

May, 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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Chairperson: Diane P. (h) 941.426.7265 or (cell) 941.284.3216
(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, 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 7pm GSR Sharing/Orientation, 8pm District 5 Business Meeting
Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port
on June 18th, 2019 (the 3rd Tuesday)

OPENING: Chairperson Diane called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm, directly after the 7pm GSR
Sharing.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. George read the GSR
preamble and Jen read the long form of Tradition 5.

WELCOME: New GSRs, AGSRs, DCMs and ACMS:

New GSRs: Adrienne, the PMS Group, PC

New AGSRs: 0

ROLL CALL: 14 GSRS; 2 AGSRs; 4 DCMs; 0 ADCM; 4 Officers; 3 Guests = 27 TOTAL,
20 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 7:45 we host a dessert and speaker meeting.

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!

SARAH – I Am Responsible Group, PC, the Group's 34th Anniversary will be held on June 14th at 7:00 with food and fellowship, and a speaker beginning at 8:00.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Diane P.

Hello District Five!!!

Welcome to all, especially those that are new! This month like every month has been busy for me. I have done a lot of reviewing this first quarter of 2019's District progress and have a little tidying up to be done.

1. The question asked last month as to why Intergroup does not share in the payment of the ASL interpreters for the Events Dinners has been put on Intergroups agenda for discussion this month. Thank you to Intergroup's Chair, Jean. More info is anticipated from their meeting.

2. I have talked to the Recording Secretary, Renee, the Dcm Coordinator, Jren and read our Current Practices and Dist.5's Book of Motions(which are our guidelines of how Dist 5 operates). We do not need a motion. It is covered in Motion#308 2/18/11 and amended 3/15/11 By motion we are allowed to use emails at District levels to communicate between DCM's, Committee Chairs, GSR's and all Alternates. It's been in our books since 2011 but no one has made real use of this fantastic opportunity to help each other. The Dist. Secretary will still be mailing the minutes. Below is the actual amended # 308 motion.

3.
"to make available a list of committee chairs, officers, Gsr's, Alternate Gsr's, ACM's and DCM's phone number and e-mail information amongst each other. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous will see the secretary."

4. The motion from the April Area Quarterly passed. The gist of the motion increased the Area 15 for ASL (American Sign Language) from \$5,000 to \$8000. It ensures full interpretation for the deaf and hard of hearing would be available for all four assemblies (Fri & Sat night speakers, Sat morning Accessibilities Meeting, and the Sun morning Assembly/Business Meeting.) Other workshops will be available on request.

5. Unfinished Business:

A. I am still researching if our Committees are able to have their own events.

B. I am still tracking down Agenda Items given to me by district members to begin a history of how it went and what we can learn.

6. Last but not least, I request patience, tolerance, compassion and kindness as we work together to carry our message of Recovery to the still suffering Alcoholic in and out of these rooms.

Love & Service Diane P.

Diane Poole (deepoole727@ gmail.com)

Alternate Chair: Jen N.

The Service Fair of 4/27 was an outstanding event and a great success for those who were there. Your District Committee Chairs and their members, as well as our Intergroup had fabulous displays with literature and information about the work they do. Our speaker Clark was interesting, fun and always impressive. Thank you Clark!! What a missed opportunity for all our newcomers, sponsees and group members. Again, we thank everyone involved in making this event happen.

We discussed how we communicate with our GSRs and how we can do it better! We are wanting your input, always as to how we can best help YOU! What is interesting and needed? We are truly trying to utilize the GSR

sharing to the maximum benefit for all. Since we have covered concepts and traditions, had orientation and conference agenda item review, we have several months where we could have literature present one of several topics or Accessibilities put on a workshop, for example. Its YOUR time!
Next month we will not have a review of the area assembly motions, as there is only one, and it is an Area housekeeping concern and thus eliminates the need for your home group conscience vote.
In March, the committees presented Agenda Items on which the delegates would vote at the conference. The results from your home group votes are as follows:

Develop a 5th edition of the Big Book: Unanimous Yes

Include a dedicated section of stories for Young People: Vote was Split

Primary Purpose card change: More No than Yes

Photo of International Convention Flag Ceremony: Majority Yes

LinkedIn page improvement: Mostly Yes

Add a paragraph to the forward of the 12&12 to include information on the concepts: Split Vote

Decreasing the reading level for the 12 Steps Illustrated: Need more Information

Lastly, We are excited for our Delegate Shirley to visit us at the July 16th District meeting. There will be a 6pm Pot Luck Dinner followed by a 2hr Delegate presentation, with no GSR sharing. This is a meeting NOT To miss. You will see how all your hard work comes full circle! You will want your service manuals for both June and July district meetings! More on this in June.

We thank you for your dedication and service. Remember, we can't keep it until we give it away! Spread enthusiasm wide and far !!

Sincerely Yours in love and service

Jen N

DCM Coordinator/Alt Chair

DCM Reports:

Jen N.

Hi All. As it stands, of the 8 groups I service, 2 have GSRs (EYE OPENER, SOLUTIONS AT NOON), 2 have Mail contacts (HIGH NOON, UPON AWAKENING) and the rest rely on me for their information along with the websites of course. These other groups are Friday Night Recovery, 164 Big Book Group, Happy Hour,. Progress Group and Reflexions are covered by the other DCMs and Inner Peace Group is not a formal group, although I am happy to share when able .

I am available to take several more groups under my wing, so if you do not have a DCM, and you reside in Englewood, Port Charlotte or Northport, Venice or any other spot Ive missed, please call me and we will arrange something soon! In the meantime, we Keep it Alive in District 5!!

RECORDING SECRETARY: Renee P

Thank you all for your patience with me, I can report that am learning quite a lot. 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 next district meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to 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 their 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
PI/CPC	Jessica W.	941-800-6935	jessicakinnison@yahoo.com
DCM	Jennifer N.	941-661-1074	jleighton1323@gmail.com
District Finance	Mary O.	941-223-8765	molderich@hotmail.com
Archives	Tony T.	941-916-0966	tonytoth229@gmail.com
Accessibility	Sarah N.	941-276-8490	snewfield56@gmail.com
Treatment	Jason S.	941-875-0474	jsmithelectric44@gmail.com
Corrections	JJ A.	301-481-1327	jarms1045@gmail.com
Literature	Anne H.	941-286-0793	anneh1022@gmail.com
Bridging the Gap	Jessica M.	978-491-7403	soberlady77@gmail.com

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane G.

Hello District 5. Thank you for your contributions this month. District 5 received \$1746.61. Expenses were \$3647.75. Our ending balance is \$3215.96. Treasurer's Report is on the back table.

Just a reminder to bring back to your treasurers – please write the name of the group and group # on your contribution checks.

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

**District 5
TREASURERS REPORT
May 21, 2019**

April 2019

April Beginning Balance **\$ 5,117.10**

Income

Basket 61.00

Group Contributions 1,685.61

Total Income 1,746.61

Expense

Corrections Committee 64.62

DCM Service Fair 335.73

Chairman 129.60

Literature Comm 7.59

Quarterly Lodging/Allowance 2,930.65

Recording Secretary 22.60

Rent-Church 150.00

Treasurer 6.96

Total Expense 3,647.75

April Ending Balance **\$ 3,215.96**

Prudent Reserve Beginning Balance April **\$ 4,001.93**

Prudent Reserve Interest - 4/30/19 **\$ 0.07**

Prudent Reserve Ending Balance April **\$ 4,002.00**

9:34 PM
05/13/19

District 5 GSO
Group Contributions
April 2019

Name	Amount
Another Chance Group	300.00
Came to Believe Group	10.00
Englewood Beginners to Old timers	150.00
Eye Opener Group P.G.	286.12
Friday Night Women's	30.00
Grounded	14.42
I Am Responsible Group	25.00
Indian Mounds Group	90.00
Inner Peace Group	192.00
Let Go and Let God	82.50
Living in Recovery	8.92
Lunch Bunch	140.00
Monkey Off Back	50.00
Morning Glory Group	36.65
Morning Makers Group	40.00
North Port Group	75.00
Sat Oasis Speaker	15.00
Saturday Morning Step Study	100.00
Solutions@noon	25.00
Tuesday Night Step and Tradition Grp	15.00
Total	\$ 1,685.61

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Mary O.
No report

AD/HOC: Rusty for Tom M.

Why can't a quarterly be held in Sarasota? He will inquire of the Hyatt in Sarasota if they can accommodate an Area Assembly.

WEBSITE: Tania D.

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

TREATMENT: Jason

I'm Jason and I'm your district 5 treatment chair. We held our committee meeting on Thursday May 9th and there were 6 people in attendance. We discussed the possibility of making the next committee meeting in June to be a discussion meeting where all volunteers that go into the facilities can have some Q&A time on bringing in the message.

We came up with an outline for flyers and I made them, printed them out and put them at the facility where the majority of our volunteers go. We are hoping for a good turn out.

I attended the service fair on April 27th with hopes of signing up new volunteers to bring meetings in but was only able to get one. All adjustments were made to the meeting schedule and are running smoothly .

There was no bridges this past month and the next committee meeting is on the second Thursday of the month at 6:45 at the easy does it club, all are welcome and all volunteers are encouraged to be there.

Thank you,
Jason

CORRECTIONS: JJ A.

Minutes, corrections, meeting plus update on start-up meeting at Desoto County Jail and additional expenditures for literature.

Start-up meeting was held 23 May. 20 men attended. They availed themselves of much of the literature we took in which necessitated spending an additional 151 dollars over and above the 229 dollars previously expended. Most of the incarcerated alkies were very grateful and animated at the meeting. We're hoping they can maintain that level of anticipation and carry it outside when released or to their next stop inside. The women will meet tonight and we are awaiting their report. The Desoto County Jail meetings have begun again; Men meet on Thursdays and Women on Saturdays.

LITERATURE: ANNE H.

Meeting was called to order at 6:45.

Attendees: Anne, Donna, George, Jeanette

Not Attending: Marc and Pat

Agenda and minutes were approved as printed.

Service Fair

Instead of talking about literature, we read from the new pamphlet, "The God Word" to model how groups can incorporate pamphlets into meetings.

Follow-up on Agenda Items

We discussed the procedure for Agenda Items and would like to know if, in the future, we can follow the Area procedure? If Committee Chairs poll GSRs on each Agenda Item, we get specific information we need to continue our work.

New Business

- George's was elected to serve as Treasurer. He will collect and log the basket contributions for EDI and track payments from the District Treasurer.

Announcements

The God Word We read the Introduction and one story every fourth Saturday from 12-1 at the Came to Believe meeting at Another Chance.

Our Great Responsibility This is the first new book in 30 years. See flyer.

- Read more about the new book in the Spring 2019 issue of Box 4-5-9
- 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.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46

ACCESSIBILITY: Sarah N.

Steady as she goes is The Accessibilities Committee's mantra. What exactly does that look like? Here are the highlights from April:

Out-reach:

Our Quarterly Accessibilities flyer (Needs and News) was updated, and distributed to all GSRs and DCMs with the expectation they in turn would share the information with the groups they represent. 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.

Participated at the April 27 Service Fair via setting up a display; committee members spoke specifically about issues such the Blind, and Deaf Alcoholic, those suffering from various cognitive disorders and the alcoholic confined to a wheelchair or in some fashion physically disabled.

Coordinated efforts with Intergroup's Events Committee to ensure ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreter participation at the June 29 Founders' Day Dinner and Dance.

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.

If you know of someone in need of the Accessibilities Committee's services, please contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email him 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 May 22, 2019.

In love and service,

Sarah N

Accessibilities Committee Chair

PI/CPC: Jessica W.

No report

INTERGROUP LIAISON: Margaret

Linda B will be back at work at Intergroup on July 1st! The issue of whether Intergroup might pay for or contribute to the cost of paying for an ASL Interpreter at events it sponsors is on their May meeting agenda, and Margaret will report the results of their discussion and motion, if any, at the District Meeting in June.

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

The archives Committee met at our appointed time, May 8th at 5:00 pm at the Extra Space Storage facility on Paulsen Dr. off 41 in Murdoch. Still sorting through old boxes, pictures and misc. stuff! We have completed placing protective sleeves on accumulated where and whens thru the years and will place 2 per year in this book from here on. How they have changed thru the years. In addition there are several books of District Event Fliers which need current additions. We will do some research, but any you have, just bring to the district meeting for us. Our Group history book is at a stand still until further group histories come in, so Please check with Jen to see if your group is current. She can't chase you all down!

We really could use some additional hands in our continued effort to have all our archived material safely protected and recorded, the 2nd wednesday each month at our storage. Its great and really interesting fun. All best wishes and hope to see you next month! Call Tony at 941-916-0966 to let me know! Dont forget Founders Day in June as we will have a big display there, of course!

Very sincerely, your Archive Chair

Tony T

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:

Rusty to research the possibility of hosting a quarterly in Sarasota.

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	Cookies:	Diane
Set-up:	Patrick and George	Greeter:	Tania

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm and ended with the Responsibility Statement and Lord's Prayer.

District 5 Officers & Committee Chairs, Panel 69

AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – June

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: _____

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.

I am Responsible Group 34th Anniversary



When: Friday, June 14

Food and Fellowship 7 – 8 PM

Guest Speaker at 8 PM

Bring a covered dish or dessert to share, if you would like.

Where: Living Waters Lutheran Church

12475 Chancellor Blvd in North Port

