

District 1

Archives Committee Meeting #80

February 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 1:30 by Steve B. Opened with Serenity Prayer

Members present (9): Bruce A., Cora B., Bob J., Steven B., Ryan M., Leslie B., Steve B., Jamie R., Larry H.

Introductions around table: **Name, home group & Archives Committee position**, if any.

Secretary: Larry H. (7/13): Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Chair/Treasurer: Reed H. (10/15): Reed was not present but sent in an email report, which Steve read:

- Budget is \$245.00
- Attended Officer/DCM meeting. Told them we are gearing up for the April quarterly at the Hilton.
- All display and Power Point are a go.
- Only 3 standing committee chairs present.
- Discussed Carry-The-Message Day with Intergroup. Matt will take it to the Steering Committee.
- District minutes will be sent out by email.
- Will be attending State Archives Workshop in Winter Garden.
- Will be attending a planning meeting for the April quarterly on Feb 27.

Alt. Chair: Steve B. (11/15): Steve conducted the meeting in Reed's absence.

Plain & Straight Liason: Leslie B. (3/15):

- Leslie submitted a History Corner article on the Blind Pass Group and a report on the book *Came to Believe*.
- The book report made it into the P&S, but the History Corner article did not. Huh?
- Why is the P&S not using her material?
- Bruce wondered aloud if it is worth the trouble of composing and submitting articles to P&S when they are not going to be used.
- Larry will follow up with Matt (Central Office manager) to see what's going on.

Alternate Plain & Straight Liason: Steve F. (5/15): Present. No report.

Plain & Straight Acquisition: Leslie B. (3/15): Leslie gave the latest P&S to Larry.

Grapevine Acquisition: Bob J. (11/15): Bob did not have any Grapevines, but did have some interesting AA historical material, which he made copies of. Thanks, Bob.

Web Liason: Leslie B. (5/15): Posting of meeting minutes is up to date.

Alternate Web Liason: Susan M. (5/15): Works from home.

Computer Graphics Designer: Jamie R. (8/15):

- Jamie and Leslie are developing two Power Point presentations.

- The first one will be an automatic continuous loop with descriptive text to be shown at the April quarterly at the Hilton.
- The other will be a narrated presentation, with little or no text, to be used when we are invited.
- Jamie suggested getting pictures of some of the early meeting places in Pinellas County as they look today.
- Larry brought in a Power Point projector. It was connected to Leslie's laptop and checked out good.

Email Contact: Bruce A. (3/15): No solicitations or emails this month. Bruce's communications with Jeramy are ongoing. Jeramy is in the process of updating the language in which our web page is written so that it will be easier to make changes. Bruce said that somewhere we have a copy of the original order for 3 Big Books by the St. Pete Group in 1945. Larry will look for it.

Recorder: Edward G. (5/14): Not present.

Alternate Recorder: Open

Archivist: Larry H. (7/13):

- Apparently Ray G. has been invited to display his extensive AA historical collection at the April quarterly at the Hilton. His collection is so massive that it dwarfs the District 1 Archives collection. There was much discussion as to whether or not we should participate at all. Ray's is a *private* collection and ours is the *archive* collection of *District 1*, which is hosting the quarterly. It was decided that the subject would be brought up at the District 1 business meeting in March. Ray was there the last time District 1 hosted the quarterly at the Hilton and there were problems. Those of us that were there at the time said *never again*.
- Larry has given Matt documents showing that the Pinellas County Intergroup was established in 1962 and not 1945 as shown on the logo. The first Pinellas County AA *meetings* took place in 1945, but Intergroup did not start until December 9, 1962. Having *est. 1945* on the intergroup logo is misleading.

Old Business:

- Invitation to display at the 2016 Florida State Convention in Innisbrook. Tabled.

New Business:

- Cora suggested that our traveling display is stale and people don't find it very interesting. Most of us agreed. We will revisit the portable display.

Open Positions: Alternate Recorder

Passed basket for coffee drinkers.

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 3:00 PM

Next meeting will be **March 19, 2016** at 1:30 PM

Respectfully, Larry H.