

April 16th, 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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Rusty V. 863.558.1458 (ADCM)

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(Diane is also DCM for North Port)

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NOTE: All reports and motions must be handed to or, preferably, 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!

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. Area Assembly Agenda Items are under New Business.

Next Meeting 7pm GSR Sharing/Orientation, 8pm District 5 Business Meeting
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on May 21st, 2019 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson Diane called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm, directly after the 7pm GSR Sharing.

Started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Pat P read the GSR preamble and Dan read the long form of Tradition 4.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMs:

New GSRs: Van, Attitude Adjustment Group, E. = 1

New AGSRs: 0

ROLL CALL: 21 GSRS; 3 AGSRs; 4 DCMs; 1 ADCM; 5 Officers; 0 Guests = 34 TOTAL,
27 voting members

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

JIMMY- Friday Night Men's Group – PC: is willing to do speaking commitments;

JIM – Living Sober Group – V: Ice Cream Social on July 15th, all are welcome;

LORI – There will be a Founder's Day Dance on Saturday, June 29th at First Alliance Church in PC, BBQ and DJ beginning 5:00 for food and 6:00 for 2 speakers of about 15 minutes each and then the dance from 7:00-10:00. Cost is \$15/pp, Sponsored by Intergroup;

PATRICK – Progress Group – PG: our meeting is not Closing at this time, we'll keep you informed;

ANNE - We are continuing to read one story from the new pamphlet "The God Word" on every fourth Saturday from 12-1 at the Came to Believe meeting at Another Chance- PC Please join us.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Diane P.

First of all I want to thank each of you for the impressive efforts and participation in working on the Agenda Items. It seemed a hard row to hoe but we went to the quarterly somewhat prepared and did a good job getting our voices heard. I know I fumbled some things but I learned a lot and believe next year it will go smoother.

Our DCM's met at Jen's house due to her surgery. Much of the Assembly/Quarterly was discussed. Lots of new ideas were suggested and I am inspired by the dedication and determination of what just a few AA'ers can accomplish. This holds true of our Committees and GSRs. I encourage all of us to return to our groups, friends and associates within AA and talk up the benefits of service work: Our third Legacy AA which without AA would shrink up and die. Make no mistake, what we do in service saves lives including our own.

Again, a warm thanks to those involved and who are making our District healthier and increasing awareness. It is an honor to work for you.

Love and Service,
Diane Poole (deepoole727@ gmail.com)

PS. Intergroup is also a District entity in dire need of help due to recent death and illness. The call goes out to fill positions there also.

Alternate Chair/DCM REPORT: Jen N.

Greetings to you all! Our DCM's monthly meeting was held at my home, due to recent surgery. Everyone was fine with that but the dogs!! I am doing well with my new hip and thank you all for your support and well wishes. It means a lot, and there is power in Prayer!

We discussed how the "info session" at our March District meeting had gone, and shared what we had heard from our various groups who were presented the agenda items either through their GSR, or through one of us. There were mixed results and feelings, as expected with the understanding that this was the first real go around for most of us with this procedure. We have since discussed the merit of a dedicated time (or day) reserved just for this purpose, not rushed, lots of Q. and A. for better understanding. Just what do our GSRs need to present to the home groups, to get an overall group conscience. This process, we have learned needs to be started *much earlier* !! This We **Promise** to do.

All District Committee Members attended the April Quarterly in Boca Raton, and it was quite an experience with the other districts sharing about their group reaction to the various agenda items. So much dedication to service and follow thru by our area officers, just a fantastic experience. I have attached as promised, the agenda item outcomes from our area conference, understanding that this is just Area 15 and not the final conference outcome. Our delegate will be here later this summer to present to us the outcome. That will be a meeting not to miss, and it will be a pot-luck (July).

In the meantime, District committees and Intergroup are preparing their displays for the Service Fair April 27th, and I am sure you have been talking about it in your groups. This is for all members and promises to be a great time as well as informative and entertaining. Clark as our speaker will have a wonderful message.

Yours in love and service,

Jen Nash
DCM Coordinator/Alt Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY: Renee P

Thank you for your patience with my delivery of your minutes. I am still learning. Going forward, I will open each email from all of you to see if the report is as I know you'd like it to be. Also, a huge thank you for those of you who email your reports, it saves my sanity. Finally I want to let you know how today more than ever before I realize that it does take the efforts of each one of us to keep AA alive for not only you and me, but also for the next newcomer to enter our meetings. Thank you for the opportunity to learn and serve.

Renee P

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Tim R.

In the last month, I attended the Area Conference in Boca Raton. The Registrar/Secretary workshop was well attended and informative. GSO is delaying the release of the new DB again but most of us in Area 15 are using the beta version and are helping others get there data inputted as well. I continue to provide information to our DCM's to assist in getting the most accurate information we can about groups and contacts for those groups in District 5.

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

Committee	Day of Week	Time	Location
PI/CPC	1st Monday	6:00 – 7:00PM	INTERGROUP
DCM	1st Monday	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
District Finance	2nd Tuesday	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
Archives	2nd Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00PM	Storage Unit in PC
Accessibility	4th Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30PM	INTERGROUP
Treatment	2nd Thursday	6:30 – 7:30PM	Easy Does It Club
Corrections	2nd Saturday	10:00 – 11:00AM	INTERGROUP
Literature	Last Saturday of Month	1:15 – 2:15PM	Another Chance Group
Dist. Service Manual	Last Sunday of Month	3:00 – 4:00 PM	INTERGROUP

Committee	Committee Chair	Phone #	Email
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Corrections	JJ A.	301-481-1327	jarms1045@gmail.com
Literature	Ann H.	941-286-0793	anneh1022@gmail.com
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TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane G.

District 5 TREASURERS REPORT

March Beginning Balance \$5,969.40

Income	
Basket	38.00
Group Contributions	<u>1,596.98</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,634.98

Expense	
Corrections Committee	70.92
DCM Committee	17.77
Literature Comm	57.35
Recording Secretary	48.00
Refreshments	16.00
Rent-Archive Storage	2,259.28
Treasurer	<u>17.96</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,487.28

March Ending Balance \$5,117.10

Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance Mar	\$4,001.86
Prudent Reserve Interest - 3/31/19	<u>\$0.07</u>
Prudent Reserve Ending Balance Mar	\$4,001.93

CONTRIBUTIONS

Group Name	Amount
Basket	38.00
Bare With Us Group	320.00
Daily Reprieve Group	16.49
Each Day a New Beginning	500.00
Eye Opener Group	193.20
P.G. Lunch Bunch	100.00
Morning Glory Group	47.29
Psychic Change Group	80.00
Saturday Morning Step Study	100.00
Steps to Sobriety	<u>240.00</u>
Total	\$1,634.98

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Mary O.

The Finance Committee met at Jane's house on 4/10/19. Reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved. Since we both live in Venice, we will meet at Jane's house on the second Tues. If anyone would like to attend or has a motion that entails any expenditures not in the budget, the motion will need to be reviewed by the Finance Committee BEFORE it is presented at the District 5 business meeting. Please contact me at 941-223-8765 and we can meet at Intergroup office in North Port. I went to the Quarterly in Boca Raton on April 5 and 6th. I attended the Finance Committee meeting. It was very interesting to see their discussions of the motion going before the Assembly about increasing Accessibilities budget for ASL interrupter. There were different points of view. Making sure we are getting the best use of Area's funds. They came to the conclusion that the max budget would allow the committee to use as needed and be flexible instead of stating exactly what it is for. Trust our trusted servants.

They also answered questions from the audience which was very helpful.

AD/HOC: No Report

WEBSITE: Tania D.

There was a glitch earlier in the month which has now been corrected.

TREATMENT: Jason

I'm Jason and I am your district 5 treatment chair. We held our committee meeting on Thursday April 11th and there was 6 people in attendance. A new BTG format explaining exactly what it is, is posted in the detox center along with 8 new big books and a sleeve of BTG card. We also discussed more about the crisis unit and the bayfront hospital meeting which are running smoothly. Brian and I also discussed what we did at the Quarterly in Boca. Out of 20 districts in our area 11 chairs were in attendance. On average our area is bringing in 406 meetings a week into 167 facilities with an average of 58 bridges in this last quarter. We discussed alot about BTG and how to better announce it at the facilities.

Our committee also voted on a few motions, 2 were approved and one was against. We had a great treatment meeting and were given alot of solid information.

There was no bridges this past month and our committee meeting is on the second Thursday of the month at 6:45 @ the easy does it club. All are welcome.

Thank You,
Jason

CORRECTIONS: JJ A.

No Report

LITERATURE: ANNE H.

Donna and I attended the Area Literature Committee meeting. The District Chairs had eleven minutes to discuss the Literature Agenda Items. After the discussion we voted on each Agenda Item for literature. At the full meeting of the Assembly, the Area Chair presented the vote on each Agenda Item to the Delegate, then discussion from the microphone ensued, and finally the full Assembly gave the delegate a sense of the room with raise of hands.

The Literature Committee is having a special meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 6:45 pm in the back room of the Easy Does It Club. We will be reviewing feedback on Literature Agenda Items from both groups and the Area Literature Committee. Please join us.

We are continuing to read one story from the new pamphlet "The God Word" on every fourth Saturday from 12-1 at the Come to Believe meeting at Another Chance. Please join us.

Anne H

Accessibility Committee – Sarah N.

The Accessibilities Committee had an action-orientated March meeting with five members in attendance; highlights include:

Our Quarterly Accessibilities flyer (Needs and News) was updated, and distributed at the March District meeting; posted at Intergroup, copies made available to AC members to read/hand-out to all the meetings each of us attends, and turned over to our District and Intergroup website contacts for uploading to their respective websites.

We continue to have a presence on the Lifeline promoting sustainable matters such as the ongoing need for volunteer drivers, and a reach out to the AA Community to share the news of what the Accessibilities Committee offers.

Much discussion and planning regarding the upcoming Service Fair brought out the creative side of members – each of us will take a few minutes of the allotted 20 minute share-time to discuss the disability closest to our hearts. Our display will be on hand for viewing; and informational brochures given away.

Speaking of displays, we set up along with several other District committees at the Old-Timer's Dinner, handed out a couple of brochures, and excitedly welcomed 3 new members to our committee! The consensus of those who join seems to be awareness of the alcoholic with accessibility issues is the responsibility of everyone, and that awareness requires in action. We are overjoyed with the added enthusiasm.

Sarah N gave a brief overview behind the importance of having ASL Interpreters present at our District event at the Old-Timer's Dinner, summing up her comments stating, "Your District 5 Accessibilities Committee would like to thank the District at large, and each and every GSR for committing funds for our evening's ASL interpreters. Your compassion, love and collective wisdom have turned our get-togethers from exclusive to all-encompassing, open for the benefit of each and every one who wishes to attend, and enabling the experience, strength and hope of our speakers to be heard in unison."

Both Bill S. and Lori E. will continue making inroads sharpening the AC's goal of helping those in nursing homes by connecting resident AA's with meetings brought in their facility, just for them. Several members of the AC Committee made their way to Boca Raton for the Spring Quarterly; the Saturday morning meeting Area 15 Accessibilities was well attended. Our two hours together were productive as ideas were shared; Committee Agenda items discussed and voted on for our delegate Shirley.

If you know of someone in need of the Accessibilities Committee's services, please contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email at n9ws@comcast.net.

We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Intergroup Office at 5:30 PM. All are welcome! Our next meeting is April 24, 2019.

In love and service,

Sarah Newfield

Accessibilities Committee Chair

PI/CPC: Jessica W.

MY name is Jessica I am an alcoholic.

Went to the past quarterly. Thank you for allowing me to serve, this district.

We did not have our last scheduled committee meeting, as it was on the day after we returned from the quarterly. I was with the other committee member, during the quarterly weekend. We discussed some PI/CPC things. Billboard was discussed and the existing billboard vinyl was taken down from the billboard and delivered to Intergroup office, in North Port. From what I understand, the vinyl is

being turned over to archives, in our district. Which I also understand was decided by the body, a time ago.

At the quarterly, I was approached by a group in port Charlotte, to get information regarding what the PI/CPC committee is doing. I took the opportunity to lend myself, to go to their next group conscious and let them know anything they would like to know and hopefully attract others from the group, to want to get involved in service, for PI/CPC.

I stumbled upon a website that has ALL radio stations in our district, phone numbers. I have been in contact with GSO, to further understand public information regarding PSA's, on radio stations. Also, I have reached out to the area 15 chair, for the same reason. I hope to get into contact with another, district PI/CPC-chair, to see what experiences, they may have and see how I may pick their brain. Today I did come across a doctors office, in engelwood that had some AA pamphlets. I spoke with the doctor there and she is more than willing to let us, place whatever literature we feel, would be helpful. I will visit her in 2 weeks, to place the new literature.

No further movement on churches as of now. I am getting organized and a little more difficult at this point in my personal life. Hopefully, I'll be going in a more positive direction and I can move forward and spread the message!

Thank you again, for allowing me to serve.

Jessica

941-800-6935

INTERGROUP LIAISON:

No Liaison

GRAPEVINE: Richard M.

We'll have a display at the Service Fair.

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

At the Area Archives meeting Sat. April 6, 16 out of our 20 Districts in Area 15 were represented! We were in unanimous agreement to include the 2 minute home movie of our co-founders and their wives be added to the existing video "Markings on the Journey" In Assembly, this also was voted yes unanimously, so our Delegate will say yes at the GSO Conference this May.

We discussed what items should be kept in a District Archives, and what could be eliminated. For example, we have many books of archived grapevine issues dating back quite awhile. Should district keep these, as long as they are available at GSO, which they are? Could they serve a better purpose carrying the message to overseas military, AAs in remote communities and our inmates who are eager for them? A question for our district members perhaps. We **DO** want to keep all unique information about our district; where & whens, flairs, newsletters, and group histories are vital to our history.

We also talked about digitizing our historical items, the pros and cons. While a back up of all material is preferable, there needs to be caution. Especially with photos For preservation purposes, it should be scanned only once to preserve the original pigmentation of the photo. We have a wealth of back history and this is a continual job to do properly! Always learning new things about our history, so come join us! We hope many of you attend the Service Fair, and we will see you there!

Sincerely yours in service,
Tony
Archives Chair

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 BUSINESS:

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

Discussion: Chair will fact-find, research in the Book of Motions and speak with Intergroup. Further discussion tabled.

Volunteers:

Coffee: Jessica Cookies: Lori

Set-up: Patrick and George Greeter: Tania

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

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 69

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – May

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: Jen

COOKIE COMMITTEE: Diane and Renee

SET UP: George and Rusty

GREETER: None

Adjourn time: _____

Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer

**Founders' Day Celebration
Barbeque Dinner & Dance, 2 Speakers
(ASL Interpreters provided)
June 29, 5 to 10 PM
First Alliance Church – Port Charlotte**

Do you know of someone who is in need of a ride to a meeting because of a disabling condition? Perhaps a friend has suffered a fall, or is recovering from surgery and would welcome a group of AA's in to their home for a meeting. If so, contact the Accessibilities Committee - because that's why we're here - to make AA available to all alcoholics. New volunteers are always welcome, and appreciated. If interested, contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email him at n9ws@comcast.net.

In addition, we are gearing up our efforts to bring meetings into nursing homes and rehab centers. We welcome your participation!

Contact Lori E at 941.799.1007 to volunteer in this specific outreach effort.

Who we serve:

- Physically disabled * Deaf & hard of hearing * Blind & visually impaired
- Learning or reading impaired * Seniors and homebound * Language barrier

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at the intergroup office at 5:30

All are welcome!



Service Fair Extraordinaire !!

April 27 2019

9am – 3pm

Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall
24515 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Lunch Provided

Service Committees Present:

A Day of Fun in Service

Full Displays, Information and Discussions

Morning Refreshments

coffee & Water

Guest Speaker

Grapevine Raffle
Literature Giveaway
Door Prizes
Popcorn Machine
Intergroup will have literature on Display

Brought to you through your District 5 DCM committee
WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOUR NEEDS!
