

June, 2019

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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Punta Gorda: Jen N. 941.661.1074;

Port Charlotte: Eileen J. 941.204.8636; and
Rusty V. 863.558.1458

Chairperson: Diane P. (h) 941.426.7265 or (cell) 941.284.3216
(Diane is also DCM for North Port)

MINUTES ARE CONFIDENTIAL: must not be posted in public places (clubs, bulletin boards)
NOTE: All reports and motions must be handed to or, preferably, EMAILED to
secretary@aadistrict5.org, no later than the weekend after the meeting. Please use Arial 12-point
font and submit word or page docs rather than .pdfs for ease of insertion. THANK YOU!
We request that you type your reports and READ them at the meeting to keep the meeting brief and
informative. Fliers are included at the end of the Minutes.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday July 16th, set up at 5:00 (please bring a dish to share if you can),
Dinner at 6:00, our Delegate, Shirley, will report on the Conference iChairs are asked to n NYC
at 6:00. There will be no GSR Sharing or Business Meeting, but Committee Chairs are asked to
email their reports to the Secretary.

Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on July 16th, 2019 (the 3rd Tuesday)

PLEASE NOTE: as of our August Meeting we will begin GSR sharing at 6:00 and our Business
Meeting at 7:00.

OPENING: Chairperson Diane called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, directly after the 7pm GSR
Sharing.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Lori read the GSR
preamble and Mary read the long form of Tradition 6.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMS:

New GSRs: Patrick, Morning Glory Group, NP; Liz, Language of the Heart, E; Cathy, Sisters in
Sobriety, Alamo Club, E.

New AGSRs: George, Morning Glory Group, NP

ROLL CALL: 15 GSRs; 2 AGSRs; 3 DCMs; 0 ADCM; 4 Officers; 1 Guest = 25 TOTAL,
17 voting members

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

LORI – Intergroup is sponsoring a Founder's Day Dinner/Dance on Saturday, June 29th at First Alliance Church in PC, BBQ and DJ beginning 5:00 for food and 6:30 for 2 speakers of about 15 minutes each and then the dance from 7:00-10:00. Cost is \$15/pp. Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up, plus every group is asked to bring a dessert if possible.

GEORGE - Another Chance Group – PC, we are continuing to read from the new pamphlet "The God Word" on every fourth Saturday of the month from 12-1.

AMEERA – Borderline Big Book, PC, The last Monday of the month at 7:30 we host a dessert and speaker meeting.

JEANETTE — Eye Opener, PC, our 16th Anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, July 27th from 7:00 - 10:00 am with much food and a speaker

MARK — Attitude Adjustment, E, our Summer Bash Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 17th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in Port Charlotte at the corner of

MARY – Service Manual Meeting, NP, We continue to read through the Service Manual at the Intergroup Office, NP, the last Sunday of each month, at 3:00.

TOM – Living Sober Group, V, our Ice Cream Social will be held on July 15th

RICHARD — please keep the date for the Intergroup sponsored Annual Golf Tournament on September, 21st

GEORGE — the Daily Reprieve Group at the EDIC, PC, will host a hot dogs and hamburgers dinner and country and western dance on July 4th beginning at 6:30 pm, \$3.00 donation requested.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Diane P.

Good Evening District 5 !!!

Again we have been busy !

1. A revision of how we communicate in our District is being worked on. Last month I proposed a master list of emails that would be basically available to everybody but thanks to the We in our District salient points were expressed regarding to anonymity and scrubbed reports were brought forth by wise counsel. Now we have the Website, the Recording Secretary, the DCM's and the Registrar fine tuning the process. Patience is needed. More will be revealed next month.
2. I have composed a partial list of who voted for what on the Agenda Items. If you gave me info that is not included, I apologize. Please contact me and I will gladly amend the list. At one point I had appx. 1500 piece of paper to organize in a very short time. The list will go to Archives and next year hopefully things will be much smoother. After next year we will have 2 lists to compare and see what progress has been made in group participation, how well we are doing. Thanks you all for your efforts.
3. Jean M. stepped down as Chair of Intergroups IGA's. I had spoke to her about the cost of the ALS interpreters being share by Intergroup and District and she said it would go on the Agenda to be discussed. That was probably not on the Agenda and may need to be approached again with the new IGA Chair.
4. And finally, I issue you a plea and a challenge! Next month Bring a Friend, a Sponsee, anyone needing or wanting to keep busy or learn what we're about. We need help. It is difficult to be your Chair and North Port's Dcm! We all need strengthen from the homegroup and down the line. Volunteer! Many hands make for a lighter load. Intergroup is also in the same shape. District is District. Let's attempt to make AA healthier, happier, stronger through love, tolerance, fellowship and service...

Yours in Love & Service,

Diane P.

Alternate Chair/DCM REPORT: Eileen J. Filling in for Jen N.

The DCM's met at a rescheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at Dunkin Donuts. Rusty, Diane P. Jennifer N and myself, Eileen J. were present.

We opened with a silent prayer.

The discussion went as follows:

- The contact and GSR info the DCM's get from their groups are to be put on a form and given to Tim our Registrar. Jen will have the forms for us at next District meeting.
- Give Box 4-5-9 info when meeting with contacts or GSR so they may subscribe for newsletter for their groups to keep informed. \$3.00 per month.
- Will have a drawing of the hat to choose an interested GSR to sit on our next workshop Panel and attend our next DCM meeting.
- DCM to ask at meetings visited if group has a Service Manual.
- Announce that our Area 15 Delegate Shirley will visit our July District business meeting and that we will have a pot luck dinner starting at 6-7pm, followed by the Delegates Conference report at our 7pm workshop.
- Pass a sign-up sheet around to choose what each of us will bring to the pot luck dinner.
- will ask GSR's to turn in their questions for the "Ask-the-Basket"

Submitted in Love & Service

Eileen J DCM District 5

RECORDING SECRETARY: Renee P

Going forward I will set the intention to distribute your minutes within 10 days of our meeting. I will include all reports that have been sent to secretary@aadistrict5.org, and that can be opened/accessed by me. Please remember to create your reports in word or page docs and not pdf format. Finally, if possible, please print your copy of the minutes and bring them with you to your home groups and our next district meeting. Also, please let me know in advance of any corrections needed to the minutes so that I can send out an amended copy asap. Finally, please ... no use of last names in anything submitted for dispersal or publication.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Renee P

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Tim R.

Registrar Report for June 2019

In the last month, I updated the DB and added one new GSR in the Distract. Also the Meeting schedule was updated with the reported changes. No changes were reported for groups or meeting times in the district.

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. Please let me know before you leave tonight so that you may be properly registered and if you're new, 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 or where it meets, contact me by phone or text at (281-761-5239) or by email at registrar@aadistrict5.org.

Grateful to serve,

Tim R.

Registrar, District 5

Monthly District 5 Committee Meeting Schedule

Scheduled meeting time and locations - check with Committee chairs for any changes to times or dates

Committee	Day of Week	Time	Location
Accessibility	4 th Wednesday of Month	5:30 – 6:30PM	INTERGROUP
Archives	2 nd Wednesday of Month	5:00 – 6:00PM	Storage Unit in PC
Corrections	2 nd Saturday of Month	10:00 – 11:00AM	INTERGROUP
DCM	1 st Monday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
District Finance	2 nd Tuesday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
Dist. Service Manual	Last Sunday of Month	3:00 – 4:00 PM	INTERGROUP
Literature	3 rd Thursday of Month	6:45 – 7:45PM	Easy Does It Club
PI/CPC	1 st Monday of Month	6:00 – 7:00PM	INTERGROUP
Treatment	2 nd Thursday of Month	6:30 – 7:30PM	Easy Does It Club

Committee	Committee Chair	Phone #	Email
Accessibility	Sarah N.	941-276-8490	snewfield56@gmail.com
Archives	Tony T.	941-916-0966	tonytoth229@gmail.com
Bridging the Gap	Jessica M.	978-491-7403	soberlady77@gmail.com
Corrections	JJ A.	301-481-1327	jarms1045@gmail.com
DCM	Jennifer N.	941-661-1074	jleighton1323@gmail.com
District Finance	Mary O.	941-223-8765	molderich@hotmail.com
Literature	Anne H.	941-286-0793	anneh1022@gmail.com
PI/CPC	Jessica W.	941-800-6935	jesscalkinnison@yahoo.com
Treatment	Jason S.	941-875-0474	jsmithelectric44@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane G.

TREASURERS REPORT

June 18, 2019

May 2019

May Beginning Balance		\$ 3,215.96
Income		
Basket	36.00	
Group Contributions	<u>2,075.82</u>	
Total Income	2,111.82	
Expense		
American Sign Language	260.00	
Computer Software	49.99	
Corrections Committee	228.98	
DCM Service Fair	131.86	
Grapevine Committee	142.77	
Literature Committee	4.66	
Recording Secretary	36.81	
Treasurer	<u>17.68</u>	
Total Expense	872.75	
May Ending Balance		<u><u>\$ 4,455.03</u></u>

Group Contributions

May 2019

Name	Amount
Attitude Adjustment Group	\$ 400.00
Early Bird Group	75.00
Eye Opener Group P.G.	150.00
Friday Night Men's Group P.C.	56.00
Living Sober 12 & 12 Group	138.48
Morning Glory Group	54.34
New Beginnings Group	532.00
On Awakening Group	100.00
Our Great Hope B.B. Step Study	10.00
Saturday Night Speaker Meeting	75.00
Sisters In Sobriety	66.00
Steps to Sobriety	200.00
Sunday Recovery Group	100.00
Time Group	50.00
Who me Noon Group	30.00
Wings Group	<u>39.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 2,075.82</u></u>

Jane G.
District 5 Treasurer
Email: treasurer@aadistrict5.org
941-218-7095

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCMs Individual Reports:

I have recently visited: Monday nite Wings at St. David Episcopal Church in Englewood 7:30-8:30pm. No GSR but will bring up open positions for their GSR & DCM. I have a contact person, Cindy K.

Also visited Wed. Nite Language of the Heart (Women's meeting) 7:30-8:30pm also at St. David's Episcopal church in Englewood.

They have a new GSR, Liz H. and I was invited to stay for their business meeting. They gave me time to speak. I spoke on the importance of having a GSR and for DCM to cover the area. Englewood.

I have revisited most of my other 11 meetings in Pt. Charlotte and have been emphasizing the importance of a GSR in each group and the open positions for DCM. Of my 11 groups only 4 have GSR's at present.

We have no DCM at present to cover Englewood. I attend meetings there when I can.

I have attended several meetings at the

Alano Club on McCall road have Darla M. as my contact.

In love & service

Eileen J. DCM, Pt. Charlotte

FINANCE: Mary O.

No written report was communicated to the recording secretary.

AD/HOC: Rusty for Tom M.

Why can't a quarterly be held in Sarasota? Investigation is continuing.

WEBSITE: Tania D.

I can be reached for website issues at: website@aadistrict5.org

TREATMENT: Jason

I'm Jason and I am currently serving as your district 5 treatment chair. We held our committee meeting on the last Thursday the 13th and there was 7 people in attendance. I was hoping for more than that seeing that we had flyers posted for all volunteers to be present on this day. So the solution for the lack of communication and response to a committee meeting is to just go the email route. I have placed a name/email sheet at the detox so hopefully it starts building up. Besides that our committee is doing well and I just have some Sunday slots to fill. We had one bridge this month. Our committee meeting is on the second Thursday of the month at 6:45 @the east des it club, all are welcome. Thank you, Jason

CORRECTIONS: JJ A.

Corrections Committee Meeting 08 June 2019

Open with a moment of silent contemplation. Serenity prayer

Minutes from last meeting

Approved with one change (BTG chair was referred to as Cathy M. — Change to

reflect BTG chair is Jessica K. Old Business

1. Charlotte Correctional Inst. (CCI)

Les H. Is coordinating, John W., Tom M. assisting

2. CCI Work Camp

Have had up to 4 men attending - Bruce S. wants to help with that meeting.

3. Charlotte County Jail (CCJ) Men meet on Sunday

Meetings are well attended and participation is good. Women meet on Wednesday

Meetings well attended and participation is good.

4. Desoto Correctional Inst. (DCI)

Education Bldg. 6:00 pm Monday - has 25-40 reported, participation is good Law Library 6:00 pm

Tuesday has reduced attendance but meetings are good with several new people attending.

A Dorm 6:00 pm Thursday - Administration is considering restarting the meeting in A dorm. Chaplain Wilson is supportive but nothing has not been done yet.

5. DCI Work Camp - Men meet 6:00 pm on Monday No reports of any problems or needs.

6. Desoto County Jail (DCJ)

Men meet on Thursday at 6:00 pm. Participation is 15-20 and most men are sharing although some are laying back (apparently scoping us out).

Women meet on Saturday at 6:00 pm. Participation is 4 so far and

they are sharing with our volunteers. Volunteers should contact Betty M. for Commitments

New Business

1. Literature is needed at Work Camp (Living Sober, Grapevines, 12 & 12 books)

Commitments for July were taken. All are covered.

Additional Comments/Issues - none

Motion to adjourn - seconded and approved unanimously —Closed with Unity Declaration

This we owe to AA's future;

to place our common welfare first,

to keep the fellowship united; for on AA's future depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

LITERATURE: George for Anne

The 5th Edition of the Big Book has been tabled for now.

ACCESSIBILITY: Sarah N.

If folks are not clear about the help that is available, or are hesitant to ask for help, please have them contact the Intergroup Office to assist in getting the help requested if possible.

PI/CPC: Jessica W.

No report

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Margaret

Linda B will be back at work at Intergroup on July 1st..The Intergroup Secretary has stepped down and they need a new secretary. Regarding Intergroup helping to fund ASL interpreters, they will need a dollar amount to consider putting into next years' budget before they will vote on our request.

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

No report

CURRENT PRACTICES: Mark C.

The Book of Motions and the Book of Current Practices are both current and up-to-date. Love and Service, Mark C.

ARCHIVES: Tony T

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Positions: DCMs and ACMs

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.

***** New DCM — Bill S.**

We welcome you and thank you for your service

Chair along with our Ad Hoc Committee will research possibility of hosting a Quarterly Assembly in our District or in Sarasota.

NEW BUSINESS:

******* Motion 6-18-2019**

Proposed by Ameera and Lori with Patrick giving a Second;

Change the Monthly District 5 GSR sharing meeting from 7pm to 6pm with the business meeting following directly at 7pm effective August 20th, 2019, contingent upon the availability of our meeting space. Passed.

Background:

To allow the business of District 5 and GSR sharing take place at an earlier hour so everyone can get home at a reasonable time.

*******Motion 6-18-2019**

On June 18, 2019 at the District 5 Business Meeting, Chairperson Diane P. proposed a change in the approval of District Minutes. Retroactively from January of 2019 thru June 2019 and including future publication of the minutes, the Minutes are considered approved for uploading and distribution as soon as the District Secretary has them composed allowing the body of our service entities access to correct or amend any items before or at the next monthly meeting. Passed with an overwhelming majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron had posed the question: Can Intergroup share the cost of ASL interpreters at events they sponsor and receive proceeds from?

Discussion tabled until next meeting when we learn results of Intergroup's Meeting and discussion.

Volunteers:

Coffee: Renee and Diane Cookies: Lori
Set-up: Patrick and George Greeter: Diane will bring one ☺

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm and ended with the Responsibility Statement and Lord's Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 69

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – July

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: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: _____

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: _____

TREASURER'S REPORT: _____

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: _____

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.: _____

Website: _____

Treatment: _____

PI/CPC: _____

Literature: _____

Intergroup Liaison: _____

Grapevine: _____

Current Practices: _____

Corrections: _____

Archives: _____

Accessibility: _____

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Open positions: DCMs and ACMs

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE:

COOKIE COMMITTEE:

SET UP: GREETER: Adjourn time: _____

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Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer

Alcoholics Anonymous publishes first new book in 30 years:

Our Great Responsibility

The first original title released by Alcoholics Anonymous in more than 30 years, the book *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970*, is now available in English, French and Spanish.

Bill W. addressed the Conference on an annual basis over the course of two decades prior to his death in 1971. Our Great Responsibility gathers many of these talks, capturing Bill's innovative thinking on myriad A.A. themes. The book includes:

- 16 talks derived from archival audio recordings offering fresh perspectives on A.A. in the co-founder's own words
- More than 60 archival photos and other images
- Previously unpublished material from the A.A. General Service Office Archives

With Bill W. as its primary architect, A.A. developed a loosely organized service structure that eventually succeeded the direction and guidance of its founders to provide enduring leadership for the Fellowship as a whole.

Launched in 1951 and meeting annually ever since, A.A.'s General Service Conference has been the primary mechanism for an increasingly diverse membership to deliberate and determine its "group conscience" on a wide range of matters affecting A.A. as a whole.

Read more about the new book in the Spring 2019 issue of Box 4-5-9 at https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_spring19.pdf.

To order the book (Item B-70) from aa.org, go to https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/b-70-our-great-responsibility.