



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

FOURTH QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

October 16 - 17, 1982 - Homosassa Springs, FL

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Rhoda called the roll and absent were District Committee Members #2 and Institutional Chairman.

Elise D., Treasurer gave the financial report stating the balance as of last quarter was \$1,536.11. Group contributions were \$1,219.74; miscellaneous collections were \$369.12 for a total of \$1,588.86. Expenses for the quarter were \$1,306.68 leaving a cumulative balance of \$1,818.29. As of September 30, 1982, our Prudent Reserve balance was \$4,985.51. Elise stated that at the next quarterly Assembly in January, a complete list of group contributions for 1982 with complete financial statement would be issued. Elise noted during this period 43 groups (AA) and two District GSR's (out of 252 registered groups) made 61 contributions.

Chairman commented that District #4 had five groups making \$2 donations to North Florida Area and noted how this showed group interest and commended the DCM and people of District #4 for their interest.

The treasurer's report was accepted as given.

The minutes of the last assembly were accepted as mailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: See individual reports attached

Bob stated there was a flyer out on the Southeast Conference to be held in Orlando August 24-27, 1983.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom commented he was feeling somewhat better with God's will since his accident. Tom stated a lot of work had gone into the pamphlet "Supporting the AA Support System". Tom stated, "AA is not self supporting; if it was not for the sale of literature, AA would not be solvent. This should be stressed to our membership".

The Southeast Conference in Orlando (August 24-27, 1983) is going great and flyers are available which is the first printing. The next flyer will probably have a 'theme' and be more up to date. Officers have been filled and most speakers have already been committed. We don't expect more than 1,200 people because of the State conference in July on the coast. The Southeast Conference will be at the Dutch Inn, Orlando. Tom explained that normally a conference takes two years preparation and there is a lot of work to be done in just one year's time. Please make a commitment to work when you are asked to help!

Tom read a letter from AA World Service Board regarding Father Martin's new film. The trustees recommendation which was sent to Father Martin was asking him to make a statement about AA endorsement of the film.

The General Service Conference in New York will be April 17-23, 1983.

There is a Regional Forum December 3-5, 1982 in Nashville, TN. This is the fourth Southeast Regional Forum - the first one was in Atlanta four years ago. All DCM's and GSR's will find this forum invaluable in what can be learned. Usually 300-400 people attend these meetings.

Tom asked his alternate, Evelyn S., to represent him at this forum since he is unable to travel this distance yet. Tom stated he was on the discussion Saturday morning on the

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"Feasibility of Central Offices of Intergroup becoming a part of our General Service Structure". Tom requested at this time that air fare be given Evelyn to and from the conference in the amount of \$300-350. Tom requested the Chairman to put this to a vote. Chairman made the motion after discussion that we underwrite the expenses for the Alternate Delegate, Evelyn, for the Regional Conference to Nashville in the amount of \$400 and upon completion of the trip, we will reimburse her for any money over the \$400. Motion was seconded and passed.

Tom stated the newly elected GSR/DCM's do not take office officially until January 1 so that the people voting tomorrow will be the present GSR/DCM plus anyone else who is holding an office. However, this does not include a GSR/DCM who is acting as alternate for this meeting.

Tom said, "Briefly, this has been a fantastic two years. Someone asked how much do you travel. I wrote down the mileage on the car and, so far, just traveling for AA business in the car and not including air flight, it has been 25,000 miles in two years. So, anyone who is contemplating the office of delegate should take this into consideration. Also, anyone who does not get along well with their wife or is having problems at home, I suggest forgetting about being delegate because it needs one hundred per cent on their part because they are part of your life and sobriety. This has strengthened my spiritual growth and therefore has enhanced my sobriety. Thank you".

NEW BUSINESS: Bob asked for additional candidates of nominations and informed the meeting that nominations would be open for the Sunday election.

Bob discussed our next meeting in January in Titusville. After no further discussion, Bob stated he would advise our newly elected chairman that we do have a location set for the January 9 - 10, 1983 meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,


Pat N

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SPEAKERS MEETING: Chairman Ted G. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer followed by How It Works and The Traditions. Ted introduced the speaker Les P. who shared his experience, strengths and hopes in AA. We thank Les for his sharing.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Chairman Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Rhoda called the roll; absent were District Committee Members #2 Steve H. & #17 Bill C.

Elise D., Treasurer gave the financial report stating the total income for the third quarter was \$1,588.86 and expenses \$1,306.68 for a quarter balance of \$282.18 and a cumulative balance of \$1,818.29. Our Prudent Reserve balance is \$4,985.51. The next quarterly assembly in January will have a complete summary of group contributions for 1982 and financial statement. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed.

The minutes of the last assembly were accepted as mailed out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: See individual reports attached

The chairman reported during the Officers/DCMS' meeting, a vote had been taken to underwrite expenses for the Alternate Delegate, Evelyn, for the Regional Conference in Nashville in the amount of \$400. Chairman asked for a motion which was made, seconded and passed.

Chairman reported that January 8 - 9, 1983 will be our next Assembly in Titusville.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom informed everyone that he was to be on the panel for the Nashville Southeast Regional Conference but since he will be unable to travel, Evelyn, Alternate Delegate will assume these duties for this conference.

Tom noted that a lot of work has been done at the Conference on the pamphlet "Supporting the AA Support System. Tom suggested that the DCM's at a monthly meeting turn to the fold-out

DELEGATE' REPORT Cont.

section - the eight reasons why we need this support which is self explanatory.

Tom informed the Assembly of a letter from AA World Service Board regarding Father Martin's new film. The trustees recommendation which was sent to Father Martin was asking him to make a statement about the AA endorsement of the film.

Tom thanked the Assembly for the privilege of being delegate these past two years and shared this honor with his wife, Vera.

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The basket was passed at this time.

The Chairman began the election announcing Lou M. and Buck R. were tellers for voting. The following were elected for office:

Evelyn S	Delegate	Alene S	Secretary - Corresp.
Bob S	Alternate Delegate	Pat N	Secretary - Recording
Jimmy G	Chairman	Elise I	Treasurer
Dick F	Alternate Chairman		

After the election, Evelyn was asked to speak and said, "I can't say anything because gratitude is too full but I'll do my best and know I have the love of all of you...thank you".

Bob stated that as outgoing chairman, he wanted to thank everyone but especially Tom. Bob personally thanked all the officers and commented that Phyllis I was still very sick and when she was unable to continue as secretary, Rhoda filled the job and came to the rescue! Bob also thanked the chairman of the committees and appreciated the Assembly's vote of confidence being elected alternate delegate.

The Assembly also gave the officers a vote of "thank you".

Bob thanked Dorothy C. with District #13 for the Assembly in Homosassa - a good job and pleasant environment!

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat N
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NOTE TO DCM/GSRS: A NEW ROSTER WILL BE TYPED BY THE JANUARY ASSEMBLY, AND IT IS VITAL TO GET NEW DCM'S & GSR'S NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE # WITH GROUP NAME. PLEASE MAIL TO Rhoda M

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INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE Perry G, Chairman 10/16/82 1 p.m.

The Institutional meeting was chaired by Karla B. with 15 present who work within institutions and many more.

DISCUSSIONS ON STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS:

1. Frequent change in supervisory personnel and counselors; also a bilingual problem making it difficult to work with staff; a large indifference on their part.
2. Patients highly sedated and not responsive to AA - very frustrating to AA members who feel they aren't reaching the patients.
3. Advised going to top of supervision to work on personnel problem or letting the meeting go at this time; maybe the hospital will contact AA at later date.
4. Daytona's mental work of hospital has more outside (street) AA than patients but staff is receptive. Seems more alcoholics are going to the three treatment centers in the area than to the mental ward.
5. Ocala expressed concern for high sedation in patients locally.
6. Rosemary shared her brother's experience of 10 years institutionalized. Only one person in last year of his confinement mentioned AA; he is out and successful in AA at this time.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE Cont.

INMATES FROM LAKE CORRECTION INSTITUTION:

Bob S. introduced four inmates from L.C.I.: Ben, William F. and Harley. Each shared experience, strength and hope with the group. They are very emphatic that AA in jails and prisons does work - exposure is the key! One shared he attended a long time before he took Step One.

Owen shared experiences of prison work and carrying the message through 12 Step work.

Patsy said we don't worry about who we are sobering up; we go to stay sober!

Mick, an active outsider of L.C.I., told how he was convicted of two life sentences in Michigan. He became involved with AA and was parolled after 8 years. He then was allowed to transfer his parole to Florida. This says a lot for Florida's faith in AA. Not only that, he is also allowed inside the walls to carry his message. This is dynamic!

It was brought out that even if the inmate comes only for the coffee at the beginning, the seed is planted. Later he will come for what we have!

Due to shortness of time, it was asked that if anyone has a temporary sponsorship program going or needed help getting one started to please be prepared to share at the next meeting or contact Perry.

Karla E. [redacted], Acting Secretary

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GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING Katie I. [redacted], Chairperson 10/16/82 1 p.m.

The meeting opened in the usual manner with a moment of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Paryer.

The Chairperson remarked on the paramount importance of the Big Book of AA in all our lives but the ease of reading and handling the "little book" (the Grapevine) by shaky hands and short attention spans. Her first sponsor had put a copy of the Grapevine in her hands and she still carries "the little book" on 12 Step calls especially those in hospitals.

The usual format was followed. Articles from the Grapevine had been chosen from the last quarters issues for presentation and discussion. Dick Pickens chose an article written by a terminally ill writer who emphasized the importance of living "One Day at a Time". It asked are we truly aware of what we have in sobriety? Our one sober day is a priceless gift from God. It becomes much plainer when a doctor gives you three months to live.

Ellen T. chose an article on sponsonship from the September issue which told the newly recognized need for temporary sponsorship. Her group now has this idea in operation thus effectively often preventing newcomers from slipping back unnoticed into drinking.

The Chairperson told of the joy and growth she had experienced in being a part of the Assembly the last two years but expressed her belief in the conception of rotation and participation, nevertheless.

Katie D. [redacted], Chairperson

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DISABILITY COMMITTEE Tom C. [redacted] Chairman 10/16/82 1 p.m.

Tom stated "We didn't have a meeting - no one showed up which was very frustrating!"

Tom went over a few items he wanted discussed at the meeting:

1. Leaders of handicapped groups around North Florida aware of AA and just know that it is out there for the handicapped people as well as non-handicapped.
2. Intergroup offices to know which meetings have architectural barriers as well as the pluses of meeting which have speaker systems for the deaf to hear.

Tom stated he would like to see this meeting a little more attended. First of all because there are so many disabled people in AA and second, there are so many disabled people not in AA.

Minutes from secretary's notes.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Mitch had previously asked for new ideas in trying to carry the message and inform the general public of the purpose of AA. Daytona Beach area (District #8) started a project of using the local Intergroup phone number listing on the city directory billboards as one enters a city. Tallahassee (District #5) has literature racks in various locations, such as, laundermats, Salvation Army Headquarters, Chamber of Commerce, etc. As the literature is used up, they replace it.

Bob I. (Mountain Bob) from Tallahassee presented the idea of pressure sensitive stickers to be used on pay telephone or booths which are available and feasible locations. These could read "If you have a drinking problem, call _____ (local number or Drinking a Problem? Call _____ (Local Number) Alcoholic Anonymous". It was agreed by members to contact the phone companies for permission to attach these stickers to their properties. Other bulletin boards may not need permission, such as mirrors in public restrooms, coin operated laundermats, etc.

The basket was passed and by joining in the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was closed.

Rhoda M , Acting Secretary

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SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING

10/16/82 2:30 p.m.

Lora C. reported the meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

The first topic was about our "Prudent Reserve" money that should be saved after our monthly obligations were paid. It was suggested that we have at least two or three months in reserve. After some discussion, it was decided three months reserve was best.

There was discussion about the "24 Hour Book". It was suggested that when we do display books at meetings, the GSO and Hazelton books should be displayed separately.

Another discussion was in regard to how much the group should charge for the Big Book. The order blank shows the retail and suggested prices and it was suggested that if any of the groups were low on money, it could be a way for the group to earn extra money. However, it was really up to group conscience providing the price was not higher than the retail price. It was also noted that some groups charge for literature and some don't. It was suggested this be up to group conscience.

Ralph from the Spring Hill group reported on their new Intergroup and the people from Citrus County in District #13 stated they would help or do anything they could to cooperate in the areas around them.

Business meetings were discussed and it was felt it was up to group conscience to get people interested in going to these meetings.

Minutes from secretary's notes.

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GSR MEETING

10/16/82 4 p.m.

Meeting was opened in the usual manner, after which Chairman Walter Soule asked those present "How to you GSR's get people to attend business meetings so that you can report on the Assembly business?"

The meeting participation was excellent, so these minutes only reflect some of the more successful, or unusual methods addressing the problem.

1. Stick to important items and advise group during "announcement time" at meetings. Then post on bulletin board.
2. GSR makes report during his/her "sharing time" once a week during meeting limiting report to one minute.
3. When Chairman asks for subject and there's a "moment of silence", GSR says, "Let me tell you what transpired at Assembly.....".

GSR MEETING Cont.

4. Because business meetings are so poorly attended, one GSR uses his daily AA telephone contact to impart news to individuals in his group.
5. Have Steering Committees in large groups. Committee is composed of all officers and chairpersons. If a member of Committee fails to attend twice in a row or fails to perform their job twice in a row, they are replaced. Each member of Steering Committee has area of responsibility (opening up, greeting, making coffee, getting chairpersons for meetings, clearing up, etc.) and each attempts to fill these responsibilities through members of the group - either on a one-time basis or weekly, monthly or yearly periods. Strive to get person with only four or five weeks involved.
6. Bring up topic of service at meetings or topic such as "One day I came to realize I wasn't a newcomer any more". Such topics bring home that it's time to be a "giver" instead of a "taker" - and the way to learn about services needed is to attend business meetings.
7. Invite people to join your group if they haven't found home group as yet.

There was much discussion about:

- (a) Steering committees
- (b) Whether or not to have lists of group members and sobriety dates
- (c) Length of sobriety for particular areas of responsibility

These might make good topics for future GSR meetings - or even group meetings. We ran out of time and closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer thanking Him for the tradition of autonomy.

Respectfully submitted,

Margy R , Acting Secretary



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REPORT BY TREASURER FOR PERIOD JULY 16- OCTOBER 10, 1982 with summary of preceding quarters.

FOURTH QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 16 & 17, 1982
Riverside Villas - Homosassa Springs, Florida

PERIOD ENDING 1982	I N C O M E			E X P E N D I T U R E S				B A L A N C E S . . .	
	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	GSCONF./DEL/A DEL S'EN CONF	ASSEMBLY HOTEL/ HOST COM.	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	PERIOD BALANCE	CUMULATIVE BALANCE
March 31	*\$1,471.75	\$ 456.77	\$1,928.52	:: \$ 750.00	\$ 318.60	\$ 417.35	\$1,485.95	\$ 442.57	\$2,314.33
July 15	** 1,594.84	436.34	2,031.18	:: 2,000.00	594.60	214.80	2,809.40	(-778.22)	1,536.11
Oct. 10	*** 1,219.74	369.12	1,588.86	:: 350.00	565.76	390.92	1,306.68	282.18	1,818.29
	<u>\$4,286.33</u>	<u>\$1,262.23</u>	<u>\$5,548.56</u>	<u>\$3,100.00</u>	<u>\$1,478.96</u>	<u>\$1,023.07</u>	<u>\$5,602.03</u>	<u>\$ 13.47</u>	1,818.29

(* Includes contribution from Dist X GSR's ** Includes from Dist IV GSR's *** Includes from Dist I & IV GSR's)

I BEACHES UNITY	\$ 25.00	VI TRINITY	\$ 50.00	XI ATLANTIC DRY DOCK #24	\$ 10.00
BETTER DAYS	5.00	VII LEESBURG	100.00	SHARING & CARING	10.00
GSR'S	20.00	VIII BIG BOOK STUDY (2)	40.00	XII CANOVA BEACH	10.00
LIFE LINE (3)	15.00	CAIM SEAS	10.00	FAU CALLIE	30.00
T H E Group	30.00	LIVE & LET LIVE	10.00	SANDPIPER	20.00
III ORTEGA	20.00	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	25.00	XIV J&G	35.00
TIMAUANA	5.00	OCEAN HOLIDAY (2)	15.00	VA QUARTERWAY	25.00
IV AFTER 5	2.00	PORT ORANGE (2)	20.00	XV MERRIT ISLAND	15.00
BALDWIN	2.00	ROAD TO RECOVERY	10.00	XVI LIVE OAK	20.00
CALLAHAN-HILLIARD	2.00	WAY OF LIFE (3)	46.76	XVII SERENITY	10.00
FERNANDINA TUES NIGHT (3)	11.18	WINNERS WAY	65.17	XVII SERENITY HOUSE	50.00
GSR'S	6.00	X ALTAMONTE	20.00		
GRATEFUL GROUP	2.00	CASSELBERRY	15.00	PRUDENT RESERVE - DEPOSITED TO SAVINGS	
MURRAY HILL	2.00	FAIRBANKS	15.00	12.31.81	\$4,639.35
SAINTS & SINNERS (3)	84.90	17-92	20.00	1.4.82	\$182.44
V NITE OWL	20.00	TANGLEWOOD	40.00	4.5.82	
SOUTHSIDE	105.00	TUES NIGHT SERENITY	85.73	6.30.82	64.29 Int.
TOTAL GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,219.74			9.30.82	65.53 Int.

During this period 43 AA Groups plus 2 District GSR's (out of 252 Registered Groups) made 61 contributions. By Districts: *I 5 out of 11 (7) \$95.00 VII 1 out of 12 (1) \$100.00 XIII 1 out of 17 (1) \$40.00
 II 8 -0- VIII 9 out of 35 (14) 241.93 XIV 2 " " 15 (2) 60.00
 III 2 " " 15 (2) 25.00 IX 0 " " 12 0 XV 1 " " 10 (1) 15.00
 "(GSR's) *IV 8 " " 12 (12) 112.08 X 6 " " 25 (7) 195.73 XVI 2 " " 8 (2) 30.00
 V 2 " " 16 (2) 125.00 XI 2 " " 14 (1) 20.00 XVII 1 " " 11 (1) 50.00
 VI 1 " " 10 (1) 50.00 XII 3 " " 18 (3) 60.00

Expenditures consisted of \$350 to Delegate, \$565.76 to hotel and host committee, and \$390.92 operational being primarily expenses connected with printing and mailing and some miscellaneous... Respectfull submitted

*Elise Dean
Treasurer*