



DISTRICT 20



"There's Good Times Aplenty in District 20!"

March 26, 2014

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7:00 pm – Open Meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity

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I. Reading of the “Long Form” of the Twelve Traditions – Mary B.

II. In Attendance: Heather W.- Naples Group, Gary S.- Sunlight of the Spirit, Ralph W.- Naples Group, Polly W.- Naples Group, Sonia S.- New Dawn Group, Betsy A.- Primary Purpose, Sara Jane- Primary Purpose Group, Brian D., Mary B.- WSW, Maureen B.- Primary Purpose Group, Tobi D., Allan B.- Morning Reflections, Brandon M.- Naples Young People, Ronald P.- Central Naples, Brooke T.- Golden Gate, Gary G.- Golden Gate, Georgia S.- Primary Purpose Group, Karen B.- Brown Bag, Charles E.- Three Legacies, Janet B.- Big Nook Comes Alive, Steve E.- Brown Bag Group, Mike O.- Living Sober, John F.- Living Sober

III. New General Service Representatives –

None

IV. New Committee Chairs

V. Visiting Past District or Area Officers, Visiting Delegates, or Trustees –

None

VI. Officer Reports

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- A. Chairperson – Ralph W. –
No Report
- B. Alternate Chairperson – John F. –
No Report
- C. Registrar – Michelle B. –
No Report
- D. Secretary – Becky W. –
February Minutes
- E. Treasurer – Tobi D.-
Email Treasurer for copy of report

I. Committee Reports

1. District 20 Archives Report- archives@district20aa.org

District 20 March 2014 Archives report

I am sorry I am out of town this week and missing the meeting. Aloha Orlando :-). The archives committee has continued the ongoing job of removing staples from grapevines and other AA historical Documents, and sewing them for preservation. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 10 am at the 24 hour club, though we have been meeting earlier and more often to get more work done when we prearrange it.

Laurel takes our report to the inter group meeting for us. I will be at the April quarterly to report for district 20 Archives.

If a group is interested in having a display at there celebrations please contact me so we can arrange to be there. We have a nice collection now and it is available to show. If anyone wants to see things we can arrange a field trip to storage for a viewing also, and as always if anyone is interested in helping you are welcome.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Heather O.

1. Corrections – Polly W. – 239.248.9680 – pollylouise@comcast.net
I'm Polly, and I'm an alcoholic.

The corrections Committee would like to thank the Bonita Happy Hour group and the Came to Believe group for their donations.

We continue to work with the Collier County Corrections professionals as they go through changes in their programming. The women's meetings are functioning much better than my last report to District 20. We have also had the women's Sunday night meeting reinstated.

The men's Project Recovery meeting is going well. However, the men continue to see very few inmates at their general population meetings. It is important to note that there are no more General Population meetings for the women, because they have put the few general population women with the Project Recovery and the Cell Dog women – all in one meeting. If the women still had a General Population meeting, I'm certain that the attendance would be very low too.

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It's my belief that the General Population meetings are seeing such low attendance because of the new CCSO "positive behavior system." There are many men and women who are being denied the opportunity to attend AA because of their previous behavior. I get a strong impression that attendance at AA meetings is a reward, and in order to attend, an inmate has to earn the privilege. That inmate behavior may improve once inmates start to get involved in AA does not seem to be a factor in the mindset of the Corrections professionals.

As a possible solution to this issue, I requested of Officer Bouza the opportunity to attend a staff training and information meeting that the corrections professionals have every month. I'd like to give a brief (5-10 minutes) presentation on AA. I shared with her that most information that people have on AA is the result of rumors or myths and is usually very inaccurate. Katina has requested approval for me to be able to attend one of their monthly "supervisors" meetings. Once she gets approval, Alan B. is going to help me prepare for that presentation.

Finally, inmates have complained that they do not know how to request literature, or they have requested literature and they have been denied. When I communicated with Officer Bouza about this issue, she responded that no inmate is EVER denied access to AA literature. All they have to do is request it. She asked me to inform the AA volunteers taking meetings into the jail that she has placed messages on the inmate kiosks informing inmates how to request literature. If inmates complain about not being able to get literature, AA volunteers should direct the inmates to the information posted on the kiosks. Also posted on the kiosks is information on how to request involvement in the AA program.

In love and service,
Polly Whiting
District 20 Corrections Chair

a. Grapevine – Mary B. – grapevine@district20aa.org

March 26, 2014

Hello Everyone,

My name is Mary and I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the Grapevine Chair for District 20.

Our April meeting will be the third Thursday of April on the 17th at 6 PM at the Central Office. All are welcome.

Our Committee met on March 20th with 4 members in attendance. We welcomed Roy P from the Naples Group as their Grapevine Rep. Our meeting this month concentrated on the review of Conference Material for the General Service Conference in April. There are 3 items that we discussed that will be considered at the conference. The first is to consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2015 or later. The second is to reconsider publishing the "Alcoholism at Large" section of the Grapevine. Does anyone know what that is? It is a section on the second to last page of each Grapevine and it provides information on "outside issues" – which will be an interesting point of discussion. Finally the third item is to

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consider a request “to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the AA Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the AA Grapevine and La Vina magazines.”

I will be traveling to Tampa for the Area 15 General Service Assembly over the weekend on April 4-6.

Some members of our Committee will attend the Whoopi Party on Marco on March 29 to “talk up” the Grapevine and to sell subscriptions.

Remember to check out the Grapevine website, www.aagrapvine.org . The April edition of The Grapevine is featured now. You can also go to the audio section and listen to the March edition of the Grapevine and also other older editions.

Thank you for allowing me this “GRAPE” opportunity to serve. I may be reached at 239-777-8066 or at the Grapevine email: GrapevineDistrict20@yahoo.com or Grapevine@district20aa.org . If you don’t have a subscription to The Grapevine, see me after the meeting.

Again, the Grapevine Committee meeting is on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6PM at the Intergroup Meeting Room. Our next meeting is April 17th. All are welcome.

In love and service,
Mary B.

- b. PI/CPC – Brian D. – picpcchair@district20aa.org
No Report
- c. Special Needs – Steve K. – 239.430.9110 stevegk727@yahoo.com
No Report
- g. Treatment – Angel T. – AngelT21010@gmail.com – 305-304-6343
No Report
- h. Website –Gary G.-website@disctrict20aa.org
No Report

II. Naples Area Intergroup Liaison’s Report – Allan B. – 239.248.4172 abrat326@yahoo.com

REPORT OF DISTRICT 20/INTERGROUP LIASION

March 26, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of Naples Area Intergroup was opened by Chair Terri L. at 7 PM on March 5, 2014. 26 groups were represented.

Treasurer Stacey W reported:

Total Income	\$5504.28
Total Expenses	(\$10,664.05)

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Archives, Corrections, Treatment, Grapevine and Special Needs committees delivered reports.

Office manager Bill S reported 202 calls to Intergroup, 7 of which were 12 step calls. 5 were during business hours and 1 was after hours.

The Courier was distributed using the email list. If you did not receive the Courier, send an email to naplesintergroup@yahoo.com and put "Courier" in the subject line.

Webmaster Mary B reported 2794 visits to the website, 47.9% of which were new. Please visit the site at www.aanaples.org.

The date for the Gratitude Dinner this year was established as Nov. 15 at St. John's Catholic Church.

Chair Terri delivered a report, including actions of the steering committee. They considered the recommendations of the Telephone committee. They also passed a motion to review operational and financial processes and procedures. A procedure to accept credit/debit cards is being considered. The steering committee is considering revisions to the by-laws. A report was delivered concerning a Hispanic group in Golden Gate. They denied charging for AA meetings and limiting discussions to steps 4 and 5.

Under new business, Jessica volunteered to chair the picnic in August this year. Don M. is the newest member at large on the steering committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45
Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Bratton

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XI. District Committee Member Reports

A. Bonita Springs – *Opportunity!*

B. North Naples – *Opportunity!*

C. 24-Hour Club – Kathryn – 455-5436 – kathryngaertner@aol.com
No Report

D. Golden Gate – Jerry E.
No Report

E. Central Naples - *Opportunity!*

F. East Naples –
No Report

G. South Naples -

XII. GSR Reports –
No Reports

XIII. Summary of Motions –
None

XIV. Old Business – None

XV. New Business –
Review of the Motions for Quarterly

XVI. Good and Welfare

Anniversaries:

Heather W.- 3/22, 14 year

Ron P.- 3/29, 44 years

Steve K.- 3/18, 40 years

Charlie E.- 3/17, 15 years

Birthdays:

Gary G.- 3/13, 34 years

Allan B.- 3/26, 66 years

Maureen & Allan B.- 1 year wedding anniversary

XVII. Announcements:

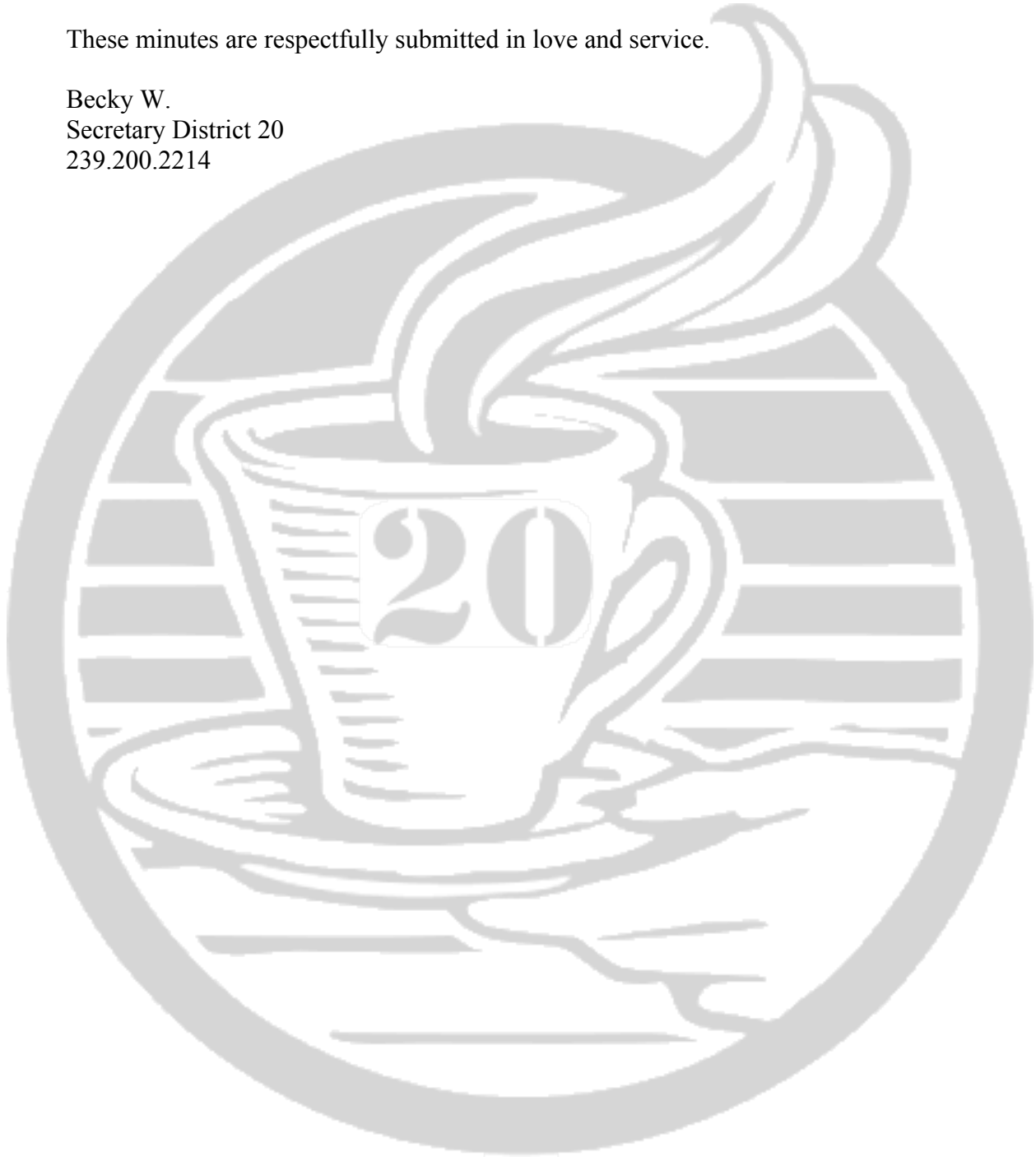
Rock-N-Roll Recovery Bash, 5/16 2-7pm at Sugden Park

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XVIII. Close with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer @ 8:00

These minutes are respectfully submitted in love and service.

Becky W.
Secretary District 20
239.200.2214



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