

October 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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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, 8pm District 5 Business Meeting
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on November 20, 2018 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson Mark W. called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, directly after the 7pm GSR Sharing on Legacy of Service, our District 5 Officers. Tonight, due to Motions and Elections, we would like to bypass ALL reports unless "TIME SENSITIVE" to keep the meeting under 2 hours.

Start with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Pat read the GSR preamble and Diane read the long form of Tradition 10.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMs:

New GSRs: 0

New AGSRs: 0

ROLL CALL: 20 GSRS; 1 AGSRs; 3 DCMs; 1 ADCM; 3 Officers; 5 Guests = 30 TOTAL

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

PAT: Progress Group 44th Anniversary Dinner Sunday, October 21, 6-7 and Meeting 7-8pm

RICHARD: Can Do Group, Sunday, October 21st Picnic at Oscar Sherer Park, Osprey, Parking will be paid for by the group. Please carpool. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Drinks provided. Bring your family.

MIKE: Easy Does It Club: Thanksgiving Dinner Served 1-3pm

TIM: New Beginnings

SANDY H. Borderline Big Book Pamphlet "GSR The Most Important Job in AA" October 29th, 7:30-9pm

BRUCE: Easy Does It Club: Halloween Party 9-Midnight Saturday, October 27th. DJ, Raffles, Costume Contest, Suggest \$3.00 at the door.

MIKE L.: Another Chance Group: Sunday 10am Meeting "Principles" the principles behind the 12 steps and Speaker Meeting every Saturday. Food, Social Hour and Speaker Meeting 6:30pm-8pm.

CINDY: Englewood Alano Club: Halloween Party, Saturday, October 27th, 5:30pm Bring your favorite Pizza, Drinks Provided, a 'skit' and Costume Contest followed by the SOS 7pm Meeting.

RICHARD M.: 2018 4th Quarter Area 15 Business Meeting

Thank You for the opportunity to attend the area business meeting as the GSR, was a great weekend. Much going on to help AA's carry the message.

Attended the GSR sharing which was informative, 2 speakers shared their experience strength and hope on becoming GSRs. There is usually additional input about the Sundays' motions to be voted on, there was none. I believe that the issues were generic and did not require input from the group and district level. Some AA's did go to the microphone for input as to handle certain situations and personalities that may arise at a group level, rest assured there was plenty of feedback.

There were 3 motions to vote on Sunday, along with elections. Motions were as follows:

1. That the districts are brought back in as part of the selection process for Area Assembly Host Locations ... PASSED
2. Was withdrawn
3. That the Area 15 quarterly Hosting Handbook be translated to Spanish by a professional translator, price not to exceed \$1500. This will benefit the Spanish speaking communities in carrying the AA message, and to help host or co-host future Area 15 Assemblies. ...PASSED.

Thanks, Love and Service, Richard M.

CHAIRMANS REPORT: Mark W.

Good evening, my name is Mark and I am privileged to serve as your district chair. We have a few motions to discuss this evening and you will have the opportunity to choose your Panel 69 officers and approve the selections for chairperson by the various standing committees. I hope you will all stay to participate this evening.

At the Area Assembly in Boca Raton I spent some time in the PI/CPC meeting and heard some inspiring successes from districts 8 and 10. In the Traditions workshop we discussed anonymity and social media as well as some insights into the 12th Tradition regarding humility. Interestingly, the Assembly was co-hosted by district 8 and 17, dividing many parts of the readings between English and Spanish. At the District Chairpersons meeting we discussed the elections and the spirit of rotation.

In the Sunday business meeting there were a total of 308 voting members. District 5 had 17. Area motions A and C passed, and motion B was withdrawn. Motion C provided for the translation of the quarterly workbook into Spanish while motion A allows for a district to submit a bid to host quarterlies as an alternative to the Quarterly Coordinator Committee selection.

As a result of the elections, our new Panel 69 officers are:

Delegate Shirley P.

Alt. Delegate Tom W.

Chair Cary W.

Treasurer Lisa D.

Registrar Wayne H.

Secretary Kevin D.

Please welcome them to their new positions as you will see them in Tampa at the January Quarterly. As always, we remain available to answer any questions or be of service to you and your groups.

Love and Service

Mark W.

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM CHAIR REPORT: Position OPEN

DCM REPORT:

On October 2nd we held our DCM Meeting. In attendance were 6 DCMs, 1 GSR and 3 guests. Wes, Eileen, Anne, Mary, Diane and Jeny were joined by GSR Jeanette, 2 visitors and Chairperson, Mark. We first discussed the document regarding an audit of AA workings and interactions. No concrete findings as of yet, but general areas needing attention were Communication, largely at the lower tip of our service triangle. Out of this interesting discussion came the topic of a National Hotline and would this be feasible. Redundant? It would need a motion to be addressed at area conference and probably be best coming out of the PI/CPC.

We discussed a definite need for the various groups in the district to know exactly who their respective DCM would be. There is a basic assumption at this time, but after January GSR orientation, this will be the first order of business per us all.

Finally, our GSR sessions for November and December were settled on.

We closed with the Responsibility Statement and The Lords' Prayer at 8:10pm

JEN:

I was able to attend 5 of the business meetings in my group of meetings and presented the District motions in summation and asked if we had permission to vote as their trusted servants at the quarterly for all, after explaining these. All groups had favorable responses and appreciated being kept in the loop.

My quarterly report as DCM was previously stated and in addition I attended Archives with Tony and got lots of good info, but nothing earth moving.

My quarterly report as DCM: DCM sharing led by past delegate Beth was outstanding with much participation. One DCM Coordinator spoke of emailing to contacts in subdistrict groups if no GSR. She also suggested meetings. Each DCM should hold with GSRs in their Subdistrict. Also emphasized getting next generation involved to perpetuate enthusiasm for AA activity and events. Perception of DCMs need improving and more humility needs to be exhibited. Idea of Re-Sub-Districting so geography makes sense with that given DCM.

In Love and Service, Jen N.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Joyce C.

Good Evening Everyone, My Name is Joyce and I'm 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 email me your reports, comments, flyers, etc. or hand them to me at this meeting if you'd like them to appear in the August Minutes. I will accept emails up to Friday night.

secretary@aadistrict5.org

In Love and Service, Joyce

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Bill S.

I attended the Area 15 Quarterly held in Boca Raton on October 5 - 7. The Area Registrar meeting focused on updating the information of District groups and participants. On the back table there is a list of our District's groups which needs attention. If you are a member of one of these groups or have recently attended one of the groups, please put your name and phone number next to the listed meeting so that I may contact you for the current information on the group.

Just a reminder, we will be hold elections tonight for the Officers for District 5. The Registrar's position will need to be filled for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2019 serving in Panel 69. No special computer skills are needed for this position. Training on the use of the program used by the registrars will be conducted at the January Area Assembly. Additionally, support for your registrar duties will be gladly provided locally. If you are interested, peas see me for details of the registrar's duties asks and to answer any questions you may have.

If you are standing for a new service position or are stepping down from a service position, please 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 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*: JANE (for Mary O)

Hello District 5. Thank you for your contributions this month. District 5 received \$478.11 Expenses were \$304.59. Our ending balance is \$4,312.25. Treasurer's Report is on the back table.

Finance meeting was attended by Jane, Mark, Diane and Tania. Thank you for all your input on the budget. We will meet Nov 13th at 7:00 at the Intergroup Office to continue working on budget to present at the November 20th District Meeting. Jane will be distributing a budget form to estimate how much you will spend on Oct, Nov and Dec. Attached is a history of expenses of each committee through 9/30/18. Also, please estimate how much you will need in 2019. Please return form tonight to Jane.

The Quarterly Lodging budget needs another \$1,215.00. There has been much more participation from committee chairs and the lodging costs have gone up.

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

	<u>Sept 18</u>	
Sept beginning balance		\$ 4,138.73
Income		
Basket	45.00	
Group Contributions	433.11	
Total Income	<u>478.11</u>	
Expense		
Archives	242.73	
Recording Secretary	54.90	
Treasurer	6.96	
Total Expense	<u>304.59</u>	
Sept ending balance		<u><u>\$ 4,312.25</u></u>
Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance Sept		\$ 4,001.45
Prudent Reserve Interest - 9/30/18		\$ 0.07
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance Sept		<u><u>\$ 4,001.52</u></u>

District 5 Group Contributions. September 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
District 5 Meeting Contribution	45.00
Friday Night Stag Group	50.00
Lunch Bunch	30.00
Morning Glory Group	82.11
On Awakening Group	50.00
Steps to Sobriety	100.00
Tuesday Night Beginners	46.00
Who me Noon Group	25.00
Wings Group	<u>50.00</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 478.11

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.

JANE: 2019 Budgets requested NOW, Jane handed out any missing and asked to receive back by end of this District meeting.

AD/HOC: Rusty

WEBSITE: Tania

Update requests submitted in September have been processed. Archives Committee update submitted by Jan earlier this week is pending.

The next Web Committee meeting is postponed by one week to 6pm on November 13th.

TREATMENT: Brian U.

Good Evening
16, 2018

October

My name is Brian and I am the chairperson for treatment for District 5. The new chairperson is Jason from Another Chance group.

We had 1 bridge since my last report

There is a new meeting at 4 o'clock on Thursday at the veteran's home on Taylor rd. in Punta Gorda.

The meeting is open to all AA's and is an open discussion format.

The recovery event in September at Laishley park went very well, we handed out a lot of literature and some big books.

I attended the quarterly in Boca on October 6th and gave my report at the meeting. We elected a new panel at the meeting.

Our monthly meeting held on the 10th at 645 at the club, was a wash since no one showed up except for Jason. The next meeting is November 8th at the club.

Love and Service,
Brian

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 October 2018

Accessibility Committee did not meet in September due to inability of member s to attend.

Sarah N. and Bill S. attended the Area 15 Quarterly in Boca Raton on October 5 - 7. Due to the absence of the Area Accessibility Chair, the motion to increase the funds in support of providing American Sign Language interpreters for the Area Quarterlies could not be presented by the committee to the body at the business meeting to be held on the following day. The problem was that the way the motion had been written it was from the chair of the committee and not from the

committee. Consequently, due to the absence of the person presenting the motion it could not be presented. The secretary/treasurer who was acting for the chair took the action item to reword the motion as coming from the committee and to present it at the January Quarterly to be held in Tampa.

The Area 15 Accessibility Committee elected a new Chair for the Committee but does not have anyone to act as Secretary/Treasurer.

Great news! We have been contacted by a deaf A.A. member who will be attending and bringing at least one other deaf member to our Gratitude dinner.

District 5's Accessibility Committee is focused on providing support to our deaf A.A. members at the Gratitude Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 3. The contract for the American Sign Language interpreters has been signed and the funding, thanks to your support, has been allocated. We need the support of about 3 dinner attendees to assist deaf members in finding their reserved table and perhaps assisting them in purchasing raffle tickets.

Our next meeting of the Accessibility Committee will be next Wednesday, October 24 at 5:30 at the Intergroup Office in North Port. We need the support of a large number of volunteers to assist those A.A. members with special needs that prevent them from attending the A.A. meetings.

Grateful to serve,

Bill S., Accessibility Chair

PI/CPC: Nancy

PI/CPC Report for September 2018

Committee did not meet this month. I had a family health crisis and was unable to attend.

No new activity. We continue to ensure that the libraries have our literature and meeting schedules.

Our ad is in the Feeling Fit supplement of the Sun newspapers.

We continue to approach physician offices and acute care facilities to offer our literature.

I put our business card and post card on community bulletin boards as well as at venues that have other business cards. This is something that anyone can do. So, if you are interested in service and carrying the message please join us to find out what else you can do.

We will be supporting the Rainbow group at the PRIDE Festival in Venice on Nov. 3 from 1-5. The Rainbow group is going to have a table and our committee will be providing literature and our display.

I am stepping down from the chair position in the spirit of rotation. Please consider standing for the position yourself or encouraging another AA member to do so.

I have been in contact with the Billboard company about the vinyl we own. The billboard is still up (free advertising), but when they do take it down I will be contacted and they will deliver to me for Archives.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy P.

LITERATURE: Patrick 941-883-1414

INTERGROUP LIAISON: No Report

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

No report, my phone #941-525-7491.

Grapevine Area Chairperson, Karen D. and Secretary/Treasurer Jane G.

9pm to 10:50pm, October 6th.

Attended Grapevine share. Not too many people present. One Motion was letting the District that held the General Service Assembly be able to sell the Grapevine. At this time, they are unable to do this.

CURRENT PRACTICES: Jan

This committee is here to serve YOU, the members of District 5's General Service Committee. If you have any questions, confusions or bewilderments over why we do the crazy things we do, please ask! It does more harm to grumble at your meetings than it does to give us a call. Even better, come to our next committee meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at the Intergroup Office at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you or talking with you over the phone at 941-204-3445. Grateful to serve, Jan K.

ARCHIVES: Tony

Good Evening Everyone, my name is Tony T, your Archives Chair. I attended the Area 15 General Service Assembly earlier this month hosted by Districts 8 and 17. It was very lively. In the Archive meeting all Districts gave their brief reports. Several had upcoming events to discuss. Most districts are just keeping their Archives up to date, cleaning out and such. One district was digitizing. We shared about our group historic district tree. Thank you to those who turned in their Tree Form. Please submit them to me if you haven't.

We held our elections and Jack, our former secretary and treasurer is our new chair. Joann will be our new secretary.

The elections for the Area on Sunday were great, but long!!

Love and Service, Tony T.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motions for Current Practices: ALL 9 Motions unanimously approved.

Open Positions: DCMs (6); ACMs (8), Finance Chair

DCM STANDS: Sarah N., Sandy H. and Ann H. (Another Chance, PC 941 286-0793) will be joined in January by Rusty and Eileen.

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.

Eileen J. stood for DCM. Rusty L. stood for DCM.

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

Tony T. stood for ACM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: No voting necessary ... All who stood for the position will take the position in January:

2019 Chairperson: Diane P.

Alternate Chair: Jennifer

Registrar: Tim

Recording Secretary: Renee

Finance: OPEN

Treasurer: Jane

Current Practices: Mark

THANK YOU Coffee Maker Diane and Jessica. Cookies: Jennifer

Meeting adjourned 9:14 pm with the responsibility statement and the Lords' Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 67

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – November 20th

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: (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 (4); ACMs (7); Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Chair: Revisit Mike praying about it.

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE: _____ COOKIE COMMITTEE: _____

SET UP _____ GREETER: _____ Adjourn time: _____

Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer
