbara S	

2ND QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

APRIL 11-12

OCALA

Respectfully submitted,

Pat N , Corresponding Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Janice J , P. I. Chairman

1 p.m. Saturday 1/17/81

Janice J. opened the meeting the usual way followed by the Senerity Prayer.

Janice showed a packet of New Public Information material from General Service. The packet is being made available to all P. I. Committees and consists of 8 new press or feature stories for the newspapers. This can be ordered from Susan D , P. I. Chairman, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10163.

A new pamphlet, which is free, is also available, "A Message to Teenagers". This has drawings with questions and answers and is used for P. I. work in schools.

It was the general consensus in discussing the packet of press releases, we try to get the newspaper we contact to use all 8 stories as a series, if possible.

Our T. V. tapes, developed by North Fl. Area, are still being aired and we're pleased with this. They are available from General Service. Other districts are making more contact with the medical profession and arranging meetings.

It was brought out that this is a program of attraction and not promotion. We try to make AA available to those who want it.

The basket was passed and the meeting adjourned closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Rhote M , Acting Secretary

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HANDICAP COMMITTEE REPORT

1st. Quarterly Meeting
St. Augustine Beach
January 17-18, 1981

The meeting was opened in the usual manner and the usual amount of members were present-five.

The chairman submitted for discussion, a draft of the "Suggested Guidelines" for the Handicapped Alcoholic and it was agreed that for the time being that these guidelines would generally apply. Copies will be made and distributed to the General Assembly by the next conference.

Once again, the need for more representation from the groups in the North Florida Area was discussed and once again it was strongly suggested that each group appoint a Handicap Representative to serve on this committee. An actual physical disability is not required-only a desire to carry the message of recovery, in any capacity, is requested.

Good news was received from District 8, (Daytona Beach Area) that conference approved pamphlets are being recorded by local members on tape and this task is nearly completed. The recordings are being conducted at the studios of the Bureau of the Blind and a master tape will be made for reproductions.

Also, the New Smyrna representative reported that through Public Information articles, transportation to meetings is being offered to the handicapped.

So, as shown by the above activities, our service assignment can be and should be shared by any AA member.



Bob

Handicap Chairman

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING Bill R , Inst. Chairman 2:30 Sat. 1/17/81

Bill R. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Senerity Prayer.

Bill stated that the 24th convention had eight inmates in attendance. Two of these were females from Lowell and it was the first time in two years that anyone had been allowed to go outside. Of this number, there were several convicted felons--two acted as chairmen at the meetings and no one knew that they were institutionalized. As an outcome of this, the State has taken a new look into the Work Release programs and is encouraging those inmates who are alcoholics to go to meetings as an individual.

Bill stated that added interest is being shown in working institutionally with our senior population and in taking AA into institutions where they are lodged. This will have to be done at the local level. There is a trend for the institutions and our program to work together in carrying this message into institutions of senior communities. Bill added that where the groups could not be supportive that his committee was there to assist.

In regard to the need for literature in mental health facilities, his committee can also assist. It was advised that in most of the correctional facilities and you have cooperation by the inside sponsor, you can expect a little help from the institution. Some of the state facilities are self-supporting.

It was brought out that AA has no say as to who may attend a state convention (or an outside activity).

A newsletter for professional workers, "About AA", is now being sent out by General Service Office concerning alcoholism - they also include the latest AA pamphlet, however, these newsletters should not be requested for the use of professionals unless they request them or will use the information.

Alene W. S , Acting Secretary

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MEETING

2:30 p.m. Sat. 1/17/81

The meeting was opened by Dick in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary is either elected or nominated by the group to serve a term of one or two years depending on the group. A Secretary should have at least one year of sobriety.

His or her duties consist of coordinating the group, insuring that each and every meeting is opened on time, some appointed to make coffee, set up chairs, display literature and also insure there will be a chairman for the meeting.

Other duties consist of keeping an up-to-date file with names, addresses and telephone numbers of group members, seeing that AA literature and pamphlets are on hand at all times and ordering new literature when needed.

It was also suggested that rotation of duties was very important.

The Treasurer of the group handles all money received from collections and sale of literature and donations made to the group. The money is then used to pay rent,

refreshments, literature and miscellaneous expenses and dividing what money is left after expenses to the 60-30-10 plan.

It was also suggested when in doubt on any issue that members refer to "The AA Group".

Basket was passed and meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lucy H. , Acting Secretary

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

4 p.m. Sat. 1/17/81

Del E. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Senerity Prayer.

Del requested all new GSR's raise their hands; there were over 30 new GSR's or alternates.

With so many new GSR's and alternates, Del went over the structure of AA from the group level to New York covering each level of responsibility.

It was stressed that each group is autonomous EXCEPT when it affects other groups or AA as a whole. The GSR from each group carries the group conscience to the District Committeemen, who carries it to North Florida conference. The Delegate then takes it to New York.

The importance of studying the AA Service Manuel was emphasized.

Each GSR is their groups highest trusted servant and acts as a "reporter" or lifeline between group and AA as a whole. The GSR should try to educate his group as well as inform it and gather its conscience on matters. Suggestions were made from the floor as to ways the GSR could take Assembly information back to their groups. The difference between AA clubs and AA itself was also explained.

GSR's elect their own committeemen. It is the responsibility of the GSR to learn who his DCM is and when and where meeting take place. Some GSR's prefer to list only their phone number in the AA directory rather than phone and address.

There are 17 districts in the North Florida Area. It was recommended that District Committee meetings be held regularly - once a month, if possible. Maps of districts are available through Elise, Treasurer or Phyllis, Secretary.

This was a very educational meeting especially for newcomers.

Basket was passed and meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Margie R . , Acting Secretary



TREASURER'S
R E P O R T

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

Reply or inquire to Treasurer,

PRESENTED AT FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
JANUARY SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH, 1981
SHERATON ANASTASIA INN, ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

I N C O M E			E X P E N S E S				PERIOD BALANCE	CUMULATIVE BALANCES
PERIOD ENDING	GROUP CONTRIBU- TIONS	MISCEL. COLLEC- TIONS	TOTAL INCOME	DELEGATE/ GSCONFER.	HOTEL	OPERA- TIONAL		
12.31.79								\$1,758.17
4.3.80	\$1,163.04	\$ 427.98	\$1,591.02	\$ 300.00	\$627.40	\$ 290.38	\$1217.78	\$373.24
6.2.80	* 539.98	333.07	873.05	1,000.00	7.01	212.42	1219.43	(346.38)
10.13.80	917.91	294.92	1,212.83	176.80	440.46	1117.26*	95.47
12.31.80	680.12	390.40	1,070.52	93.60	196.26	289.86	780.66
**	\$3,301.05	\$1446.37	\$4,747.42	\$ 1,300.00	\$904.81	\$1139.52	\$3844.33	\$902.89

* Includes special collections made by GSR's of District I, and an in memoriam donation from Marvin R.
 ** Include contributions for Institutions: Ortega \$20; Fellowship, \$5.
 *# Includes \$500.00 transferred from checking account to savings.

YEAR

DIST.	YEAR	AMOUNT
I. CENTRAL (2)		\$ 10.00
LIFE LINE		5.00
STRENGTH & HOPE		25.00
II. FOUR OAKS		7.00
III. A.R.S. ALUMNI		10.00
HANGIN' LOOSE		4.00
* ORTEGO		30.00
V. LLOYD'S NEW HOPE		50.00
VI. PALATKA		20.00
VII. Y A N A		75.00
VIII. BRIGHTER DAYS (2)		
BREAKFAST CLUB		15.00
HALIFAX HOSP.		10.00
HAPPY WANDERERS		5.00
NEW SMYRNA BEACH		25.00
OCEAN HOLIDAY(3)		16.00
PORT ORANGE		10.00
**STORMY WEATHER		5.00
THE THREE LEGACIES		6.00
WAY OF LIFE (2)		17.12
IX. MAGNOLIA		10.00

DIST. *W. X. Fairbanks*

FAIRBANKS	\$ 15.00
LONGWOOD	20.00
TANGLEWOOD	5.00
XI. ATLANTIC DRY DOCK	30.00
XII. EAU GALLIE	50.00
SANDPIPER	10.00
SATELLITE BEACH	50.00
XIII. HOMOSSASSA SPRINGS (LACANTA)	10.00
HOMOSSASSA STEP	5.00
CRYSTAL RIVER SATURDAY GR	75.00
XIV. LIVE OAK	20.00
TUESDAY NITE STEP STUDY	5.00
XVII. OCALA	25.00

*\$5 designated for Institutions
 ** (Formerly Bunnell Wednesday Group ?)

THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY PERIODS FOR THE YEAR 1980, with DETAILED REPORT ON PERIOD 10:13 thru' 12:31. (THE PERIOD January 1 to January 17 will be included in the period preceding our second quarterly assembly.)

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	12.31.79.....	559.61
	4.21.80.....	\$566.93
	9.30.80.....	1086.59
	***	1386.59
	12.31.80.....	\$1404.94

*** Received from 1980 State Convention Committee: \$300.00.

PERIOD EXPENSES: October 13-December 31, '80

ASSEMBLY	Hotel....	\$93.60
	Host Committee	60.34
OPERATIONAL		
	Secretarial.....	105.92
	Treasurer Supplies	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS		12.50

During 1980 100 out of 206-210 registered groups contributed to the operations of the Area activities, including sending delegate to General Service Conference, general assemblies, committee operations, etcetera. 48%.
 Elise D. [redacted], Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,