

November 20th, 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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DCMs Contact Info:

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Always Available Mark W. District Chair 941-716-0621
Upcoming in January are: Sandy H., Sarah N., Ann H., Eileen J., Rusty

MINUTES ARE CONFIDENTIAL: must not be posted in public places (clubs, bulletin boards)
NOTE: All reports and motions must be handed to or emailed to secretary@aadistrict5.org on or before the business meeting is held and no later than the weekend thereafter. Please use Arial 12-point font and submit word or page docs rather than .pdfs for ease of insertion. THANK YOU!
It's best for ALL concerned that you type up your reports and READ them at the meeting to keep the meeting brief and informative.

Next Meeting 7pm GSR Sharing "Ask a Basket", 8pm District 5 Business Meeting
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on December 18, 2018 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson Mark W. called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, directly after the 7pm GSR Sharing on Traditions and Concepts 10-11-12.

Start with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Ameera read the GSR preamble and Jane read the long form of Tradition 11.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMs:

New GSRs: Amy, The Time Group, PC, Chris, Ft. Ogden = 2

New AGSRs: Pat, New Beginnings, V; George, Another Chance, PC = 2

ROLL CALL: 19 GSRs; 4 AGSRs; 3 DCMs; 1 ADCM; 4 Officers; 3 Guests = 34 TOTAL

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

SANDY: Borderline Big Book, 11/26 Monday Speaker Meeting, Roger H from St. Pete, Potluck at 7pm, meeting starts 7:45pm

MARY: Sunday 3pm at IGR, Service Manual Meeting

TIM: Alcathon on 12/24 till 12/25 at 6pm to 6pm, St. Nathaniels, NP

JEN: Peace River Group celebrates 64 years, Tuesday, 11/27th 6pm Anniversary Cake and Ice Cream, Kathy G from Bradenton Speaking

TANIA: Living Sober Group, Xmas Dessert Social 7:30 open speaker meeting on 12/17 8:30 desserts.

BRUCE: Turkey at the EDIC, 11/22 noon meeting then food till 2pm

CHAIRMANS REPORT: Mark W.

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

Thank you to all who participated in the election process last month. District 5 will be well served by those who stood to participate. Please support their efforts and encourage your group members to participate in the 12-step work with them. We can do together what we cannot do alone.

I recently received an email from an individual who went to the Lemon Bay meeting on Sunday only to discover that no one was there. If you have any information regarding meetings changing, cancelling, relocating or other discrepancies, please inform the Intergroup so the changes can be noted in the schedules.

The North Florida Area impacted by hurricanes recently would like to thank you for your literature contributions to the area. They have asked that you share the material you may have purchased for them with your group and our 12 step committees. Their needs for literature have been met by your generous contributions.

I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy this time with your families.

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:

Evening all! First, let me thank you for allowing me to serve as the DCM coordinator. There is anticipation among the incoming DCMs and relief for those of us who have been short staffed so to speak! Many organizational ideas have been discussed; maps acquired and a list by cities of meetings to disburse among the DCMs to better serve the GSRs and your groups. Next month GSR sharing will be an "ask a basket" event, so please come prepared with at least one question or topic to add to the mix. January will be the GSR Orientation/Refresher Session. Please, all present and future ADCMs and DCMs put December 4th (first Tuesday) on your calendar for our next DCM meeting. Time to get organized for what promises to be a great 2019 for service in District 5 where it's great to be alive!

In Love and Service, Jeny N. DCM Coordinator

DCM REPORT:

I visited the Early Bird Group and the Time Group, both in Port Charlotte. The Time Group sent a GSR to the District meeting.

Anne H.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joyce C.

November 20th Secretary's Report:

Good Evening Everyone, My Name is Joyce and I am an Alcoholic:

As your District Secretary, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to serve.

At the back table there are sign in sheets in alpha order by first name, please be sure to 'check' in on your name and/or correct the accuracy of the information or add your name to the New or Guest List if appropriate. Please Notice a new column: "Share OK", here I'm asking your permission to share your contact information with the members of District 5 as a printed handout.

Please indicate if you are willing to have that info shared by writing YES in the last column. Thank You.

Please email me your reports, comments, flyers, etc. or hand them to me at this meeting if you'd like them to appear in the October Minutes. I will accept emails up to this Friday night at secretary@aadistrict5.org

Please follow the link on the area website: www.aaarea15.org for the minutes of the last quarterly as well as the flyer for the Florida 2019 convention and the agenda and info on our upcoming first quarterly of 2019.

In Love and Service, Joycee

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Bill S.

Registrar Report for November 2018

A great thank you to Tim R. for standing to be District 5's panel 69 Registrar! Tim and I have already met to facilitate his assuming the responsibilities of the Registrar.

If you are standing for a new service position or are stepping down from a service position, please fill out the District and Group Change Form provided on the table in the back of the room and let me know before you leave tonight. If you are standing for a position tonight and are elected, please fill out the form on the table in the back of the room so that you may be properly registered and receive support from G.S.O. as well as from our district members.

If your name is not on the attendance list in the back of the room, please fill out the new attendees' sign-in sheet.

Also, in the back of the room are forms to register a new group titled Alcoholic Anonymous New Group Form.

If there is a change to your group's meeting information such as the time or place where it meets, contact me by phone or text at (941-276-1561 or by email at registrar@aadistrict5.org.

Grateful to serve,
Bill S.
Registrar, District 5

TREASURER'S REPORT*: Mary O.

Hello District 5. Thank you for your contributions this month. District 5 received \$1,509.09 Expenses were \$2,394.44. Our ending balance is \$3,426.90. Treasurer's Report is on the back table.

Finance meeting was attended by Jane, Diane and Tania. Thank you for all your input on the budget. We are over the estimated income amount. District 5 has new committee chairs, so they are getting more active which is great! Also, there are more committee chairs that are going to Quarterly so that budget item went up.

There also is a new item for American Sign Language interpreters for three dinners: Gratitude Dinner, Old Timers Dinner and Founders Day Dinner. Please vote in your groups if you want to include this in the budget next month.

December we will be voting on the approval of the budget for 2019.

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

DISTRICT 5
TREASURERS REPORT
Nov 20, 2018
OCT 18

October beginning balance	\$ 4,312.25
Income	
Basket	35.00
Group Contributions	1,474.09
Total Income	<u>1,509.09</u>
Expense	
Archives	12.60
Quarterly Lodging/Allowance	2,154.24
Recording Secretary	40.20
Refreshments	19.05
Rent - Church	150.00
Treasurer	18.35
Total Expense	<u>2,394.44</u>
October ending balance	<u><u>\$ 3,426.90</u></u>
Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance Oct	\$ 4,001.52
Prudent Reserve Interest - 10/31/18	\$ 0.07
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance Oct	<u><u>\$ 4,001.59</u></u>

District 5
Group Contributions
October 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12 O'Clock High Group	20.00
12 O'Clock High Group	30.00
Another Chance Group	100.00
District 5 Meeting Contribution	35.00
Each Day a New Beginning	300.00
Early Bird Group	25.00
Eye Opener Group P.G.	123.60
Inner Peace Group	105.60
Monkey Off your Back	50.00
Morning Glory Group	80.89
Morning Makers Group	60.00
New Beginnings Group	285.00
On Awakening Group	50.00
Psychic Change Group	180.00
Tuesday Night Step and Tradition Grp	32.00
Venice Big Book Step Study	32.00
Total Group Contributions	\$ 1,509.09

District 5 Proposed 2018 Budget

	2017	2018-10/31/18	2018	2019
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
Income				
Basket	\$ 344.75	352.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Contribution	\$ 350.00	934.48		
Group Contributions	\$ 14,303.81	\$ 14,706.63	\$ 16,675.00	\$ 17,500.00
Total Income	\$ 14,998.56	\$ 15,993.61	\$ 17,175.00	\$ 18,000.00
Expenses				
Archives	\$ 145.26	632.09	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00
Accessibilities	\$ 10.37	54.65	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00
American Sign Language				\$ 1,000.00
Chairman	\$ -	0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Computer Repair/Software	\$ 145.35	149.99	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Corrections Committee	\$ 2,714.12	2,746.23	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Current Practices	\$ 53.65	0.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
DCM - Service Workshop	\$ 449.66	0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
DCM Committee	\$ 47.68	52.71	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Delegate	\$ 51.79	53.41	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00
Grapevine Committee	\$ -	0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Literature Comm	\$ -	0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
P. O. Box 7356	\$ 76.00	82.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
PL/CPC Comm	\$ 245.26	287.61	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Quarterly Excess Disbursement	\$ (25.70)	2,790.70		
Quarterly Lodging/Allowance	\$ 5,844.48	7,714.88	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Recording Secretary	\$ 21.60	293.90	\$ 200.00	\$ 480.00
Refreshments	\$ 186.41	66.69	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Registrar	\$ -	0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Rent-Archive Storage	\$ 1,748.38	1,824.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00
Rent-Church	\$ 600.00	600.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Treasurer	\$ 210.75	265.62	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00
Treatment Committee	\$ 624.38	408.74	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Website Committee	\$ 239.98	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00
Total Expense	\$ 13,389.42	18,023.68	17,175.00	20,300.00

*** American Sign Language

New line item. ASL for Gratitude Dinner, Old Timers Dinner and Founder's Day Dinner

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: Rusty

WEBSITE: Tania

Web committee report

Archives and Current Practices description updates are pending. Miscellaneous maintenance is ongoing.

Love ya!

Tania

TREATMENT: Brian U.

Good Evening

Everyone,

Oct. 20 2018

My name is Brian and I am the current chairperson for the Treatment committee for District 5. The incoming chairperson is Jason, so I am going to turn the floor over to him, so he can say a little about himself.

We had our monthly meeting on Nov. 9th at 645 at the Easy Dose it Club. Jason and I were the only ones present. We discussed some details about the position and making a reservation for the January quarterly in Tampa.

There were no bridges this month

All our meetings are being handled in the 5 facilities

The next monthly meeting will be Dec. 13th at 645 at the club. All our welcome.

Love and Service

CORRECTIONS: BOB C.

Corrections Committee Meeting

District 5- Area 15, South Florida

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

Attendees: JJ A., Bob C., Les H., Betty M., Tom M., Tom C., Don K.

AGENDA

JJ A. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes & budget were reviewed/discussed and accepted by acclamation. (Bob C., Sec./Tres. noted the 2018 Budget, to date, has not changed, as no receipts were turned in.)

OLD BUSINESS

- Costs for renewals for Our Meeting in Print were reviewed. (*10 LaVina, 20 Grapevine- to be distributed to CCJ Men's, CCI, 2-3 to Work Camps, and so forth.)
- Chaplain Dietl is no longer the Chaplain for Arcadia. No explanation was given, so Asst. Moody will be filling in. Also, of note, the Warden of Security position remains vacant, as Warden Murphy has been reassigned to a District Director position.
- Please note, the Processing Procedures for CCJ AA Volunteers has been updated. Lt. Long, Support Services Commander, is now OVER-ALL HEAD of THE Volunteer Program. (attached)
- The updated volunteer list for the Men's jail was completed and is attached.
- Flow charts for the AA Pre-Release Program for prison inmates, and the AA Bridging -the-Gap Program for treatment patients, has been delayed. JJ will be handling this in the coming month. This effort is to clarify for the AA Volunteers, at the Intergroup Office, who get phone calls from the various agencies for appropriate referrals.
- E-mails were, again, sent to probation depts. regarding our services from AA. And, again, there has been no response. It will need to be personally followed up on in the future, as our volunteers are able.
- Whether an AA meeting will be started again at the Arcadia jail is pending. And Les H. stated Jail personnel have our info. And can access it when they see the need.
- Men's CCJ AA Meeting list coverage was completed (attached)
- All old Corrections Committee info. With personal information from previous Committees has been shredded. This was for Expediency and confidentiality.

NEW BUSINESS

- JJ A. reviewed the Area 15 Corrections Com. Meeting at this past Area Assembly. Tablets for Inmates appear to be all over the DOC. However, many questions remain to be sorted out, among them: how does the hardware really work; does the inmate pay for them; when will they be fully functional; what can be received/sent, etc. The Committee elected a new chair and secretary, but no alt. chair stepped up.
- **New DOC forms for HIPPA and PREA were handed out. They need to be SIGNED and DATED- the same date- by all DOC Volunteers.**
- Dist. 5 Cor. Com. **Members** who have **signed** are: JJ A., Bob C., Les H., Tom C. Tom M., Don K. ((Bob C. will deliver these to Chaplain Moody next Tuesday))
- **Those** who **need to sign are**: John J., Brian F., Tom N., Bob M., Rick P., John DeA.
- New volunteer group commitments for the month of September were completed.
- JJ A. will be up North from 10/13 – 11/6.
- November 8th, @ Arcadia DOC, there will be a Gratitude Dinner from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM.
- A training @CCI will be on November 8th ... time is TBD.
- A training @ DCI will be in December, with date forthcoming.
- On November 3rd, Area 14 & 15 Corrections Committee will present a Workshop at Winter Park, Fl.

Meeting was adjourned with 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. Secretary/Treasurer

ACCESSIBILITY: Bill S.

Accessibility Committee District Report for November 2018

Accessibility Committee met on Wednesday October 24 at 5:30 pm at the Intergroup Office in North Port. In attendance were Bill S., Jeff J., Mary P. and Sarah N.

Welcome to our new Accessibility Committee member Mary P. Mary brings her experience with the deaf and hard of hearing community.

The effort of the Accessibility Committee and the Intergroup Events Committee to provide American Sign Language support of the dinner was rewarded with the 4 attendees who benefited from the ASL interpreters. This is the first time that ASL was used at a District 5 dinner in helping carry the A.A. message to the deaf and hard of hearing. This required the support of 2 interpreters and a discounted fee of \$325. This was money well worth spending as the joy of these 4 attendees was most evident.

As a result of the success of carrying the A.A. message to the deaf, the Accessibility Committee has requested that a separate budget line item be funded for the 3 dinners scheduled for 2019 in the amount of \$1000. For GSRs and DCMs, please communicate the value of supporting this new line item in the approval of the 2019 District 5 budget.

The next Accessibility Committee meeting will be on Wednesday November 28 at 5:30 pm at the intergroup Office. Everyone is welcomed to attend and get involved in the exciting support of carrying the A.A. message to those with special needs.

Grateful to serve,

Bill S., Accessibility Chair

PI/CPC: Nancy

Contact Nancy if you'd like a Literature Rack for a church or library. We meet the 2nd Tuesday at 6pm at Intergroup Office.

LITERATURE: Patrick 941-883-1414

INTERGROUP LIAISON: No Report

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

Well another month has gone by, still sober. The Grapevine is still here. We are still letting groups know about this little magazine, "A meeting in print". We had a display at the Gratitude Dinner, it was well taken by members of AA, lots of subscriptions were given out and hopefully we are carrying the message. Still looking for more people in other areas to get involved. If you are interested, call or text me at: 941-525-7491.

If you would like to write about your experience in sobriety, the Grapevine is looking for stories to put in the magazine. We would like to read them. You never know, you might help someone stay sober. Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, NYC, NY 10115.
In Love and Service, Richard M.

CURRENT PRACTICES: Jan

Current Practices Report to District 5 – November 20, 2018

The Committee met on November 14th at the Intergroup Office. We discussed how the 9 motions that passed last month affect the District's documents. In the Book of Motions, all 9 were entered with the latest number at #380, 5 older motions were noted as being amended and one old motion was noted as being rescinded. In the Book of Current Practices 7 changes, updates or deletions were done. The various Legacy of Service pages were also updated. All specifics are on file with the committee members. Once we are comfortable with proofreading, all documents will be sent to the Web Chair for posting. This will happen the end of December or early January. Grateful to serve, Jan K.

ARCHIVES: Tony

Greetings all – Not much to report. We had our District Tree on display at the Gratitude Dinner and lots of people stopped by to find where their group was located. A few were pleased as they found their group twice!! Ooops. Quality control needs tightening. In addition, we will place a small display at the Peace River Groups Anniversary, next Tuesday, and again include the tree. Hopefully, better mounted for display. We appreciate any opportunity to celebrate our area's AA history. Please keep that in mind if you should ever need this service! Contact Tony, your Archive Chair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: DCMs (4); ACMs (7)

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 and continuous sobriety is required

NEW BUSINESS: (2019 District 5 Officers)

2019 Chairperson: Diane P.

Alternate Chair: Jennifer

Registrar: Tim

Recording Secretary: Renee

Finance: Mary O.

Treasurer: Jane

Current Practices: Mark

THANK YOU Coffee Maker Diane and Jessica. Cookies: Jennifer

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm with the responsibility statement and the Lords' Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 67

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – December 18

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

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: _____ (long form) WELCOME & 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: _____

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

Website: _____

Treatment: _____

PI/CPC: _____

Literature: _____

Intergroup Liaison: _____

Grapevine: _____

Current Practices: _____

Corrections: _____

Archives: _____

Accessibility: _____

OLD BUSINESS: Voting on the 2019 Budget (Finance) (Proposed Table Above)

Open positions: DCMs (4); ACMs (7)

NEW BUSINESS:

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE: _____ COOKIE COMMITTEE: _____

SET UP _____ GREETER: _____ Adjourn time: _____

Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer
