

April 17, 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 5:45pm Set Up for PotLuck
7pm Delegates Report
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on May 15, 2018 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson, Mark W. called the meeting to order at 8:00pm, directly after the 7pm GSR meeting reviewing the first three Traditions and Concepts. Start with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. GSR Preamble was read by Renee. Tradition of the Month was read by Alicia.

WELCOME: (2) New GSRs: George, 12 Steps and Traditions Meeting, Tuesday, 7pm, Englewood and Alicia from the PMS Group, SS, Monday, Port Charlotte.

New AGSRs (1) : Pat from Solutions at Noon, Monday, Port Charlotte and **Guests (2):** Jessica from North Port and Paul from Maine and Florida.

ROLLCALL: 14 GSRs, 2 AGSRs, 4 DCMs, 1 ACM, 2 Guests, 4 Officers = 27 total

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

RICHARD: "Can Do" Annual Dinner is May 12th, Saturday, 1600 Banyan Street, Venice, 5:30

JJ: Wednesday Speaker Meeting, Venice, "How it Works" from Venice Island and also Pizza.

SANDY: Borderline Big Book has a Pamphlet Party April 30th, 12 Step Illustrated at 7pm by Vic; dessert meeting

MARY: Last Sunday of the Month, Service Manual Meeting at the Intergroup Office in North Port at 3pm, next meeting is April 29th.

WES: Serenity by the Sea, Naples, Clancy will be speaking for the last time here August 10-12th; Also, Woodstock of AA is May 25-28th.

ROY: Hello everyone The Lemon Bay Beginners group is doing great we are a beginners meeting that meets outdoors at Lemon Bay Park by ocean 7 days a week at noon. We also are a dog friendly meeting and have our monthly pizza meeting first Wednesday of month.

ROSS: Hello Friends,

I'm an alcoholic and my name is Ross I am currently serving as GSR for our Home Group (You Are Not Alone). I was in attendance of the Spring Quarterly Assembly in Weston, FL. During the weekend there were many workshops and committees that met. Bruce spoke at the Friday Night Meeting and shared his experience as being of service. Saturday morning, I was looking to introduce myself to our Area 15 Delegate, Annie C. as we have mutual service friends. When I located her, we spoke for a few minutes the she mentioned I would be a good fit to the Remote Communities Committee. So, I attended their meeting and became a member of the committee. Later that day I attended the GSR sharing session and was able to listen and share some experience. After that session it was off to discuss General Service Conference Agenda topics with our Delegate Annie C. Saturday was finished off with a sumptuous meal at the Banquet. During dinner a lady sat down next to me and was familiar looking. I asked her where she got sober and answered Maui, Hawaii. Wow. I said I know you and as it turned out we have been in service together before on Maui. Get to catch up with Karen K.

Sunday morning, we began our Area 15 business meeting to hear reports from the standing committees that help the still suffering alcoholic. Listening to all the reports is a great lesson in patience and understanding. Business concluded at noon followed by an afternoon Agenda Topics discussion with our Delegate. I am grateful to be of service to AA.

Thanks for the opportunity, in Service

Ross G

GSR You Are Not Alone Group

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mark W.

Good evening, it's my privilege to serve as your district chair. I'm an alcoholic named Mark.

Many thanks to all who participated in the conference review last month and to those who joined us at the assembly in Weston. There were 19 voting members from district 5 in attendance long with other members from our area. We were very fortunate to have been able to finish by 4:00pm on Sunday. At the assembly, I attended the Concepts and Tradition workshops as well as the chairpersons meeting and Saturday conference review. The review process seemed to go more smoothly this year.

There is a need for an alternate chair, website chair and a finance chair in district 5. There are also many opportunities for DCMs and ACMs and committee help. As part of the Third Legacy we have a responsibility to AA in service. Also, the Intergroup office is still looking for help. Please keep your group informed of the need to fill these positions.

If your group would like to have any of us attend your business meeting to answer questions, please let us know. We are happy to be of service to you.

In love and service,
Mark

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM CHAIR REPORT: Position OPEN

DCM REPORT: JEN N.

Please keep me in your prayers for a successful back surgery.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joyce C.

I attended the Quarterly in Weston. I especially loved the late-night meeting of a Young Peoples Group from Miami. The lead was amazing at such a young age to witness carrying the message. Please sign in and check the accuracy of your information (including your home group name) on the alpha by first name sign in sheets at the back of the room. Please sign the New and/or Guest register sheet if appropriate. Updates to your position or new positions as GSRs and AGSRs must fill out the form provided in the back and submit to our Registrar (not me).

To inform the New GSRs: you'll receive from the Secretary via bcc email any important information forwarded from GSO, Area and/or District as well as our Monthly District Minutes in .pdf format. The email listing is updated by our Registrar ONLY as changes occur and submitted to me ONLY for the use of the email listing and District Meeting.

A huge THANK YOU to our Registrar, Bill S. for his outstanding work in keeping this incredibly complex and in-depth membership spreadsheet as accurate as humanly possible.

Monthly Minutes are distributed on or before one week after tonight. Please submit your reports via email on or before Friday this week to secretary@aadistrict5.org

Love and Service, Joyce

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Bill S.

Registrar Report for April 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

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.

I attended the Secretary/Registrar meeting at the April quarterly. We reviewed items for the upcoming General Service Conference being held in New York this months. I also attended the GSR sharing, Concepts workshop and A.A. speaker meetings held on Friday and Saturday nights.

Grateful to serve, Bill S.
Registrar, District 5

TREASURER'S REPORT*: Mary O.
(scanned and placed at the end of these minutes)

Treasurer: Mary O

Hello District 5. Thank you all for your generous contributions this month. District 5 received 1,849.35. Expenses were 582.67 and our ending balance is 4,230.84. Treasurer's report is in the back of the room.

I went to the Quarterly and attended the Treasurer meeting which had a great discussion on issues that treasurers have in their Districts. It made me grateful for District 5. We brought your opinions on the agenda items to our Delegate Annie. It was very informative.

Jane G and I attended the Finance meeting. Jane checked my numbers. We do need a Finance Chair to help with the committee. Please ask your groups if anyone is interested.

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

The District web site security certificate expired last month and was renewed after web site error message was reported.

Meeting list maintenance and app reporting was successfully transferred from District to Intergroup.

Tania

TREATMENT: Brian

Good Evening everyone,

My name is Brian and I am the current treatment chair for district 5. I attended the quarterly in Westin and gave my report at the area treatment meeting on Saturday morning. District 10 put on a great workshop. They had two workers from a Miami treatment center, and they said how helpful it was for the patients, to hear the AA message.

I held the monthly meeting on April 12th at 645 at the Easy Does it Club, nobody else came to the party.

No bridges this past month. the Google phone number has now been linked to my phone , so I will now handle the calls until we get a new BTG person.

Still looking for an alternate chairperson for our committee, so if the GSRs can bring the message to their groups, that would be helpful.

All our meeting commitments are being met at the 4 facilities in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte.

The next meeting will be May 10th at 645 at the club. All are welcome.

Love and Service

CORRECTIONS: JJ

ACCESSIBILITY: Bill S.

The Accessibility Committee met on March 28 via phone. In Attendance: Bill Sx and Lisa H. Meeting began at 2:00 PM.

Discussed a concern with liability if drivers and in-home meetings were sponsored by the Accessibility committee. GSP will be contacted on this issue to deterge if there is any problem.

Lisa provided her experience with Accessibility Committees in two different districts. We are looking forward to incorporation Lisa's experience with our committee.

Bill S. and Sarah N. attended the Accessibility Committee meeting at the April quarterly. Mostly discussed the April Conference issues to provide support of our Delegate. Also discussed was the lack of an American Sign Language interpreter at the quarterly A member had requested ALS support for this quarterly and was most disappointed that there was none., This person is deaf and severely affected by the lack of an ALS interpreter. A lengthy discussion with the deaf member who used lip reading to understand what we were saying was a most enlightening experience. In brief, here are some of the things we learned about people who were born deaf or became deaf at early childhood:

- An ALS interpreter is a MUST for the deaf
- The ALS interpreter needs to be seen from head to toe
- A subtitle presentation of what someone is saying is not acceptable for the deaf
- Reading the Big Book and other literature is NOT an option for the deaf as the vocabulary used is beyond some deaf people's comprehension.
- The Big Book and Twelve and Twelve are available for the deaf in a video presentation of an ALS interpreter, but no other documents are available in this format

It has been determined that ALS services are available locally at a minimum cost of \$140 for 2 hours and \$70 for each hour thereafter. GSO does not fund this for meetings. If a group is not able to support this cost by the contributions received, a separate collection is recommended.

The Accessibility Committee will investigate funding sources to provide ASL interpreters for District and Intergroup events as well as at some A.A. meetings.

More will be revealed.

Grateful to serve, Bill S., Accessibility Chair

PI/CPC: Nancy

I attended the April Quarterly in Weston FL, April 6,7 and 8.

Attended the Friday night speaker meeting. On Saturday AM I attended the concepts workshop and

the area PICPC Committee meeting. I submitted my district report of our activities. Most of the meeting was spent reviewing the CPC and PI agenda items for the 68th General has come Service Conference. The committee was in agreement on going forward with the items up for review. I attended the GSR Sharing session on Saturday afternoon followed by the Conference Agenda Review. That evening I attended the banquet and Speaker meeting. On Sunday morning I attended the Area 15 business meeting and also part of the Conference Agenda Review.

Our PICPC district meeting was Monday April 9th. We only had 2 attendees including myself. Our seasonal member Bill is heading back to New York. He was able to get a rack of literature placed at the Trinity Methodist Church in Northport. He also developed a letter for us to use in order to get our literature in Churches.

Jessica is busy putting Where and When's all over Venice. She is putting them in hotels and motels etc. She dropped off literature at the YMCA in Venice as well at the Fire House in Venice.

We continue to make sure the libraries in our district have the Big Book and the 12 and 12.

I was alerted to an opportunity on May 26 at Live Oaks Park where we will have a table at an event for the homeless community. The event will be held from 10am-4pm. We will also have a slot to put on a workshop.

Our next meeting is May 14, at 6PM at Intergroup Office. All AA members are welcome and needed.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy P.

LITERATURE: Siggy

Hello Joyce, I will not be able to make it to the district meeting I don't have no report simple reason I didn't talk to the area literature chair cuz I've been in the hospital for 10 days and still in the hospital.

Siggy

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Position OPEN

Website:

Our new website is now live and you can visit it and use it. Write this down and take it to your groups:

Our website address is now aanorthport.org and our old web address, aalifeline.org, will still be maintained for at least one month. At that point, aalifeline.org will redirect you to aanorthport.org in a seamless way so that it won't even be noticeable. Even then, aalifeline.org will remain accessible until we determine that the transition to our new site has stabilized.

Some features of aanorthport.org include built-in formatting for smartphones and tablets— a donations page, Events Calendar, Intergroup price lists, pages for Spanish speakers and special needs (in progress), information on service and links to AA documents that are frequently accessed.

Information for the newcomer has also been expanded along with a much more user friendly front end. (Much easier to find what you want). Our new site is also much less expensive to own and operate. Committee chairpeople: please visit our service opportunity page and let me know what you would like added: <http://aanorthport.org/service/> . If your committee isn't listed, please let me know what I should write.

Our long time goal is to include a subscription feature where a member can input their email address so that Intergroup activity and Group activity can be forwarded to you as information comes in. This can include flyers, meeting minutes, upcoming events, new groups, and other traditions-abiding information any member would like disseminated to District 5 members. The reason for this is to re-connect the groups to one another and connect Intergroup and District 5 to our members, similar to

how things used to be. This would also be a great way to disseminate our Lifeline newsletter should it return, along with the Faithful Fivers and Birthday info. The possibilities are endless. Very exciting!

It is recognized that too many group email messages can border on harassment and should be used judiciously —such as once a month at the most. It should also be very easy to allow someone to cancel their subscription.

Any questions can be sent to webchair@aanorthport.com.

Now please go back to your groups and ask them to check out aanorthport.org and let us know if there is anything we should add to better serve you!

Other than that we still need need need people to show up at our Events Committee Meeting on May 3rd at 7pm. No commitment us even necessary, just show your support and bring a sponsee. This is a high priority item that can be fun if a bunch of us come. Next month it will be on June 7th at 7pm which is the first Thursday of the month. We can do this!

Also looking for a new Secretary and Liaison to District.

And don't forget our Founders Day dinner on June 2nd IS CANCELLED.

Love and service,
Louis A.,

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

First of all, I was at the Conference this past weekend with other members of our District and enjoyed the time there. A lot was going on. I attended the Grapevine sharing, had a chance to spend time with Robin L Area Chair. One on one and got some feedback on the Grapevine. We exchanged phone numbers and was told she would help me in any way that she could. It was a long meeting Sunday.

We have a Grapevine Committee now, we had our first meeting last night (6) attended and are looking forward to getting more people involved. We will be at the Old Timers' Dinner Saturday night. Grapevine Committee is doing well at this time.
Love and Service, Richard M.

CURRENT PRACTICES: Jan

No written report this month from Current Practices.

ARCHIVES: Tony

The meeting was held at 5pm on Wednesday, April 11, at the Extra Space Storage Unit of Paulson. Present were Tony, Jen, Kelly and Peg.

Recap:

1. Peg to make black and white copies placed beside registration of the home group questionnaire.
2. Tony and Jen will be unable to attend the Old Timers Dinner n 4/21, so Peg, Keara and her husband Jim will be setting up for Archives at the dinner.

3. Kelly will be meeting Peg on Thursday, 4/19, at noon to help pack for the upcoming dinner. Kelly is unable to attend the Old Timers Dinner.
4. Tony and Jen requested hard copies of the last minutes and our financial status as their email print is too small.
5. Tony has been researching on a video camera set up which will cost somewhere in the ballpark of \$289. The group nixed the idea for a digitization machine as we have both the home group tree and the taping of old timers on our plate and no time for it.
6. Note was made of Debra? District 10 at the quarterly on 4/6 and their home group tree. Her phone # is 305-607-8890. Jen displayed her tree of life at the meeting and Peggy is to get ahold of Deborah the artist to let her know the style agreed and hopefully meet with the committee after Jen's surgery to understand what material and size., etc. To be drawn.
7. Tony went over things to take to the quarterly in very small quantity. Dolly is to be purchased. Items are as follows, which Kelly will help load into Pegs car for the Old Timers Dinner. Graduated coffee pots, a few grapevines from the case, archives sign, 1 glass case and lock, pictures, black and white home group forms by registration @ dinner, duct tape, Peace River info under glass, events books and one of each Big Book, 12 and 12, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Follow up: Tim purchased a dolly at \$49.95 that is lightweight and can be used two different ways. Receipt to be turned in by Peggy at meeting Tuesday. Also 75 black and white copies will be made at 12 cents apiece at Staples by Peg for the dinner which will be approximately \$10.00.

Tony T. Archive Chair, Peg and Jen were at the Weston for the Quarterly April 6-8. We met Saturday morning and we talked to District 10 about their group history tree.

Love and Service, Tony T.

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: Potluck arrive 5:45pm, Sandy H has the key. Meeting adjourned 9:30pm with the responsibility statement and the Lords' Prayer.

AA Group History

District 5 Archives

Today's Date _____



Name of Group: _____

Group Number: _____

Location (include city): _____

Start Date: _____

Registration Date: _____

How did the Group start?

Who Were The Original Members?

Type of Meeting: ☐ Speaker ☐ Discussion ☐ Step Study ☐ Big Book ☐ Closed
☐ Beginners ☐ Mixed Format ☐ Other

How Many Members Does Your Group Have? ☐ Less than 10 ☐ Between 10 and 25
☐ From 25-50 ☐ More than 50

History of the Group:

District 5
TREASURERS REPORT

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March beginning balance		\$2,954.16
Income		
Basket	42.50	
Contribution	9.00	
Group Contributions	<u>1,807.85</u>	
Total Income	1,859.35	
Expense		
Corrections Committee	342.68	
PI/CPC Comm	117.70	
Recording Secretary	56.80	
Refreshments	7.99	
Rent-Church	50.00	
Treasurer	<u>7.50</u>	
Total Expense	582.67	
March ending balance		\$4,230.84
Billboard Fund	1,600.00	
March monthly payment	<u>400.00</u>	
Balance Billboard Fund		\$ 1,200.00
Archives Fund	63.70	
Archives Exp from Fund	<u>63.70</u>	
Balance Archives Fund		\$ -
Total Funds on hand		<u>\$ 5,430.84</u>
Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance March		\$ 4,001.03
Prudent Reserve Interest -3/31/18		<u>\$ 0.07</u>
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance March		<u>\$ 4,001.10</u>

District 5
Group Contributions
March 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Archives Committee	9.00
Bear with US	134.00
Came to Believe Group	20.00
District Meeting	42.50
Each Day a New Beginning	400.00
Eye Opener Group P.G.	152.70
I Am Responsible Group	25.00
Lemon Bay AA Group	7.70
Monkey Off your Back	58.00
Morning Makers Group	100.00
On Awakening Group	90.00
Phoenix Group	50.00
Recovery Group of Venice	100.00
Serenity By The Sea	15.45
Serenity Group	500.00
Solutions@noon	30.00
Steps to Sobriety	100.00
Who me Noon Group	25.00
Total Contributions	<u>1,859.35</u>

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 67

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR MAY 15th 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
