

April 28, 1984

SECOND QUARTERLY MINUTES OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUSApril 7 - 8, 1984 -Marineland, Fl.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The third quarterly meeting will be held August 4 & 5, 1984 at the Downtown Tallahassee Hilton, Tallahassee, Fl.
Rates - \$43.00 Single or Double.

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman, Jimmy Ge , opened with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Recording Secretary, Pat Ne , called the roll: Absent-DCM #4.

Minutes of last meeting approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Elise De , Treasurer, reported balance on hand, 3/31/84 - \$4,882.67, cumulative balance. Prudent reserve - \$6,335.21. Interest for 1st qtr. will be reflected at next assembly.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer, Elise De , purchase literature (pamphlets only) for display purposes at the N. FL. Area Assembly meetings, in order to acquaint members with the literature, conference approved, that is available from GSO, and how same may be purchased. Order forms will be available.

Motion made and seconded that North Florida make application for a tax exemption number. Pat Ne , Recording Secretary will have complete information re same at the next quarterly meeting.

Institutional Committee Chairman, Bob Se requested funds to set up a North Florida Film Library, which would consist of projector to check each film after it came back to Library; each institution would be required to sign that they would be responsible for care of film, i.e. if film were damaged they would be required to pay for replacement. Based on information Bob received from Hazelden that cost of each film would be \$360.00 to \$400.00 - in order to start a Film Library with nine or ten films, Bob feels that approximately \$3,000.00 would be needed.

Following discussion, motion was made and seconded that the Delegate, Bob Se , would check out in New York about prices available through General Service Office, and would report on his findings at the next quarterly meeting.

Based on information brought to this meeting by the DCMS' from their groups, and following discussion on North Florida having a registration fee for each quarterly meeting, in lieu of the basket contributions, the recommendation was made that the question be presented for vote at the General Assembly on Sunday, April 8th.

Following discussion, it was the general consensus of opinion that monies to defray the expenses for the Area DCMS' to attend the quarterly meetings should be handled at the local group conscience level.

Discussion on boundary changes for Districts 9, 10, and 11, also 8, will be made at the next quarterly meeting.

Officers & DCMS' Committee Meeting adjourned 5:15 P.M., Saturday, April 7, 1984.

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The Saturday night open speaker meeting was chaired by Peter E... The speaker was Angy A. from St. Augustine, who shared with us the strength and hope and his experiences which led him to sobriety through faith in a Higher Power, and learning how to live soberly one day at a time through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Sunday, April 8, 1984, 10:30 A.M., the meeting was opened by Jimmy Ga..., Chmn., calling for a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secty., Pat Ne..., called the roll. Absent were DCMS' #2, #4.

Minutes were approved as mailed. The Treasurer's report was made, and Elise stated that she would have a corrected statement go out with the minutes for the 2nd quarterly meeting, to show groups placed in their correct districts. Total group contributions for period ending March 31, 1984, was \$2,314.66. The prudent reserve fund with show the interest for the first quarter period added to present figure of \$6,335.21 in the next Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved, with corrections to be noted.

Chairman, Jimmy Ga... stated that changes to be made in Districts 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be presented and discussed at the next quarterly meeting.

On a show of hands concerning a \$5.00 registration fee in lieu of basket contributions at each quarterly meeting of the N. Fl. Assembly, there were twenty-three (23) in favor of and twenty-nine (29) against charging a registration fee. The Assembly will continue to be supported by voluntary contribution.

District Committee Men expenses will be left up to the local "group conscience" in all districts.

On the matter of setting up a N. FL. Film Library, to be funded from the Assembly treasury, it was announced that Bob Sc..., as delegate, will bring back a report from New York as to cost of film from GSO.

Elise De..., Treasurer, is to purchase Conference approved literature for display and information purposes for the North Florida quarterly meetings.

Pat Ne..., Recording Secretary, is to make application for North Florida to have a tax exempt number. She will make a report at the next meeting.

Delegate, Bob Sc... reported that he would be attending the April Conference in New York, the week of April 15 - 21, 1984. He will be serving as alternate chmn. on the Public Information Committee, which would meet three times; and will be a recorder for a Conference Workshop, which would be dealing with two areas of concern - 1. What is the informed group conscience?: 2. Responding to every day problems which come up in A.A. The Public Information Committee is to review the pamphlet on the Gay Community. Bob concluded by saying that he goes, as our delegate, humbly in a trusted servant capacity. He feels that the North Florida Area of AA is a dynamic community - and is one which has had tremendous growth. He loves recovery service - it strengthens his sobriety, and lets him share with those other members who are also dedicated to service work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: These reports were made before the General Assembly. See attached pages for reports.

Third Quarterly Assembly: District 5 will be the host group, together with District 16, - location will be Tallahassee. Due to conflict in July dates, Tom Duffy, DCM #5 will get an alternate date (see SPECIAL NOTICE, PAGE ONE of Minutes).

Chairman, Jimmy Ga..., thanked District 6 for the time and effort they expended in putting on such a fine meeting. A letter of thanks will be written to the Marinelands Quality Inn for their cooperation.

Assembly closed with basket being passed, and the Lord's Prayer. Adjournment 11:30 A.M.
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Please note for future reference: RECORDING SECRETARY Pat Ne...
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Phyllis Di...
Any name/address change Minutes/ Correspondence

TREASURER Elise De...
PUBLIC INFORMATION CHMN. Duane "Mitch" M...
INSTITUTIONAL CHMN. Bob Sc...

Please include District No. with donations to N.F.L.

GRAPEVINE CHMN. M. R. Jc
DISABILITY CHMN. Tom Co...

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4/30/84
Respectfully Submitted
Phyllis G.
Phyllis G. Di...
Corresponding Secretary
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Institutional Meeting Bob Sc..., Chairman Saturday, 4/7/84 1:00 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of meditation followed by Serenity Prayer. Attendance numbered 54. Collection was \$40.33. Roll call was taken by Districts..

Carla B. introduced guests, Bob, Eddie and David from the work release center in Daytona Bch.

Paul Q. from Gainesville reported on a new task force developing in his area for parole officers and community to assist persons with adjustments, once they return to society.

Ernie Lo... gave report of good progress in District 12. Nick A. gave report of good progress in District 16.

Bob Sc... is working on film project - need \$3,000.00 to get going. Will present a report to General Assembly re setting up a North Florida Film Library.

Carla B. needs input for new Daytona Beach Teen-age AA meetings.

Meeting closed at 2:30 P.M., with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.
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Grapevine Meeting M. R. Jo... Chairman Saturday, 4/7/84 1:00 P.M.

Approximately 50 persons attended. 100 back issues of the Grapevine were made available for promotional purposes, courtesy of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The new roster of Grapevine Representatives (GVRs) was reviewed. Of 17 Districts, we have at least 5 District GVRs, and possibly as many as 6 more. Many GVRs are listed without Group or District identification. The names of 39 were reviewed, and many corrections were made. 3 new Group GVRs were identified at the meeting. The opportunity to share our experiences via Grapevine articles was discussed.

Guidelines to writing for the Grapevine were made available.

Retha G... 's (Grapevine Editor) report was discussed. It was encouraging to learn that the Grapevine is once again operating in the black. Assistance was indicated from all present at this meeting to promote the use of the Grapevine and to obtain GVRs. Many suggestions for using the Grapevine were made from the floor.

The support of two former Grapevine Chairpersons was appreciated.

Meeting closed with passing of basket, and the Lord's Prayer.

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Public Information Meeting Mitch Miller, Chairman 4/7/84-Saturday 2:30 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The chairman, Mitch Miller, stated that the purpose of these meetings is to exchange ideas, to find out what other districts are doing - this promotes sobriety by helping us to stay sober ourselves.

Tom Du..., DCM #5, Tallahassee, reported airing of a half-hour TV Panel Show in March. The AA panelists had different backgrounds and different lengths of sobriety. The TV personality who moderated the program was furnished with AA pamphlets in advance, and Tom monitored to ensure that anonymity was protected. All went well, and Tom is going to try to show us the film at the next assembly. District 5 is also distributing a lot of literature at Florida State University. They also have many public service announcements already being shown on the area TV channels.

Question was asked - "How does District 5 do it?" On TV - Tom went in, started talking to the Program Director, and left copies of spots. After getting started in one station, he used this as a leverage with other stations. On FSU - Tom went to the Student Affairs office, and asked about putting in literature rack. Went from there. Tom's advice - Go talk to people, and don't get discouraged.

Hank Jo..., DCM#8, reported that a newspaperwoman was their new P.I. Chmn., and that she was making full use of press releases from GSO. They had mixed results regarding weekly meeting announcements in the newspapers in various of their districts - four districts still cannot get any in. The message from the Assembly - "Don't give up."

District 12, Brevard Cty., has a CPC Committee, which is starting to gather momentum. They are subdivided in sub-committees - Legal, Medical, Judicial/Corrections, Clergy, Industry, Rehabs, Military, Police/Fire, Senior Citizens, Organizations, and Educational. It was stated that there are recovering alcoholics in all walks of life - it will facilitate things for us if we can find these people and enlist their aid. Bob Schneck, Delegate, said he would be glad to advise anyone interested in approaching the clergy, having had some experience along these lines, himself, as a clergyman.

Guy, from Flagler Cty. is interested in a CPC presentation to ministers and wanted to know if there was a package. Was advised could get a CPC Manual free, if he had a CPC Committee. Same for a P.I. Committee. The P.I. Manual contains, among other things, sample letters to various type groups, which can be used by us. If you do not have a committee in either field, the cost is still small - \$7.50 each - send to GSO for them.

Warren Ch..., District 1, Jax., said they were doing a Health Fair, and were short on literature - they wrote New York, and received immediate response.

Mitch said that none of the above is advertising. We simply let people know what AA is and what it does, and, if they have a desire to join us, they may.

Bill, from Jax., said they were inviting probation officers to open meetings, and were going to have a workshop.

Hank, from Dist. 8, had students who were being referred by the principals to an adolescent

treatment center, and the Chemical People program had led to the formation of teenage AA group in a high school. The 12th District has put together a meeting list of only open meetings, which are going to court-program people first, then to others, as they can get to it. One district reports problems with stickers in phone booths being removed by the phone company. There was no solution suggested.

Contacting doctors was discussed - writing letters seems to bring no results. One member said she got results by giving her own doctor a meeting list and talking to him about the program. Porter F., Dist.#15, also recommended talking to your doctor on a one-to-one basis, and especially trying to get literature in the doctor's office, as so many alcoholics pass through there.

Mitch reiterated that the best P.I. work for AA is one-on-one - the 11th Tradition - attraction rather than promotion.

Jerry, from Ocala, spoke of treatment centers where people become members of AA before discharge. It was stated that one out of every three AAs come from Rehabs.

Regarding all the various committees and their functions, it was stated that Intergroups and Districts have one common purpose, and should not feel they are in competition - our common purpose is to "carry the message."

Delegate, Bob S. reported that when he attends the Conference in New York, he would be on the P.I. Committee. On the agenda would be two topics for discussion - 1. In re a publication, which has been in the works for sometime now, directed at the Gay Community; and 2. The issue of reaching the Spanish Community.

Meeting closed, with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.

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Disabilities Committee Tom Connors, Chairman Saturday, 4/7/84 2:30 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The chairman, Tom Connors, said that disabilities can be anything; that any problem can be overcome, but it takes time/effort/cooperation. Topics covered were: 1 - Smoking/Non-Smoking meetings.- Use of "smoke eaters"; individuals cutting down; and non-smoking areas set up - all helpful alternatives to meetings which were not specifically called non-smoking mtgs. 2. - Deaf - moving around to a location, where the speaker's mouth can be watched; larger grps. might hire an interpreter. 3.-Wheelchairs - An outside buzzer might be installed, to ring for help to inside; In lieu of easy access, a wheel chair might be made available. 4.-Chronic pain sufferers - for those who have difficulty sitting, suggestion was made to bring own chair, or stool. 5.-Disorderly children at meetings. - take turns babysitting outside of meeting.

Reminders at close of meeting: Adhere to Tradition 1. Also see pamphlet "12 Traditions Illustrated".

One of the greatest assets a recovering alcoholic (one who is disabled by alcoholism) can have is the ability to laugh at himself, and allowing others to laugh with him.

Wrap up suggestions: 1. Ignore disabilities. 2. Don't try to heal disabled.

Meeting closed with basket being passed, and with Lord's Prayer.

Dottie Chambers
Acting Secretary

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Secretary/Treasurer Meeting Dorothy Ma. Tom Pierson
Co-Chairmen Saturday, 4/7/84 2:30 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of meditation followed by Serenity Prayer. 30 people present. Subjects discussed: 1. 60-30-10 suggested by GSO; - Elise De... talked about the services of our General Assembly, and the need for funds to support it. 2. Need for a prudent reserve in a group's treasury. At least one month's sum to cover expenses in case of an emergency was felt to be necessary. 3. Merits of answering service being responsibility of an individual group, or a shared responsibility among different groups (i.e. Intergroups).

3a. - Sending written reminders to various group to pay their share of cost on answering service arrangement was found to be helpful. 4. - Different activities outside of group meetings - such as eating meetings, dances after group mtgs, with a raffle for AA books or with a Pot-O-Gold (cash to lucky ticket number), helped to increase attendance, fellowship and contributions. 5. - Literature, both Conference approved and other, was discussed. Following discussion on Literature, a motion was made to consider having a display of Conference approved literature at future Assembly meetings for members' information and to learn more about the AA structure of service work.. (See Para.7-page 2,Gen'l.Assembly report of Minutes re purchase of same by Treasurer.) Meeting closed with passing of basket, and the Lord's Prayer.

Joyce H
Acting Secretary

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General Service Representatives Meeting R.D. W. , Chmn. Saturday, 4/7/84 4:00 P.M.

Meeting was opened with moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. 80 members were present. The floor was opened for topics. There being no response, R.D., Chairman, gave topic "Use of Non-Approved AA Literature in meetings - especially the Twenty-Four Hours A Day book. Many good suggestions and opinions were given - most agreed that each group is going to use what works best for it; that whatever literature is used in any given group is up to the group conscience. There was also discussion on matter of AA members holding office in more than one group at a time. General opinion seemed to be that if there were no problems caused for the person or the groups involved, it should work out - however, it should only be done if absolutely necessary. Meeting closed, with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.

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Acting Secretary

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Gen'l. Service Sharing Session Reported by Lois Anne O'M Sunday, 4/8/84 8:30 A.M.

Lois Anne reported that this was a good sharing session on a variety of topics. Vic M ll, from the District #6 Host Committee, shared that those groups in Dist.6 who had never been to an Assembly meeting, shared with the other groups all the duties and responsibilities which falls upon a Host group to ensure a successful Assembly quarterly meeting. Discussion on how to give an informative report by the GSR to the group, without the group being disinterested - one observation: Break up a ten minute report into two minutes for five meetings each. Another GSR gave his report to the Ladies' meeting of his group. Vic found that holding an eating meeting is one very good, simple way to get speakers for group meetings.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Meeting closed with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.

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CORRECTED AS OF APRIL 9, 1984
NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

SECOND QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY, HELD AT MARINELAND'S QUALITY INN, RT. #1, ST. AUGUSTINE
 APRIL 7-8, 1984

PERIOD ENDING	I N C O M E			E X P E N S E S				B A L A N C E S *	
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12:31.83	\$1,592.55	\$1,721.16	\$3,313.71	::: \$ 36.43	\$1,306.00	\$ 650.98	\$1,993.41	::: \$1,320.30	\$4,060.31
TOTAL 83	\$7,094.20	\$2,833.03	\$9,987.23	::: \$1,686.43	\$3,978.23	\$2,276.26	\$7,940.92	::: \$2,046.31	\$4,060.31

3.31.84 \$2,314.66 \$ 457.83 \$2,772.49 ::: \$ 650.00 \$ 763.10 \$ 537.03 \$1,950.13 ::: \$ 822.36 \$4,882.67

* CORRECTIONS made after receipt of Bank Statement include reduction of amount deposited to Group Donations of \$5.00 (misread check as \$35.00, instead of \$30.00); also reduction by \$15.00 (returned check insuf. funds), plus \$2.00 charge by bank (reflected under Operations). Asterisks indicate columns affected by changes. First two lines represent the report for the last three months of 1983 (reported at First Quarterly Assembly 1984) and the changed totals for year.

G R O U P S		D O N A T I N G		F I R S T		T H R E M O N T H S 1 9 8 4	
DIST.		DIST.		DIST.		DIST.	
I. ARLINGTON (3)	28.00	V. BIG BEND	50.00	IX. CENTRAL	\$ 25.00	XIII. BROOKSVILLE	\$30.00
BEACHES UNITY	25.00	CENTRAL	50.00	FRIENDSHIP (3)	30.00	WAHOO HISTORIC	10.00
BROWN BAGGERS (3)	30.00	LLOYD'S NEW HOPE	20.00	PINE HILLS	20.00	XIV. QUARTERWAY	\$25.00
CENTRAL	10.00	NORTHSIDE	20.00	X. ALTAMONTE	15.00	TUFSNITE STEP	5.10
LIFE LINE (3)	15.00	OUT TO LUNCH	50.00	CASSELBERRY (2)	30.00	XV. BEACH	\$10.00
MANDARIN (2)	50.00	VI. BIG BASS	20.00	FAIRBANKS	30.00	CENTRAL BREVARD	50.00
T H E	25.00	TRINITY (3)	30.00	LIVE & LET LIVE	10.00	TITUSVILLE FRI	32.00
II. HELPING HAND	20.00	VII. TAVARES 12&12	25.00	LONGWOOD (2)	50.00	XVI. SERENITY	10.00
III. BIG "N" (CEC.FLD)	10.00	T.H.I.S.	10.00	(MAITLAND)TUES NITE		XVII. ---	---
CONTENTMENT	78.00	VIII. BIG BOOK STUDY	17.00	SERENITY	11.01		
HAPPY HOUR	20.00	BRIGHTER DAYS BFST (3)	50.00	SANFORD BIG BOOK	30.00	SUMMARY: In addition	
LAKESHORE	10.00	HELPING HAND	45.00	SANFORD (1201)	50.00	to one District Inter-	
ORTEGA	25.00	DELAND	25.00	SANFORD WOMEN	2.81	group donation of \$500	
TIMUQUANO LADIES	15.00	HAPPY WANDERERS	10.00	TANGLEWOOD	23.08	(DIST. VIII) a total of	
IV. AFTER FIVE	31.55	INTERGROUP VIII	500.00	YOUNG & FREE	5.00	75 Groups out of 298	
BALDWIN	17.00	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	40.00	XI. BAR NONE	5.00	groups registered made	
(2) DISTANCE (DINSMORE)	7.48	OCEAN HOLIDAY (3)	21.00	DRY DOCK	50.00	99 donations, making a	
FERNANDINA BCHCOTT.	4.00	ORMOND BY THE SEA (2)	6.50	TODAY'S WOMEN	10.00	total group contribution	
F-B - HOSPITAL	4.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE	10.00	WINTER PARK (2)	70.00	of \$2,314.66 (\$500 Dst	
SAINTS & SINNERS (3)	16.03	ROAD TO RECOVERY (3)	45.00	WOODLAKE	4.40	VIII included).	
YULEE	25.00	STORMY SEAS	15.00	XII. BAREFOOT BAY	9.00		
		T.G.I.F.	12.00	EAU GALLIE	40.00		
		THE BRIDGE	10.00	NEW HOPE	5.00		
		WAY OF LIFE (3)	66.80	SANDPIPER	20.00		

PRUDENT RESERVE: JAN. 1 1984
 \$6,335.21. FIRST QUARTER
 INTEREST NOT AVAILABLE AT PREPA*
 RATION OF THIS REPORT. WILL
 REPORT AT NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GROUPS HAPPILY AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVED BY YOUR TREASURER
 ELISE R. DEAN, 400 WINTER PARK CIRCLE, SANFORD, FLORIDA 32711... THANKS FOR EARLY
 CONTRIBUTIONS.