



DISTRICT 20



“There’s Good Times Aplenty in District 20!”

April 30, 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 –

Courtney G.- 3 Legacies

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. –

Chairperson Report for District 20
April 30th , 2014

Hi everyone my name is Ralph and I am an alcoholic. Member of the Naples group serving as District 20

Chair.

I attended the Area 15 Assembly the first weekend in April in Tampa along with over 700 other trusted servants. It was great to see everyone having not attended since October 2013.

The order of business on Sunday was going over the Conference material we covered at our last District meeting. Tedious business but all part of the process of the group conscience.

The Motion we brought to the Assembly went down in flames. Apparently there was some ambiguity as to how it was written so we will pursue this again at a later time.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

Ralph W.

B. Alternate Chairperson – John F. –
No Report

C. Registrar – Michelle B. –
No Report

D. Secretary – Becky W. –
March Minutes

E. Treasurer – Tobi D.-

I. Committee Reports

1. District 20 Archives Report- archives@district20aa.org
District 20 April 2014 Archives Report

I attended the quarterly in Tampa and had a wonderful time. The Archives committee is considering 3 motions to bring to the area in July.

Motion #1 is to request a new line item on the area budget for Archives. This would be to donate \$200.00 each year towards expenses for the annual Florida Archives Workshop.

Motion #2 is to vote on bringing in a new permanent position for an Area 15 Archivist.

Motion# 3 is for the Area to provide one night's lodging at the Annual Archives Workshop.

This is being discussed within the Archives committees in the areas and I will report back with further information in the future if they are approved. Some more information being considered on these motions is doing away with the money allotted for the Area 15 archives chair to attend the National Archives Workshop. I voted No to that

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consideration because people in Archives stay around for years and don't rotate out like other committees for the reason of how much education is needed to be good at it. I have been to both The National Archives Workshop and the Florida Annual Workshop. The weekend at the national is the only place that actually teaches hands on preservation. So for the integrity of AA history I feel it is best to have well trained archivists.

We will continue meeting the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 am at the 24 hour club. Both Amy and Laurel have agreed to take the responsibility for the archives displays at Founders Day and Serenity by the Sea. I regret that my work schedule is non changeable and has me working through both. I am grateful for their willingness. They have both been with me from the beginning and know how to do things well.

Amyck1@comcast.net & naplesboff@hotmail.com They will be happy to help so contact them if you need anything.

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

We continue to work with CCSO coordinating AA meetings inside the jail. The men's project recovery meetings are well attended, but the general population meetings only have 1-5 inmates in attendance. This is something that is not going to change. The women's meetings are quite large, but they include project recovery, a few general population inmates, the women in the "cell dog" program, AND the cell dogs. I have requested to attend a monthly CCSO supervisors' meeting to share with the corrections professionals about the value of AA and corrections professionals working together to give anyone with a desire to stop drinking an opportunity to attend an AA meeting. I have not been denied, but I've not yet received approval.

Tim S. is our new District Corrections Alternate Chair Person.

Tim attended the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly earlier this month – representing District 20 Corrections. Tim shared our struggles with the new issues we are having, and learned that we are not alone in our struggles. Other districts are having similar struggles.

This coming Monday is when our committee would have our regular business meeting, but we are NOT meeting. Our next Corrections Committee meeting will be Monday in June 5, 6pm, at the Intergroup meeting room.

Finally, the Corrections committee is grateful to the following groups for their generous donations. 100% of group donations is used solely for purchasing literature for the men and women inside the Collier County Jail.

Morning Reflections

Brown Bag

Early Risers

Bonita One Day at a Time

Bonita We Care

In love and service,
Polly Whiting

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

April 30, 2014

Hello Everyone,

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

I travelled to Tampa at the beginning of April to attend our District Quarterly. The Grapevine had 3 Items to consider. The most interesting item was one of the topics for a book about minorities in AA. The working title was "People of Color". That created a lot of controversy and there was a lot of discussion about it. The Grapevine committee meeting at the end of this week will decide on a more current, politically acceptable title. Watch for it in future information from The Grapevine.

Our District 20 Committee met on April 29th after rescheduling twice this month. I was the only one to make the meeting and will defer the agenda to our May meeting. We now have a variety of older Grapevines to offer as prizes for various events. We are looking forward to participating in the Service Fair/Founder's Day event on June 14th at Faith Lutheran on Goodlette Frank Road. I'm sure there will be more information coming from District on this event. I have requested \$150 from District 20 designated funds for The Grapevine so that we can get our display designed for Founder's Day and for other events coming up throughout the year. We gave received a donation from Bob D's estate, previous GV Chair, to use in our display.

Our Monthly Meetings in June and July will be moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month this year. This is noted on the Calendars at aanaples.org and also district20aa.org.

Some members of our Committee attended the Whoopi Party on Marco on April 26 to "talk up" the Grapevine and to sell subscriptions.

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

Thank you for allowing me this 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 May 15th. All are welcome.

In love and service,
Mary B.

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- 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

- i. Literature- Mike O. - Literature@district20aa.org

My name is Mike O. and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your District 20 Literature chair.

I attended the Area 15 quarterly earlier this month and the area literature committee went over the agenda items for the General Service Conference. As for literature agenda item F: Consider the use of the circle and triangle as an unofficial A.A. service mark on conference-approved literature. We voted 10 to 0 for the motion. For agenda item G: Consider a request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness. The vote was 6-no 3-yes and 1 abstention. As for agenda item H: Consider a request to add "Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the Primary Purpose (Blue) card. The committee was split 5 to 5.

As for the literature display, I believe I have it done. I will take inventory after Founders Day. I am looking forward to this event and I hope to see all of you there with your sponsees.

The 75th Anniversary Edition of the original Big Book is out and can be ordered through GSO or can be purchased at the Naples Area Intergroup Office for a little over \$12.

As for the treasurer report, I spent \$58.70 toward the display (books, booklets and a literature rack) leaving a balance of \$40.30 for the rest of the year which should be sufficient.

In Love and Service,
Mike Olson
District 20 Literature Chair

No Report

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT 20/INTERGROUP LIASION

April 30, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of Naples Area Intergroup was opened by Chair Terri L. at 7 PM on April 2, 2014. 25 groups were represented.

Treasurer Stacey W reported:

Total Income \$6629.28

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Total Expenses (\$6285.96)
Net \$343.32
Checking Acct Bal \$4054.47
Prudent Reserve \$19311.06

Corrections, Treatment, Grapevine and committees delivered reports.

Office manager Bill S reported 148 calls to Intergroup, 10 of which were 12 step calls.

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 1861 visits to the website, 48.4% 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. Kevin O. Co-chair investigated the possibility of accepting credit/debit cards by surveying other offices. The overall conclusion is that it increases sales and presents few problems. It was decided to remove the listing for the Spanish group Volver a Nacer from the printed meeting schedules.

Under new business, past Chairman Peter F. was presented as new co-chair to replace Kevin O. who resigned for personal reasons. Affirmed without objection. Stacy W., treasurer also announced her intention to resign from her position.

Representatives from the group Volver a Nacer presented information about how their group functions and how newcomers are introduced to the group. Chair Terri L. promised further investigation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16
Respectfully Submitted,

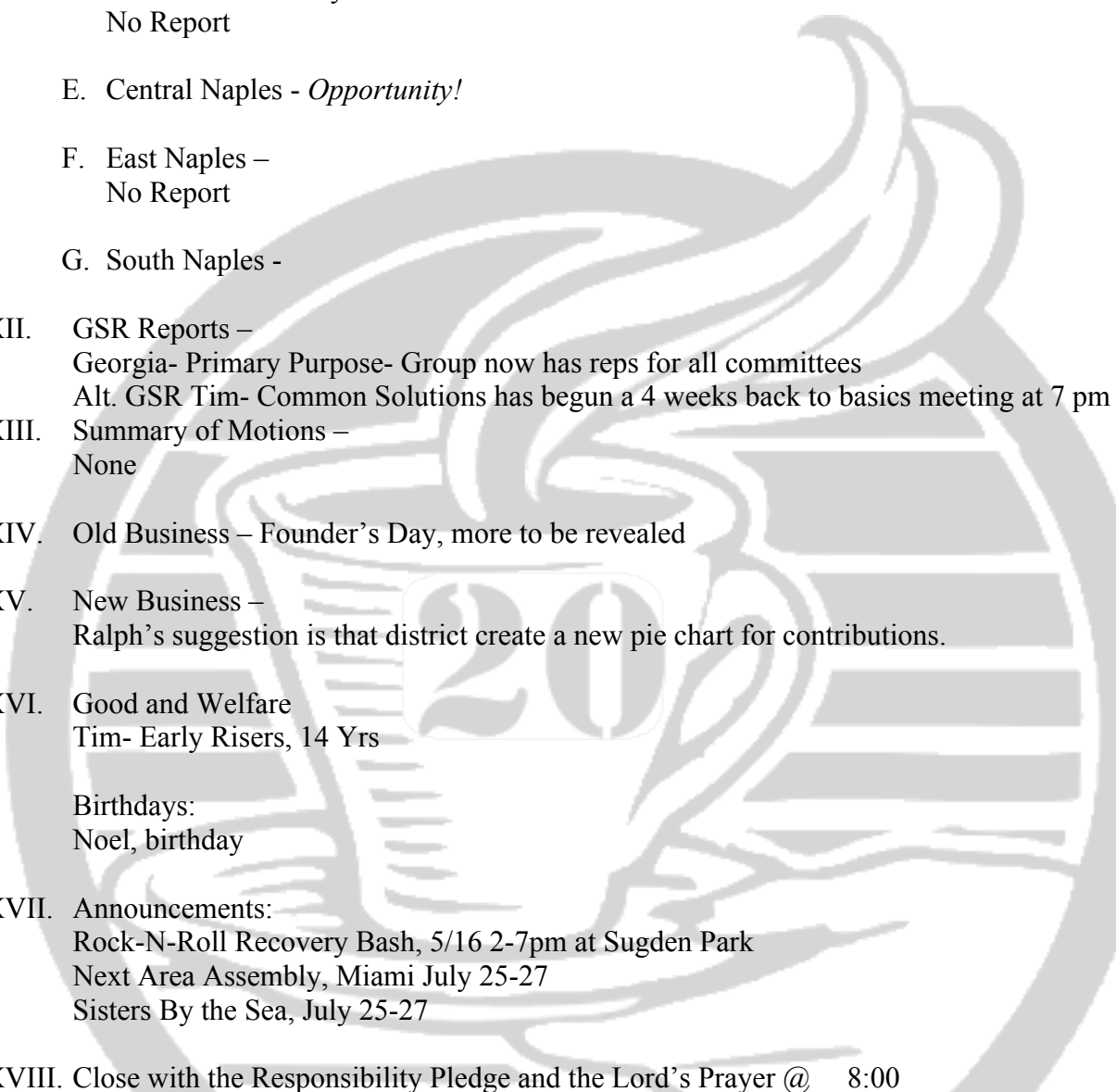
Allan Bratton

XI. District Committee Member Reports

A. Bonita Springs – *Opportunity!*

B. North Naples – *Opportunity!*

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- 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 –
Georgia- Primary Purpose- Group now has reps for all committees
Alt. GSR Tim- Common Solutions has begun a 4 weeks back to basics meeting at 7 pm
- XIII. Summary of Motions –
None
- XIV. Old Business – Founder’s Day, more to be revealed
- XV. New Business –
Ralph’s suggestion is that district create a new pie chart for contributions.
- XVI. Good and Welfare
Tim- Early Risers, 14 Yrs
- Birthdays:
Noel, birthday
- XVII. Announcements:
Rock-N-Roll Recovery Bash, 5/16 2-7pm at Sugden Park
Next Area Assembly, Miami July 25-27
Sisters By the Sea, July 25-27
- 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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