

May 15, 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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Next Meeting 7pm GSR Sharing, 8pm District 5 Business Meeting
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on June 19, 2018 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson, Mark W. called the meeting to order at 8:30pm, directly after the 7pm Delegates Report and PotLuck, Start with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Abbreviated Meeting, No readings, No roll call, emailed reports are included below.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMs ONLY tonight

Hi Susan,

Thank you for standing to serve as GSR for the Came To Believe group! You should find that serving as the General Service Representative of your group a rewarding and fun filled experience. I am looking forward to seeing you at the District meetings and the upcoming July Quarterly.

GSR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (any flyers are included at the end of the minutes)

ROSS: Hello Friends, The You Are Not Alone Group meets M-F at 7am at the Nazarene Church located at [1535 E. Venice Rd.](#) The group has thinned some with attenders returning to the north for summer. We remain studying literature each day but Thursday when we meditate. Please join us and help carry the message.

Thanks for the opportunity, in Service, Ross G, GSR YANA Group

SANDY H.: Borderline BigBook Monday Night AA Meeting Pamphlet Party and everyone is invited, May 28th, "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"; Leader James P. Food is 7pm and it's an Eating Meeting; 7:30pm to 9pm Meeting at the First Alliance Church, 20444 Midway Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mark W.

Good evening,

It has been a quiet month in preparation for our Delegate's report. Thank you to the DCM committee and all the participants who helped for this evening's dinner. Our business meeting should be shortened due to our delegate's report. There have been a few emails from GSO which have been forwarded by our secretary to you. As always, our committees are interested in your input and are looking for your support. We remain willing to answer any questions you may have.

Love in Service,

Mark W

District 5 Chair Panel 67

(941) 716-0621

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM CHAIR REPORT: Position OPEN

DCM REPORT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joycee C.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Bill S.

Registrar Report for May 2018

New GSRs or AGSRs are requested to submit the District and Group Position Change Form located on the table in the back of the room. If you have any questions, please see me and I will be glad to assist you. I am here to serve you

Also, any new DCM, ACM, Officer or Chairs please fill out the same form.

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 by phone or text at (941-276-1561 or by email at n9ws@comcast.net.

Grateful to serve, Bill S. Registrar, District 5

TREASURER'S REPORT*: Mary O.

(scanned and placed at the end of these minutes)

TREASURER'S REPORT*: Mary O

Hello District 5. Thank you for your generous contributions this month. District 5 received \$1,704.68. Expenses were \$2,489.20 which is due the quarterly in Weston, FL. Our ending balance is \$3,446.32. We have no excess funds this quarter. Treasurer's Report is on the back table.

Jane G and I attended the Finance meeting. Jane checked my numbers against the bank statement. We need a Finance Chair to help with the committee. Budgets will be coming up in Sept, Oct and Nov so we will need extra help during that time.

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

Mary O.

District 5 Treasurer

Email: treasurer@aadistrict5.org

941-223-8765

Apr 18 Treasurer's Report

April beginning balance		\$ 4,230.84
Income		
Basket	32.00	
Group Contributions	1,672.68	
Total Income	1,704.68	

Expense		
Archives	58.80	
Corrections Committee	184.90	
Quarterly Lodging/Allowance	2,085.00	
Recording Secretary	16.00	
Refreshments	28.08	
Rent-Church	100.00	
Treasurer	16.42	
Total Expense	2,489.20	

April ending balance		\$ 3,446.32
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Billboard Fund	1,200.00	
April monthly payment	400.00	
Balance Billboard Fund		\$ 800.00

Total Funds on hand		\$ 4,246.32
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Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance April	\$ 4,001.10
Prudent Reserve Interest -4/30/18	\$ 0.07
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance April	\$ 4,001.17

District 5 Group Contributions April 2018

Name:

Borderline Big Book	15.00
District 5 Meeting Contributions	32.00
Eye Opener Group PG	243.25
Friday Night Men's Group PC	20.00
Friday Night Stag Group	50.00
Happy Hour Group	45.00
Inner Peace Group	159.00
Lemon Bay AA Group	8.90
Let Go and Let God	100.00
Live and Let Live	250.00
Living Sober 12&12 Group	88.73
Monkey Off Your Back	51.50
Morning Glory Group	49.20
New Beginners Group	300.00
Our Great Hope BB Step Study	40.00
Phoenix Group	50.00

Saturday Morning Step	75.00
Sisters in Sobriety	22.00
Thursday Night Step Group	80.00
Time Group	25.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1,704.68

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. There is one possible interested member.

WEBSITE: Tania

TREATMENT: Brian

I was unable to make the meeting due to medical issues with a family member. All is going well with the meetings at this time.

We did not have any bridges this month

The committee meeting was held, and one person showed up.

We have a new BTG person, her name is Teresa from Englewood. Welcome aboard.

We still need an alternate chair for the treatment committee.

Our next committee meeting is June 14th at 645 at the club

Love and Service Brian

CORRECTIONS: JJ

Corrections Committee Meeting

District 5- Area 15, South Florida

Minutes of /12/May/2018 Meeting: 10:00-11:30

Attendees: Bob M., Les H., Bob C., Rick P., JJ A., Betty M., Dave P.; Andy O't.

AGENDA

JJ A. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

2018 Budget, to date, was reviewed and discussed and accepted.

(All Committee members were reminded, by last month's minutes, all Literature orders go thru Chair for new Intergroup Procedures.)

OLD BUSINESS

- Betty M. reported the corrected volunteer application and instructions are now on District 5's web site.
- T-Shirts for corrections committee members will be available hopefully before Bob M. goes north. They will be \$16.00 ea. Bob M. will keep track of those ordered and payments.
- Literature needs were reviewed for each Meeting (Jails and Prisons). JJ A. will pick up on Tuesday and pay for the Literature, as per the new process** **see above description**. Bob M. needs BB's for the Charlotte County Jail, and Betty M. will advise JJ of the #.

NEW BUSINESS

- Betty M. mentioned some of the applications at CCJ were rejected, but was given no specific reasons. This lack of feedback seems to be somewhat the norm at CCJ, so we do not know if something was left uncompleted, or if something was found not put on the applications.

- Bob C. reported that **AA Corrections Volunteers who take a Meeting into Dorms at Arcadia Prison**, which are located behind the Center Gate, **must be accompanied by a Guard at all times behind the Center Gate**. **This means we need to request an escort when we sign in at the Main Gate, **to be escorted from the Center gate to the Dorm**. Then, we need to request, again, from the Dorm Duty Guard, an escort **from the Dorm to the Center Gate**. *** This was news to both JJ and Bob last Thursday, 05/19/2018, but confirmed it when they ran into the Warden of Security as they were leaving.
- Les H. had a question about the sobriety requirements mentioned on the Web page for Corrections Volunteers, noting the lengths of sobriety mentioned were shorter than those mentioned in the Corrections Workbook. After much discussion, it was voted on, by motion, to accept those listed on the Info. Page on the Web Site, basically for expediency.
- The Chair went thru Committee Member coverage of Meetings for Jails and Prisons for the month of June, 2018. The meeting adjourned, by motion, followed by group recitation of 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.**

ACCESSIBILITY: Bill S.

The Accessibility Committee met via phone on Wednesday, April 25. In Attendance (phone): Bill S, and Sarah N

Topics Discussed:

Reviewed our earlier conversation with Viscom, a Sarasota based company that is familiar with Alcoholics Anonymous and can provide us with ASL interpreters for our selected events. Both Bill and Sarah, independent of one another, spoke to the owner, and gathered information on the company. Their web address is <https://www.viscomoffice.com/>. The rate for an ASL interpreter is \$70 per hour, and usually a minimum of two hours is required for booking the interpreter. This brings the minimum cost to \$140.00.

We discussed the need to provide ASL interpreters for our hearing-impaired members – looking at a variety of possibilities involving meetings, as well as larger district gatherings; concluded that it's best we begin with the November 2018 Gratitude Dinner. Yet, we'll continue to seek out speaker meetings willing to sponsor such an undertaking, supplying the interpreter through their funds and/or passing the hat after the meeting. This last notion is a common practice that has been put to use in other districts we learned at the April Quarterly. A second subject matter, Intergroup's new web site, AANorthPort.org, was discussed. Their web committee designed a very functional, and easy to navigate presence for them on the web. Bill to check into both the District and Intergroup's websites as to uploading our committee's purpose, materials, information and requests for volunteers on to one if not both of them.

We agreed that from now on we'd reach out to all the volunteers who signed up at various times to assist the Accessibilities Committee via our meeting notices, and special appeals. Let everyone know we are a shared decision-making team, and the more who can share in the conversations and deliberations, the more cohesive our message, and subsequent actions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

The question regarding any liability issues in using volunteer drivers to assist A.A. members with special needs to get to a meeting was researched and it was determined that if the driver maintained insurance on their vehicle that it would not be an issue. We will poll the volunteer drivers to ensure that they indeed have insurance on their vehicle.

The Accessibility Committee meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Intergroup Office at 5:30PM. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 23. All are welcome!

Grateful to serve, Bill S., accessibility committee Chair

PI/CPC: Nancy

LITERATURE: Sigggy

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Position OPEN

Please read tonight to the body:

We have a new AA Lifeline editor, Jan L. (Aka English Jan). So, spread the word!! If you would like to subscribe to an email copy of the newsletter and get notified of events in our district, you can enter your email address on the left-hand side of our website, aanorthport.org.

Also, please ask your group members (or entire groups) to participate in the Events Committee, which meets on June 7th at 7 (first Thursday) at the IG office. We also need a secretary and Liaison to District.

Love in service, Louis A.

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

CURRENT PRACTICES: Jan

ARCHIVES: Tony

Hi Joyce,

Just to let you know, that Archives has no report this month. A rash of bad health, Peggy moving (locally), and burn out all around, nothing much got done! So, suffice it to NO REPORT!

In Love and Service, Jen, for Tony!

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: DCMs (6); ACMs (9), Finance 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm with the responsibility statement and the Lords' Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 67

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR JUNE 19th 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: opening

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT:

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: (open position):

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.: N/A

Website:

Treatment:

PI/CPC:

Literature:

Intergroup Liaison:

Grapevine:

Current Practices:

Corrections:

Archives:

Accessibility:

OLD BUSINESS:

Open positions: DCMs (6); ACMs (8); Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE _____ COOKIE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: GSR _____

SET UP _____ GREETER _____ Adjourn time: _____

Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer
