



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

February 12, 1985

FIRST QUARTERLY MINUTES OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

January 12 - 13, 1985 - Titusville, FL.

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman, Dick P..., opened with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secretary, Pat N..., called the roll: Absent - DMC #4; ALT. DEL.

Minutes of last meeting approved as mailed. Treasurer's Report: Approved as read. Balance on hand 12/31/84 - \$6,717.80. Elise stated that the \$600.00 received from the State Convention is included in the Prudent Reserve Fund for 1984.

Recommendation made that a vote be taken at the General Assembly, 1/13/85, to have two separate meetings - i.e. Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community - placed on the quarterly agendas hereafter.

Pat reported that the Tax Exempt Certificate application was denied, but that North Florida will continue to work on getting one approved.

Under new business, the committee was advised of the quarterly meeting dates for 1985 and 1986, as compiled by the Area Officers. These dates will be presented to the General Assembly for approval, 1/13/85.

Delegate, Bob S... read a proposal that is going to be presented to the GSO Conference in April, 1985, dealing with "Conference-Approved Literature". Bob asks that we carry this proposal back to our groups, and get feed-back as to how North Florida Area of A.A. feels about selling or displaying literature not conference approved. The proposal reads as follows: "The conference recommends that A.A. groups or any other A.A. entities (for example intergroups, conventions, etc.) not sell or display literature that has not been either Conference Approved or generated by another A.A. source (such as meeting lists, local A.A. literature, and items produced by the Grapevine, Inc.)."

Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer, at 5:15 P.M. *** **

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING, Saturday, Jan. 12, 1985, 8:30 P.M.-Chaired by Mitch M... The speaker, Jim W... shared with us what it used to be like for him, what happened, and how the program has changed him - his hearty laugh attests to the fact that he is a happy man today. *** **

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Sunday, January 13, 1985, 10:30 A.M.- Opened by Dick P..., Chmn., calling for a moment of meditation, followed by Serenity Prayer. Recording Secty., Pat Newton called the roll. Intergroups 1,2,3,4 (Jax.) absent; also #7; 9,10,11,18 (Gen.Fl.); also #13. All 19 DCMS (or alternates) were present - there were well over 100 total DCMS and GSRs from our nineteen districts. 1985 has gotten off to a good start for North Florida ! All Area Officers were also present, (ALT. DEL. absent)

Minutes were approved as mailed. Treasurer's Report approved as read - Balance 12/31/84 - \$6,717.80. Prudent Reserve - \$7,454.67 ('84 int. -\$396.53). Elise asked that each group give its name and N.Fl. District when mailing contributions to her. Motion made, seconded, and passed that a Public Information and a Cooperation with the Professional Committee be placed on future agendas as two separate meetings.

Gen'l. Assembly, cont'd: Old Business: Tax exempt certificate number for N.Fl. still pending.
New Business: Presented to General Assembly for approval the 1985 - 1986 Agenda Meeting
Dates, as follows:

January 12 & 13, 1985	Titusville	Districts 12 & 15.
March 30 & 31, 1985	Jacksonville	Districts 1,2,3,&4.
June 15 & 16, 1985	Orlando	Districts 9,10,11
<u>October 5 & 6, 1985</u>	Ocala	District 17
January 11 & 12, 1986	Homosassa-Crystal River - or Melbourne-Cocoa Bch.	- 1st Choice District 13 -2nd Choice District 12
April 5 & 6, 1986	Daytona Beach	District 8
July 12 & 13, 1986	Tallahassee	District 5
October 11 & 12, 1986	Orlando Area (Election)	Districts 9,10,11

NOTE/TO ALL MEMBERS: MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

The above dates were approved at the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS were made at the General Assembly. See attached pages.

Delegate, Bob S gave brief report on the upcoming GSO Conference for April, 1985. He advised that he is serving on the Report & Charter Committee, and also the 1985 International Convention Committee. He asks the North Florida Area Assembly to carry back at the next quarterly meeting (March 30 & 31, 1985) the group conscience of all the groups re a Literature Committee report which will be submitted by Rhode Island on the matter of AA groups not selling or displaying literature not approved by GSO. The North Fla. Assembly is to instruct Bob on how we wish him to vote - against or for. Also stated new book on Bill Wilson's life is out - "PASS IT ON" and sells for \$6.50.

Announcement was made at close of meeting that AA members in Maine (refer to the Eastern Directory) will be glad to arrange for lodging and bus transportation for any of our members planning to attend the Montreal Convention on a limited budget. Rates will be most reasonable, and the distance to Montreal is not too great.

Next quarterly meeting will be March 30 & 31, 1985 at the Ramada Inn, I-95 and University Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. The Jacksonville Intergroup Banquet will be held Saturday, Mch. 30, 1985, at Independent Square, time 6:00 P.M., Tickets \$15.00 per person, Speaker Clint H from Laguna Beach, Ca. Write to Jax. Intergroup Services, 1628 San Marco Blvd. #10, Jax., Fl., 32207, or call 904/399-8535 or 8537 for tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets - March 25, 1985.

For your future mailing reference: Pat N , Recording Secty Phyllis D , Corr.Secty

Elise D , Treasurer Any name/address changes Minutes/Correspondence

Tom D , P.I. Chmn. Institutional-Bob S

Please include District No. and Group Name with donations to N.Fl.

Future mailing reference, cont'd: Tom De . Grapevine Chmn.

Tom Co.....

Districts 12 and 15 were given a vote of thanks for the fine job they did in setting up this first quarterly meeting of 1985.

Assembly adjourned at 11:30 A.M., with basket being passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis

Phyllis G. Di....., Corr. Secty.

*** ** INSTITUTIONAL MEETING BOB SC... Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 12:30 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of meditation, followed by Serenity Prayer. Basket passed. Attendance - approximately 60. Contributions - \$42.71. Bob gave out new roster for district chairmen of institutions. DCMS will receive letter and response cards - are asked to answer promptly for update.

Film Library update: Lee Th... states that each GSR and DCM, also Intergroups, will receive letter on films available - films are available to everyone. Letter will also be sent to outside sponsors. Time limit for keeping film will be about one (1) week (this does not count shipping time). When there will be more than one showing of film, please specify this in your request letter.

Elise De..., Treasurer, explained the funding system for institutions to receive literature, etc. The general N.Fl. fund will start a group or project, after which the group should become self-supporting. In some districts, the intergroups help to support the institutions.

Work Release Center from Brevard had inmate, Steve tell the Committee they are just beginning to get more support in the last month - need supplies and support from outside AAs. Ollie and Kenny from the Daytona Work Release Center were able to attend this meeting - and spoke again of the love in AA - it's like having an outside family.

George Th... spoke again of the Tallahassee meetings they have had with the Dept. of Corrections. Guidelines are being set up, and the districts should know about them within another month through the DCMS. They are trying to set up a "civil volunteer" system - Tallahassee will do the clearance on this - and it will apply to the entire N.Fl. Area.

For your information: 1. Transportation of inmates to meetings, is the responsibility of the facility, NOT the AA member; 2. Inside sponsors have nothing to do with the funning of a meeting in the facility, except to check the roll. The AA group runs the meeting, but must conform to facility rules and regulations.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary, Madeleine Ca.....

*** ** GRAPEVINE MEETING TOM DA... Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 12:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner, with 38 present. Talked about new Grapevine Items and upcoming events. Grapevine now is operating in the black - \$37,000.00. There will be a review of two (2) Grapevine articles by members at the next assembly. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer and basket being passed.

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DISABILITIES MEETING

TOM CONNOLLY, Chmn.

Saturday, 1/12/85

12:30 P.M.

Definition of "Disability" - Anything that interferes with an AA member obtaining the full benefits of the program - i.e., locomotion, breathing, hearing, wheelchair facilities, etc. For persons with breathing problems, and non-smokers - try to promote setting aside NON-SMOKING MEETINGS. It is not too feasible to set up special segregated areas.

Recommended - that when possible have one or two parking spaces for the handicapped near meeting rooms - make sure they are clearly marked by signs, so that they will be reserved spaces.

Hearing problems - make sure speaker is located so every one can see him or her. -don't take for granted everyone can hear-many people have hearing problems.

Deaf disability - Let it be known through intergroups, and when and where meeting books, of groups who can handle the deaf with interpreters. In Jax., efforts are being made to organize a deaf group.

Meeting disruptions-to counteract disruption caused by members going for coffee throughout the meeting, one group began a "count-down" before start of meeting for time to get coffee-i.e. 10 min., 5 min., 3 min., 1 min. - it has been working.

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

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING TOM DI , Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 1:50 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket was passed - \$42.00 contributions. There were 25 new members present. Discussed what P.I. is, as stated in Guidelines- points covered: 1. Inform GP-AA; 2. 3rd person-working with; 3. Keep fellowship informed by a. newsletter; b. inter-grouper; c. public contact. Bob W. is sending 100 letters to professionals for support, assistance- it is an on-going effort. Discussion on how to contact newspapers to publish AA items of interest and/or meeting dates. Generally editors are most cooperative. Be sure and give them guidelines on Anonymity re photos, articles with names, etc.

CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community) -following discussion, it was agreed there is a need for two (2) separate committees - i.e. P.I. and CPC in N.Fl. Will request General Assembly vote on this. Many important points of interest were covered relating to both P.I. & CPC.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER MEETING FLO M , Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 1:50 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket was passed. 25 present. Several problems common to groups were discussed, and solutions proposed. Difficulties regarding celebrating birthdays and actual membership of a particular group could be alleviated by keeping up-to-date membership files. Membership and holding office in more than one group was discussed, and its converse-lack of interest of most members as to service work. It was pointed out that the answers to most questions could be found in pamphlet "The AA Group", and that many internal group problems could start to be addressed by holding a group conscience meeting. How to take a group conscience was discussed. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER WORKSHOP TOM L , Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 3:10 P.M.

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer. Basket was passed. Tom discussed handy check list for DCM from Service Manuel. Advised using Box 459 to keep informed and study Service Manual thoroughly. A DCM should encourage GSRs to carry the message back to their groups of the importance of "self-supporting" at all AA levels. Meet regularly with other committee members and communicate regularly with area delegate. DCM should visit all groups in his/her district. Encourage groups to help defray DCMs expenses in their district. Discussion on how this might be done, followed. Cooperation with local intergroup was encouraged. Suggestion made that a member-at-large from each district served by an intergroup office should sit on the board. Joint intergroup and DCM meetings should be held. Discussion on it being the duty of the DMC to stimulate interest in AA world-wide. Through our delegate, we are represented to World Conference. DCMs should communicate local items to delegate. It was suggested that DCMs might order world conference report from New York. Can be obtained for \$2.00.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary, Sharon W

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WORKSHOP MITCH M., Chmn. Sat., 1/12/85 3:10 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Approximately 100 alcoholics in attendance. New GSRs numbered over one-half of those present. Mitch briefly explained the Service Structure, from Group to District, to Area, to the Conference. Also the geographical boundaries of the N.Fl. area. The three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service were discussed, along with the Steps, Traditions and Concepts. Comments were made on representation and communication; also on stimulating interest through good example, and communications. The recommended qualifications for GSRs were discussed. Normally 2 or 3 yrs. of sobriety, previous service work in group, or intergroup functions, and availability and willingness to attend district and area meetings, were emphasized. Reading material for new GSRs was discussed - The Service Manual, Box 459, Group and GSR pamphlets. Most new GSRs have received their GSR Packet from GSO, New York. The age-old problem of attendance at service meetings was discussed at length. Some suggestions were - create interest, be selective in electing GSRs, rotate meetings, and serve food.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer Adios - see you in Jax., Mitch.

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GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AL ISAAC, Chmn. Saturday, 1/12/85 4:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Blackboard used, showing Three Legacies Symbol for Unity, Service, Recovery, with the literature applicable to each Legacy - i.e. Unity - 12 & 12, AA Grp. AA Comes of Age, 60-30-10, Guidelines: Recovery - 12 Steps; Big Book, Twelve Traditions, Living Sober, As Bill Sees It, Grapevine: Service - 12 Concepts, Service Manual, Inside AA, Circles of Love, Box 459, GSR Kit, Conference Report. As Al stated, our literature has an answer to any of our problems. Many pertinent points of interest relating to the GSR and his role as liason person between the group and District, and Area, and New York were raised and discussed. Anonymity outside the A.A. program is a matter of individual preference for a member. No other member should divulge name of another member at any time. Within AA it is often necessary to have names and phone numbers (also addresses) for purposes of identification, etc. These should always be kept confidential. It is important to stress anonymity to newcomer - that it is of a spiritual nature in the truest meaning. One GSR felt, that as a new GSR, it was part of job to bring up subjects at group meeting that would not otherwise be discussed. Suggestion was made to call for a business meeting, or group conscience meeting on such occasions. Following discussion on fear of diluting our AA program, by having dual-addicted members discuss other than alcoholism, Al suggested reading Third and Fifth Traditions about membership requirements and our primary purpose. Announcement was made that Films will be available from N. Fl. Assembly Film Library - a flyer will be forthcoming in near future to GSRs and DCMS. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer. Basket was passed.

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GENERAL SERVICE SHARING SESSION MADELEINE C., Chmn. Sunday, 1/12/85 8:30 A.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket passed. Attendance - 85 present. Opened with a reading from pamphlet re 3rd Legacy - first two paragraphs. Instructive talk followed on service as related to 12th Step work. More to it than just attending local meeting. "Helping Hand" also means supporting organization not only with contributions, but organizing, getting involved, showing enthusiasm, going to assembly mtgs., meet the workers from other districts. It's not drab, and is not a religion. Just normal, fun-loving people being involved with a burning desire to belong and not to drink. Howard observed - reach out and get message to newcomers. Support institutions. It doesn't matter how people get here (courts, detox, street, etc.) as long as they come. Another suggestion - have service sponsors to creat more unity and involve more members in structural work. Get new people involved early. Keep them involved. Visit other groups. Avoid skepticism. Make sure that reports are taken back to local units. Request time from chairman to give such reports-five or ten minutes will cover wide range of information. Let our members know that there's more to AA than occupying space once a week. Observe the newcomers - watch and evaluate for leadership qualities. Once the alcoholic is off the booze and on the road to recovery with a strong desire to beat the booze, where he comes from does not matter - where we steer him does. Value of prison and institutional work discussed - very self-rewarding in carrying the message. One observation - would like to see more workshops for structure study. Be more aggressive in search for talent and ability. Question & answer time would lay groundwork for future workers. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

REPORT TO THE FIRST QUARTERLY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE
 AREA: HOLIDAY INN OF TITUSVILLE, FL. JANUARY 12-13, 1983

PERIOD ENDING	RECEIPTS: INCOME			EXPENDITURES: EXPENSES					BALANCES	
	GROUP DONATIONS	MISCELLANEOUS COLLECT.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	CONF/DEL. ALT. DEL	ASSEMBLY: HOST COM. HOTEL(COF.)	OPERATIONAL SECY'S/ TREAS.	INSTITU. EXPENSES	TOTAL	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
12.31.83										\$4,060.31
3.31.84	\$2,314.66	\$ 457.83	\$2,772.49	\$ 650.00	\$ 763/10	\$ 537.03	*81.55	\$1,950.13	\$ 822.36	4,992.67
7.28.84	2,516.42	487.03	3,003.45	700.00	424.07	590.42		1,714.49	1,288.96	6,171.63
9.30.84	1,544.00	374.96	1,919.95	--0--	1,203.69	468.14	*17.58	1,671.83	248.12	6,419.75
12.31.84	2,022.41	496.05	2,518.46	--0--	995.94	390.42	**834.09	2,200.41	298.05	6,717.80
TOTALS	8,398.48	1,815.87	10,214.35	1,350.00	3,386.80	1,886.88	933.18	7,556.86	2,657.49	6,717.80

* Literature for use in institutions. ** Amount expended for film library equipment

PRUDENT RESERVE

12.31.83		G R O U P D O N A T I O N S		P E R I O D		O C T O B E R T H R O U G H D E C E M B E R 1 9 8 4	
12.31.83	\$6,335.21						
3.30.84	6,422.43	DIST		DIST.			
7.31.84	6,577.85	1. AMETHYST	10.00	5. CAPITAL CIRCLE	20.00	10. ALOMA (2)	20.00
9.28.84	6,698.91*	ARLINGTON (3)	15.54	SOUTHSIDE	50.00	FAIRBANKS	15.00
12.31.84	7,454.67	BEACHES UNITY	75.00	6. BIG BASS	35.00	FELLOWSHIP	25.00
Year's Interest:	\$396.53	BETTER DAYS WOMEN	25.00	THE TRINITY GROUP	10.00	CASSELBERRY	15.00
		BROWN BAGGERS (5)	50.00	7. TAVARES 12&12	20.00	LONGWOOD	7.27
SUMMARY GROUP DONATIONS BY DIST.		CENTRAL (3)	30.00	8. BIG BOOK (3)	13.75	TANGLEWOOD (2)	32.35
1. 13(21) \$313.33		GOOD LIFE	23.79	BOULEVARD	40.00	TUES NITE SERENITY	9.42
2. 2(2) 92.98		LIFE LINE	5.00	"BRIDGE, THE"	10.00	YOUNG & FREE	113.36
3. 5(6) 105.00		MANDARIN	25.00	(2) BRIGHTER DAYS BREAKFAST	60.00	11. SHARING & CARING	5.00
4. 4(7) 78.35		PALM STUDY	10.00	DELTONA-ENTERPRISE	5.00	TURNING POINT	13.50
5. 2(-2) 70.00		SAN MAN	25.00	HAPPY WANDERERS	8.00	WINTER PARK	105.00
6. 2(2) 45.00		STRENGTH & HOPE	10.00	NEW HOPE	25.00	WINTER PARK MEN	15.00
7. 1(-1) 20.00		SWITZERLAND	9.00	NEW SMYRNA	40.00	12. BAREFOOT BAY	9.00
8. 16(26) 492.85		2. HELPING HANDS	25.00	OCEAN HOLIDAY (2)	8.60	BEACHSIDE WOMEN	40.00
9. 3(6) 70.00		PLAZA	67.98	ORMOND-BY-THE-SEA(3)	9.00	SANDPIPER (2)	70.00
10. 8(9) 237.46		3. "BIG N"	10.00	PRIMARY PURPOSE	10.00	SERENITY	40.00
11. 4(4) 138.50		EUREKA	20.00	ROAD TO RECOVERY (3)	45.00	13. CRYSTAL RIVER (3)	30.00
12. 4(5) 159.00		LA PAZ	5.00	THREE LEGACIES	24.44	LECANTO	25.00
13. 2(4) 55.00		ORTEGA	50.00	WAY OF LIFE (3)	82.11	14. BRONSON (2)	30.00
14. 5(6) 75.00		TIMAQUANA LADIES	20.00	SAT. NIGHT BEGINNERS	10.00	DOWNTOWN	25.00
15. 2(2) 55.00		4. BALDWIN (2)	17.00	WINNERS WAY (2)	101.95	FREE TO BE	10.00
16. -----		DISTANCE(DOINSMORE)	2.50	9. FRIENDSHIP (3)	30.00	TUES NITE STEP	5.00
17. 1(1) 15.00		RIVERSIDE (2)	50.00	LIVE & LET LIVE	20.00	WED NITE WOMEN	
74(103)\$2,022.41		SAINTS & SINNERS	8.25	THREE LEGACIES	20.00	SMOKELESS	5.00
		15. BEACH GROUP OF ALL	\$15.00				
		PRIMARY PURPOSE	40.00	16. _____			
				17. CAME TO BELIEVE	\$15.00		

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
 ELISE D, TREASURER

MAIL DONATIONS TO:
 MAKE CHECKS TO: NORTH FLORIDA COMMITTEE AA