

January 16, 2018

Business Meeting, District 5, South Florida Area 15, General Service Committee

Arcadia, Boca Grande, Englewood, Ft. Ogden, Nokomis, North Port, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Venice

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THANK YOU!

**Next Meeting 7pm GSR orientation booklet; 8pm District 5 Business Meeting at
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on February 20, 2018 (the 3rd Tuesday)**

OPENING: Chairperson, Mark W. Called the meeting to order at 8pm, moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer; GSR preamble was read by Jeff, and Tradition 1 was read by Jimmy.

WELCOME: (4) New GSRs: Donna, Our Great Hope, NP; Patrick, Progress, PG; Anne H. Solutions at Noon, PG; Jeanette, Eye Opener, PG

ROLL CALL: Guests: = 1; GSRS = 18; AGSRS = 1; DCMS = 4; ACMS = 1+ 5 Officers = 30

GSR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

SANDY: Borderline Big Book, First Alliance Church, Monthly Pamphlet Meeting, Last Monday January 29th Questions and Answers on Sponsorship – Led by Stacey, 7pm till 7:45pm food and 7:45 till 9pm Meeting

PATRICK: Progress Group, NEW TIME: 7PM starting Now.

WES: St. Mary's Thursday Step Meeting in PG will close end of January.

MARY: Service Manual Monthly Meeting at the Intergroup Office on the Last Sunday of each month at 3PM starting February 25th.

ROY: emailed in: Things are going well with the Lemon Bay Group we are initiating a monthly pizza party on the first Wednesday of the month.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mark W.

Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your district chair. I'm an alcoholic and my name is Mark W. Thank you to the DCM committee for a very thorough orientation. We hope you all get a better understanding of district 5 and your roles in it. Please feel free to ask questions and consider getting a service sponsor as you continue your journey in Alcoholics Anonymous.

At the assembly in Sarasota there were 22 voting members from district 5 with a total of 303 area votes. Thank you to our quarterly host committee and the volunteers for all your hard work- well done. The area motions were reviewed with the first being withdrawn, the second passed with no objections and the third motion failed after considerable discussion.

I attended the Treatment Committee, the chairpersons meeting and was asked to co-chair the DCM sharing session with Don and Alex. That was a very rewarding experience. The Saturday night banquet was sold out and we enjoyed our own Sandy H (what a powerful message) who substituted for our guest from GSO. Due to inclement weather in the northeast she was unable to get a flight from New York. Our next assembly in Bonaventure will involve agenda items for the April Conference and we expect another good turnout from district 5.

I hope to see you all at the Gratitude Dinner this Saturday evening. If you have any questions or we can help in any way, please don't hesitate to call anyone of us. We are here to serve you and your groups.

Love in Service,
Mark W. District 5 Chair

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM CHAIR REPORT: Kevin C.

January 4 picked up 100 copies of our new GSR booklet that I had printed at Monarch Direct at a cost of \$46.71.

January 5-7 I served as the Quarterly Co-Treasurer with Theresa from District 3. We are waiting for Area 15 to tell us what our final Food & Beverage is so that we can finalize our Profit & Loss statement. We are confident of a positive cash flow and will return the \$350 donation once we close our books.

This was a positive experience for me and I learned a lot about Quarterly registration, programs, badges, hospitality and finances. I had an opportunity to speak with the Area Quarterly Chair, the Area registrar, the Area treasurer and I had to call GSO. I know Tom will be acknowledging all those who helped at the Quarterly but I would be remiss if I did not mention all the help Cindy Carroll performed.

January 8 I attended PI/ CPC.

January 11 I met with Jan K to go over this evenings GSR Orientation. Special thanks from the DCMs to Jan for all her help.

In Love & Service, Peace out, Kevin C.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joycee C.

My name is Joycee and I am an alcoholic

I attended my first quarterly and enjoyed everything except the uncomfortable chairs. The Hospitality Suite, Administration and Intergroup tables were warm and welcoming. I especially enjoyed the "archives" exhibit. I'd like to thank the AdHoc Committee and all its volunteers for a wonderful weekend.

I attended the Registrar/Secretary Meeting and the Treatment Committee Meeting and at the Workshop for The Treatment Committee, I was able to speak about The Bridging The GAP Program.

Thank You to Sandy H. for filling in with Love and Laughter at the Saturday Night Speakers Meeting.

A few Secretary Requests:

- 1) Please check off the attendance sheets in the back on the clip boards and check the accuracy of your information. It's in First Name Alpha Order, fyi.
- 2) Please be sure to sign in any New or Guests Information on the sheet provided.
- 3) Your reports must be emailed to: secretary@aadistrict5.org on or before January 26th.
Handwritten reports are accepted tonight only. Any reports of only the verbal kind may not be included in the minutes.
- 4) All flyers should be directly submitted to the dist5webchair2017@gmail.com.
- 5) Request that all reports be in 12pt. Arial Type preferably in a word.doc

Thank You for allowing me to be of service to District 5.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

I attended the Area 15 Assembly this month. I attended the Secretary/Registrar meeting as well as other sessions. Joycee and I reported that we had changed to only one membership list and that the Registrar was the owner of the file. The Registrar will provide an email list for the Secretary to use in her E-mailings.

During the past month, several new GSRs were entered into the Area's listing and the District membership list. The email list was provided to the Secretary for mailing of the minutes

All GSRs who've not yet provided their information for updating the Registrar's database are requested to do so. The information needed is: Your name, Your group, Your Town, Your phone number, and Your email address. You can provide this information by texting me at (941) 276-1561 or by emailing the information to n9ws@comcast.net.

If there is a change to your group's meeting information such as the time or place where it meets, be sure to contact the Intergroup so that they can update the meeting list and also contact me as indicated above.

Grateful to serve, Bill S., Registrar, District 5

TREASURER'S REPORT*:

(scanned and placed at the end pages before note taking agenda sheets)

Jennifer asked what day of the month do the Group Contributions get reported? The last Day of the Month or closest to the last banking day. Mary generally deposits mid-month around the 15th and end of month around the 29th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: POSITION IS OPEN (oversee the Treasurer's Reports, request if any committees need extra money over budget. Meets 2nd Tuesday and has 1 year sobriety.

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.: Tom

January was a busy for the Committee. We completed the hosting of the January Quarterly at the Sarasota Hyatt. Over 500 individuals were registered for the Quarterly. We drank 75 gallons of coffee. We had blocked 390 rooms and booked 320 Of those rooms. We feel that the event was a financial success, however the final accounting will not be available until February. There will be a wrap up meeting sometime in February. We feel that the hosting of Area 15 Quarterly was a success.

As you may know we partnered with District 3 to host this Quarterly. This partnering set a precedence for having 2 Districts host a Quarterly Assembly. We feel that more of this co-hosting will be done more in the future. Co-Hosting calls for more travel and communication skills need to be at their sharpest. Our opinion is that co-hosting brings a working unity to the Area.

We would like to thank and recognize the following for their work on this Committee.

Rusty V (alternate chair)

Siggy (Hotel Liaison)

Jennifer (Hospitality)

Tony (Archives)

Kevin C (Program and Treasurer)

Robin L (Greeters)

Idell R. (Registration)

Wess ("")

Eileen J. ("")

Brian U. (Mtg. Chair)

Chris H. ("")

Sandy H. (Speaker)

Website: (Tania interested in helping or chairing this committee; Tania will speak with Diane (Web Chair) to decide responsibilities exchange due to Diane's lack of time to chair) Please Note the email address for Diane is: **dist5webchair2017@gmail.com**

Treatment:

My name is Brian and I am the current chair for our district. We held our monthly committee meeting last Thursday Jan. 11th at 645 at the club in Port Charlotte. There were 4 people in attendance and we discussed how things were going, which is very well. We are making all our meeting commitments.

We had 1 local bridge this month. I attended the quarterly in Sarasota and gave my report to the area committee. At the close of the meeting our committee gave a little workshop on our meetings and facilities. I think it was helpful to the other districts, especially how to create a google phone number for the BTG program.

Our next monthly meeting will be Feb. 8th at 645 at the Easy Does it Club. All our welcome.

Bridging the Gap Verbal Report:

follow up on GAP #1: January 9th received the call from Charlotte Behavioral Detox Unit. Christine was being released and asked for a Bridge to AA. I provided the bridge from Meg, EWood, to pick her up at her home. Her grandmother was bringing her out of the Detox Unit on Wednesday morning. Wednesday night, Meg sent Laurie from Gulf Cove area of EWood to pick up Christine and bring her to a meeting. Christine proceeded to ask to be driven to another house near another meeting ("her father suggested Indian Mounds Meeting"); so, Laurie dropped her off at a home. She proceeded to not attend either meeting (we were watching and waiting at both meetings). The GAP wasn't honestly sought after. Surprise? ha-ha, she used AA to get a ride somewhere else. thanks for your Service. It's a pleasure and honor to be of service to this committee, Joycee

Accessibility:

The Accessibility Committee met on December 27. In Attendance: Bill S, Sarah N and Jeff J via phone conference. Meeting began at 11:10AM

It was determined that at the **January Quarterly**, there would be no working Accessibility Committee present. Our Accessibility Committee created a flyer that was provided to the Registration Committee at the January Quarterly asking them to offer assistance to anyone needing help in finding meeting rooms. A phone number to call to obtain this assistance was also provided. The committee did not receive any requests for assistance at the quarterly.

The committee was brought up to date with the ongoing research into technology-assisted devices designed to assist the hearing-impaired alcoholic attending AA gatherings. we requested the loan of the hearing devices from Area 15 for use at our January 20 Gratitude Dinner and were granted our request. The devices on loan from Area 15 cost between \$32 and \$40. These devices will be available at the January Gratitude Dinner.

We checked into other electronic devices for the hearing impaired to see if any would be useful at an A.A. meeting. So far, the audio amplifier appears to be the only electronic devices available.

The committee agreed to create a trifold display depicting a variety of messages. It will focus on who we are, what we do and how we do it. It will be used at the Gratitude Dinner. Pamphlets were

identified and purchased to be provided at the dinner and at future events. A flyer on Blind Etiquette will also be provided.

We're aligning our definition of 'special needs' with GSO; "We define AA's with special needs as persons who are blind or visually impaired; deaf or hard of hearing; chronically ill or homebound, those who are developmentally disabled, and many others who may have less visible challenges."

A logo was created for the Accessibility Committee. It is on the sign-up sheet being circulated at this meeting. GSRs are requested to ask the members of their home group for volunteers as well.

The committee recognized there needs to be a more effective method for getting the word out, and enlisting volunteer drivers. It was agreed we'd post sign-up sheets in each of the clubhouses, having seen the impact a similar system is having on the same issue at the Easy Does it Club.

The Accessibility Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday at 5:30 at the Intergroup Office. Please join this active committee and enjoy helping others in need. Grateful to serve, Bill S.

PI/CPC: non-submitted

LITERATURE:

Hello District, 5 yes and trusted servants. I am serving as your District V literature chair I do apologize for not being able to make the meeting. It was a pleasure and honor to see all District 5 members helping with District 3 of putting on a wonderful quarterly the beginning of January. In our area literature meeting, there was much discussion on possibly bringing back the mental health pamphlet depending upon research. Although there wasn't much going on in our literature committee except just talking with experience and ideas of possibly how to get other members to get more involved in the literature. I myself know that after being in the literature committee it is not just about reading all the literature but what literature is available to all those members in need of a certain situation in life along with battling alcoholism. We as a literature committee know there will be much discussion on a conference approved literature that will be sent to us mid-February with discussion at our district meetings. Was that I will get with the district chair and all to possibly review conference approved agenda in March. It is a privilege to serve as a trusted servant in District 5. Thank you Siggy

INTERGROUP LIAISON:

We got another billboard call from a suffering alcoholic! Please join the Gratitude dinner on Saturday; tickets are 18 dollars at the door.

There are fill-in positions open at Intergroup, please volunteer to answer the hotline for 3 hours. And since I am the new web-chair, I will continue as the District Liaison until we have another volunteer.

The Old-Timers dinner is April 21st! Save the date. Also get ready for the Founder's Day celebration on June 9th — we are planning a family PICNIC at the N. Port Greenwood St. Park.

Love and service, Louis

GRAPEVINE: Open Position

CURRENT PRACTICES: Jan has none to report. Request the agenda for the next meeting and note taking be put back into the minutes. Got it, thanks for the assistance.

CORRECTIONS:

District 5- Area 15, South Florida

Minutes of /13/January/2018 Meeting: 10:00-11:30

Attendees: Bob M., Les H., Bob C., Rick P., JJ J., Frank v.

AGENDA

JJ J. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Monday AA Meeting @ The Arcadia Annex was covered by Bob M. Due to a flyer that was sent out, there was a great response. (This is a new AA meeting from 5:30 P.M., to 7:30 P.M., held in the Education Building) It is a continuation of the temporary Work Camp meeting held at this time @ location due to Hurricane Irma, and is now moved back to its original location. Tom and John will alternate coverage, and Bob and Brian will continue their coverage of the Work camp Meeting.
- JJ reported the Chaplain did not have time last week to meet with him to discuss AA Information Meetings in the dorms. JJ handed out the AA Literature piece entitled, **INFORMATION ON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (F-2)** as a basis for a presentation. Bob M. suggested a simple statement of our own experience, along with the handout would be sufficient and brief. Les H. asked for a Motion to accept this proposal. All agreed this sounded about right...KISS!! And the Motion passed. JJ will follow up with the Chaplain, and Bob C. will call Intergroup to order the supply of: **INFORMATION ON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**.

NEW BUSINESS

- JJ J. opened the topic of our need for more volunteers, especially with our covering the Work Camp in North Ft. Myers as part of Charlotte County's Doc Area....though not part of District 5. This is the result of a request by the CCI Chaplain, Chaplain Royale, for our help to bring AA to this need. (Remember we had already sent 10 Big Books to the facility last month.
- Dave M. requested 6 BB's for the Charlotte Men's Jail, and Les H's motion to allocate the literature was passed.
- The need for more Work Books for Corrections Committee members was discussed. A Motion to order 10 Corrections Work Books was passed.
- A discussion of whether to have t-shirts for Corrections Committee Members was had as a way to have fun, and maybe attract new members to the Committee. Suggestions will be brought to next month's Corrections Meeting.
- JJ handed out the AA pamphlet "Corrections Correspondence" as a suggestion for Committee Members to suggest at AA Meetings, as we go about our own sobriety Meetings.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY MOTION followed by the...

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to AA's Future:

To place our common welfare first;

To Keep Our Fellowship United;

For on AA Unity depend our lives;

And the lives of those to come.

Respectfully submitted, Bob C.

ARCHIVES:

The busy preparation is over for now, but the last month has been full. We wanted to show off our extensive District 5 collection at this past quarterly and that's what we did! Peggy's husband, Tim, put a wonderful video together showing a guided tour of Dr. Bob's house and lots of interesting history. Newly discovered pictures have been framed and International Conventions Posters now under glass. We even had a round kitchen table with an old-fashioned coffee pot on display in our set up. We will be again displaying a smaller rendition at the Gratitude Dinner this Saturday night. We'll be pleased to see you come over and take a look. Now the work will resume on the District Meeting Group tree. We'll be looking for group histories.

Happy Digging, Tony T. Archives Chair

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: DCMs (4); ACMs (8), Finance Chair, Grapevine Chair

Finance Chair Qualifications: Oversee Treasury, Budgets on 9th, 10th, 11th month, Funds and Service Support.

DCM Qualifications: 4 years continuous sobriety; 2 years' service as a GSR (in any District); possess a working knowledge of the AA Traditions and Concepts; ability to visit assigned groups and keep those groups GSRs informed in all General Service Activities; ability to attend all District Meetings and Area Assemblies; perform duties as suggested in the current edition of the AA Service Manual.

ACM Qualifications: same as DCM, but 3 years current sobriety is required.

Motion: That on District 5's website the Category "Meeting List-w/Interactive Map" be a link to the interactive meeting list on the intergroup's website. The meeting schedule will be maintained and hosted by the Intergroup Service Committee of District 5. Accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

JEANETTE: Notice that the "where and when" has no indication on it printed calling it the "where and when" ... great question. ... ?

SARA: where's the cookies, let's start a Cookie of the Month committee rotation. MARK: Bring Guests to share cookies and coffee at our District 5 Meetings.

Also, Let's supplement the GSRs expenses to afford them attendance at the quarterly's according to supplemental funds from District 5 to groups that cannot afford it.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:16pm.

Coffee and Cookie Makers (Renee and Jennifer) Greeters, Next Meeting February 20th.



District 5 General Service Committee

January 16, 2018

Good Evening;

My name is Mary O currently serving as your District 5 treasurer. If you have any questions about finances for the District, please give me a call or email me.

The December Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Beginning balance = \$3,689.53

Total income = \$774.34

Expenses for December = \$900.49

Ending balance = \$3,563.38

Billboard Fund Expense = \$400.00

Billboard Fund Balance=\$2,400.00

Archives Fund Exp=\$12.50

Archives Fund Balance = \$75.70

The Prudent Reserve is \$4000.90

Thank you to Jane for attending Finance meeting. I attended the Jan Qtrly in Sarasota. The Adhoc Committee meeting for going over the Area inventory was very interesting. They are looking at reducing the number of meetings that all attend to 2 times per year. Then the Area Committee would meet the other 2 times per year to discuss Area business and go over any motions that need to be made. They presented the options in the What's on Your mind portion of the Assembly. They compared what similar Areas in size and population did in other states. They also discussed using the Area Committee members as a resource in our Districts for workshops, informational meetings etc.

You will find copies of Treasurer's report on the back table

Note:

Please remind your Group Treasurer to include the group's GSO number, the Group's registered name, not its nickname, in the memo area of the check. It is also very important to remember to include a return name and address so we may send your group a thank you receipt for your records.

Kindly make out your contribution check to the **District 5 Treasurer** and mail to the address below

District 5 Treasurer

PO Box 7356

North Port, FL 34290

We gratefully thank you and your group for your continuing support.

Mary O.

District 5 Treasurer

Email: treasurer@aadistrict5.org

941-223-8765

District 5
TREASURERS REPORT

January 16, 2017

Dec 17

December beginning balance		\$	3,689.53
Income			
Basket	21.00		
Group Contributions	753.34		
Total Income	774.34		
Expense			
Corrections Committee	606.58		
PI/CPC Comm	100.28		
Rent-Archive Storage	177.15		
Treasurer	16.48		
Total Expense	900.49		
December ending balance		\$	3,563.38
Billboard Fund	2,800.00		
Dec monthly payment	400.00		
Balance Billboard Fund			2,400.00
Archives Fund	88.20		
Archives Exp from Fund	12.50		
Balance Archives Fund			75.70
Total Funds on hand		\$	<u>6,039.08</u>
Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance December		\$	4,000.83
Prudent Reserve Interest -12/31/17		\$	<u>0.07</u>
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance December		\$	<u>4,000.90</u>

District 5
Group Contributions
December 2017

Name	Amount
Beginners to Old Timers	136.00
District 5 Meeting Contribution	21.00
Englewood Thursday Open Speaker Group	24.00
Englewood Tues Night Beginners	138.62
I Am Responsible Group	25.00
Language of the Heart	20.00
Midday Miracles	40.80
Monkey Off your Back	66.00
Morning Glory Group	82.42
Psychic Change Group	220.00
Wednesday Mens Stag Group	0.50 **
Total Contributions December	\$ 774.34

**(correct error in November)

District 5
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Contributions		
Basket	344.75	800.00
Contribution	350.00	
Group Contributions	14,303.81	17,500.00
Total Income	14,998.56	18,300.00
Expense		
Archives	145.26	150.00
Chairman	10.37	50.00
Computer Repair		
Software	145.35	100.00
Computer Repair - Other	0.00	100.00
Corrections Committee	2,714.12	3,000.00
Current Practices	53.65	50.00
DCM - Service Workshop	449.66	800.00
DCM Committee	47.68	250.00
Delegate	51.79	250.00
Grapevine Committee	0.00	200.00
Literature Comm	0.00	150.00
P. O. Box 7356	76.00	90.00
PI/CPC Comm	245.26	600.00
Quarterly Excess Disbursement	-25.70	
Quarterly Lodging/Allowance	5,844.48	8,500.00
Recording Secretary	21.60	250.00
Refreshments	186.41	300.00
Registrar	0.00	50.00
Rent-Archive Storage	1,748.38	1,600.00
Rent-Church	600.00	560.00
Special Needs Committee	0.00	50.00
Treasurer	210.75	300.00
Treatment Committee	624.38	600.00
Website Committee	239.98	300.00
Total Expense	13,244.07	18,300.00
	1,754.49	0.00
Excess/(Loss)	1,754.49	0.00

*All Are Invited
to*
***Borderline Big Book
Monday Night AA Meeting
2018's
Pamphlet Party***



January 29, 2018

"Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"

**Leader
Stacy H.
of
Borderline Big Book**



Food: 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm (it's an Eating Mgt.)

Meeting: 7:45 pm - 9:00 pm

First Alliance Church

20444 Midway Blvd.

Port Charlotte, FL

ALL ARE WELCOME

NEW MEETING

Service Manual Meeting

District 5

Have you ever read the Service Manual?

Much more fun to do together!!



Read, discuss, comment and questions along the way

Once a month

The last Sunday of the month

Starting February 25th, 2018 - @ 3:00 pm

Intergroup Service Office

13325 Tamiami Trail – Unit A

Crown Plaza

North Port, FL 34287

For more information call Mary O 941-223-8765

Service Manuals available at meeting

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 67

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR _____ DISTRICT 5 MEETING

OPEN: 8PM SERENITY PRAYER: _____; GSR PREAMBLE: _____

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: _____ (long form)

WELCOME NEW GSRs & ROLL CALL:

NEW GSRs: (Name, Group, Town) _____

NEW AGSRs _____

ALL GSRs: _____ ALL AGSRs: _____

DCMs: _____ ACMs: _____ Officers: _____ Guests: _____

GSR REPORTS: (name, group, report)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM REPORT:

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT:

REGISTRAR’S REPORT:

TREASURER’S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: (open)

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.

Website

Treatment

Accessibility:

PI/CPC:

Literature:

Intergroup Liaison:

Grapevine: (open)

Current Practices:

Archives:

OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions: DCMs (4); ACMs (8); Grapevine Committee, Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE _____ COOKIE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: GSR _____

SET UP _____ GREETER _____ Adjourn time: _____

Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer
