

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104

May 18th, 2011 - 7 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in sheet

Mitch S.(DCM);Lorry H. (Archives);Tanea B.(LDCMA);Jeremy W.(LDCMC);Michael B.(Schedules); KelleyS.(Secretary);WayneT.(Treasurer);BrianJ.(Website);JasonE.(CCF);AnnJ.(GSR);BarbR.(GSR); Bob G.(GSR);Carrie H.(GSR);Clare C.(GSR);David C.(GSR);Jami T.(GSR);Kelly K.(GSR);Michael C.(GSR); Mike F. (GSR);Mike S.(GSR);Ranie B.(GSR);Sal C.(GSR);Terrence R.(GSR);Gail J.(AlAnon Liaison)

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introduce New GSRs: Clare C. Central Point No Name, Jami T. Step Into Life

Reading of the 12 Traditions- Lorry H.

Reading of the 4th Concept- Michael B.

Approval of last month's meeting minutes – Kelley S. Motion to approve Wayne T. Second: Tanea B.; approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: These are the activities for the period of 4/20/11 through 5/18/11. The total income for the district was **\$314.50**. The total expenses for the district were **\$245.09**. This leaves the district with net income of **\$69.41**. The district's checking balance as of 5/18/11 was **\$3502.00**. When the \$1,250.00 prudent reserve is subtracted, the district is left with a working balance of **\$2,252.00**.

Carrie asked about the allocation split for District funds to GSO etc. Current practice is not to redistribute funds, but to use them for District activities. She also asked for a statement on her group contributions. Bob G. asked about making a motion to discontinue the use of the term Prudent Reserve-held for new business. Terrence R. asked a general question regarding GSR responsibilities. Mitch S. gave a general guideline and invited him to attend the Assembly the next weekend- also continued to new business.

Motion to approve, Mike S., seconded, Mike F.; approved unanimously.

Announcements: Attached as part of the minutes.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) –Open

Archives – Lorry H. Needs a key to the archives- will get with Mitch after the meeting.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Was Open

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Peter S. Presented a lecture series at the ARC. Also have contacted the OnTrack Teen program regarding bringing in a panel of younger people, and a couple who got sober young with long term sobriety to speak to them.

Telephones – Caitrin G. Not present. There is a record from Answer Page that will be attached to the minutes. Wayne will take a phone list from Carrie to Central Office and scan/email to Caitrin.

Schedules – Michael B. Michael is sending around this schedule for any new changes. New schedules will be in about ten days. He is still trying to find out if any of the Spanish speaking groups are still operating in White City. A new Tuesday noon meeting, Change Everything, 1024 Summit Ave at the Star meeting room (dog house). MFG has new meetings and will get with Michael before printing.

Web Site – Brian J District 7 is asking to have a link on our website. This was deferred to New Business.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Chair –Linda P. Not present.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair – Ranie B. says thanks to Tanea B. they now have a live document online that they can use for recording the activities of the committee. She is still working to get in touch with the schools and the school district.

Grapevine – Barbara D. Not present.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office –Wayne T. Not a lot to report as they have missed meetings due to the breakfast and other activities. Lots of literature sales and walk in visitors and 1 telemarketer called.

AI Anon – Gayle J Brought fliers for the State Speaker meeting. She also brought AI-Anon material for the women's transition center. She brought meeting lists and reminded us to come to the state speaker meeting.

DCM: – Mitch S May 2011 District 16 DCMC Report:

My name is Mitch I am an Alcoholic and present DCMC of District 16. I would like start off by reminding everyone that this October we will be conducting elections for the following positions so keep this in mind and start planning your future AA service jobs. DCMC (the position that I currently hold), L-DCM-B (DCM of the Medford groups), and the Secretary Position. The following District Committees are slated for rotation and election so be looking for a replacement to train Access Chair, Archives Chair (Sorry Lorry you just got this you're not that lucky you stay!), Treatment Facilities Chair, Website Chair, Schedules Chair and Grapevine Chair. The Anonymity Mythbusters was AWESOME if you missed it you definitely missed out! This was a very informative and fun way to spend an afternoon the following was sent to me at a request from Gus P. of Eugene who was one of the presenters, this comes from a Grapevine Submission made by Bill W. January 1946 Vol.2 No.8 which refers to Anonymity

1. It should be the privilege of each individual A.A. to cloak himself with as much personal anonymity as he desires. His fellow A.A.s should respect his wishes and help guard whatever status he wants to assume.
2. Conversely, the individual A.A. ought to respect the feeling of his local group as to their anonymity. If his group wishes to be more anonymous than he does, he ought to go along with them until they change their views.
3. With very rare exceptions it ought to be a national tradition that no member of Alcoholics Anonymous shall ever feel free to publish his name or picture (in connection with his Alcoholics Anonymous activities) in any medium of public circulation, or by radio. Of course, this should not restrict the free use of his name in other public activities, provided he does not disclose his A.A. connection.
4. If for some extraordinary reason, for the good of A.A. as a whole, a member thinks it desirable to completely drop his anonymity he should only do so after consulting the older members of his local group. If he is to make a nationwide public appearance as an A.A. the matter ought to be referred to our Central Office.

Of course, I am not for a moment thinking of these statements as rules or regulations; they merely suggest what would seem to be sound tradition for the future. In the last analysis every A.A. will have to search his own conscience.

If we are going to evolve a clear-cut tradition about anonymity we shall do it only through our usual process, viz:--trial and error, much discussion, collective judgment and common consent.

To stimulate further discussion I would like, in an early issue of *The Grapevine*, to review our experience with anonymity. That we shall eventually come up with the right answers I can have no doubt.

Bill W.

I have been doing my best to get the Area and GSO rosters completely updated and on track. I corresponded with our Area Registrar via Email and have gotten every GSR change form that we have received since I rotated updated through their records and he has sent the proper changes on to GSO so this printing of the Area Roster should be very current however I know people rotate and/or cannot fulfill the time requirements of these positions so make sure that you continue to have your groups GSR submit the Change forms to the current DCM so they make sure that records are current. I received an Email with my topic for the PNC item I will be presenting on and I will share with you that this one is going to be rough even for me my topic is, " Coins, Cakes, clapping/ Can the good be the

Enemy of the Best?" Doesn't this sound like a fun topic to research and present on I will be sure to let you all know how it goes. I have also received a letter from our upcoming Area Assembly so here it is:

Greetings from District 21,

We are so excited that the May Assembly is nearly here...

As you know, this event will be held at the Ashbrook Independent School ...School being the operative word. Students will be in-session up to 3:30pm on Friday so the doors will not open for us until 4pm...I know, the excitement and enthusiasm is too much, we're all taking Friday off and we can't wait to see our fellows! Dude, I know exactly how you feel...Unfortunately; we can not show up early...if you do, you may get some pretty puzzling looks...**After 4pm please.**

Special Note:

Smoking is allowed! - What you ask...but schools don't allow smoking.

Ashbrook was so excited to help us host our business meeting that they set-aside their policy of no smoking however, they have established a designated area on campus and we **cannot** wander from this area when smoking. Please, let's be considerate of their policies and make this a great weekend!

The GSR sharing session is on Friday night from 7:00- 8:45 this is where you might bring up group issues or come up with new Ideas for District functions etc. The GSR school is on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:50. Tanea B is heading up the Delegates Post Conference Report which we have made the executive decision of hosting on July 23rd. This is all I can think of for now if there is anything I can do to help you let me know Thanks Mitch S. District 16 DCMC.

LDCMA – Tanea B. I am very excited to report that we have secured the date of Sunday July 24th with our Delegate for her Post Conference Report, as these dates are taken up pretty fast. This date will allow us plenty of time to plan the event and get the word out to the body. It will also maximize our Delegates travel time and expenses as she will be in Klamath Falls the day before.

I attended the Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community Committee meeting at Linda's house at the very beginning of the month and it was super productive and super FUN as always (fun, fun!!). I think we are having another one right after this District meeting so get involved and have fun.

I was in touch with most of the contacts for the meetings listed in the Area roster for the Ashland area and I continue to attend meetings. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to your group.

YIS, Tanea B

Area A Group Reports

LDCMB –Craig C. Not Present.

Area B Group Reports. – Valley of the Rogue Group. The Valley of the Rogue Group had its 2560th meeting. There was a lack of attendance for a couple of weeks. Attendance dropped from 25-30 to just 7 the week before the Rogue Round Up and 6 the Saturday of the Rogue Round Up. Both of those weeks the van from the VA didn't show up. The VA is still in need of reliable van drivers to bring vets to meetings. Last week attendance was 21 and included vets. Also, the Group last week doubled its home group members, it is now 2. I continue to be perplexed by the fact a Group can exist for over 49 years and not have any AA members in the district consider it their home group.

I have been enquiring about AA pamphlet displays at the RVMC. I have found out that this is not allowed. The explanation is that if AA is allowed to display pamphlets than every other association with pamphlets will want to. That would be an out-of-control situation for the hospital, so they don't allow anyone to display literature.

I stopped by the Central Office last week to see if they had Birthday Contribution envelopes to send to GSO. The volunteer had no idea what I was talking about. I explained to the volunteer these are the envelopes to send a dollar contribution for every year of sobriety you celebrate to GSO. There was someone there visiting with the volunteer that told me "we don't do that in this district, Birthday Contributions are made to the Central Office instead of GSO. One more time I say...INTERESTING!!!

Yours in Service Bob G

Mike F. MFG – Bingo is back! June 8th at 7:30; Party Hearty Dance night Friday June 10th. Campout this year is at Emigrant Lake, July 21-24.

Carrie H. – Brought fliers for the How It works Book Study Tuesday 6:00 PM at Unity Church. Also would like information from the MFG as to the date of their picnic so they can plan theirs without conflict.

LDCMC – Jeremy W. Things are working well without his help.

Peter S. – The Ruch 9:03 4th of July picnic will be held August 13th.

Area C Group Reports -

Old Business: GSR from Ashland will not be going and will not use her scholarship.

New Business:

1) Brian has asked about putting golf events (for alcoholics) on the website. It is not sponsored by a group or an event associated with a group. There was discussion regarding putting non-AA events on the website. Suggestions were made about making themselves a group, or associating with a group. The golfers are all alcoholics, and it would help in their communications, such as when the Brookings Roundup takes our guys around there. Central Office was offered as another alternative. The guidelines state:

- Ensure that all web site material conforms to the AA Traditions and the group conscience of District 16

Peter S. stated that this is attraction to the newcomer. Mike F. asked what would be the negative effect of having this on the website. David stated the idea is about intent and servicing the groups of the District, and is golf that inclusive. He does not play golf and Peter assures him that not many who play at their events play either. Carrie H. made a motion to vote to see if the body wants to vote on this issue. Seconded by Mike S. Passed. A vote was taken “All in favor of putting the golf event on the website”, “All opposed”, motion passed. The minority had a chance to speak. Michael B. stated there is a need to clarify the guidelines. David has money questions about the golf. Jeremy states the District site is for the District and group activities. Wayne suggests they contact Central Office. Tanea states she is concerned that we have not asked the groups and it is there money. Peter asked regarding the financial impact, to which Brian replied just the costs spread over the website and his hefty price for services.

Ranie B. made a motion to revote- Tanea seconded. Revote on the motion to have the event on the website. It was defeated 12-11. It is suggested this be taken back to the groups and if someone wants to pursue it to bring it before the body again.

2) Kelley asked for funding to take Big Books into the jail. The cost is \$142.80. Ranie B. motioned to fund this, Lorry H. seconded, passed. Jason E. is willing to resume his duties as the CCF chair. Jeremy W. motioned to have Jason reinstated the CCF chair, Mike F. seconded, passed. Position is until next year. Mitch asked that he check in with the Youth Facilities in the area.

3) There is discussion whether to have a link to District 7 on our website. Mike F. motioned to table this motion until the next meeting and take the motion back to our groups before we meet again, and to ascertain if this will be a reciprocal link. The question is: There has been a request by District 7 to have a link to their website on our website.

4) Tanea B. - The last piece of new business is regarding the Post Conference Report in July, I would like to request that we have the event here at the Smulin Center again and have a themed potluck. Make your favorite dish or side from your favorite show... The Event Theme could be “Tune in to AA as a whole.” “Tune into the Delegate” “Tune in to The Conference.” and the pot luck food you bring will be from your favorite show/movie/etc. like Soprano's = Italian meat balls, Friends = coffee danishes, Beevus and Butthead = cheese whiz and crackers, whatever, let's make it food and fun and

funny (or serious, it could be totally serious too). The cost of the facility is minimal, about \$10, the room is already set up with the necessary equipment (projector and screen), and well I guess I only had two reasons.

Michael motioned to approve, Ann J. seconded, passed.

Mike S. asked about using some of our funds to give to GSO who he says is not self-supporting at this time. A suggestion was made to have someone chair a committee to investigate this further- but no one was available.

Close: 8:27 Motion to close Jeremy W., Mike F. seconded, and unanimous approval; closed with the responsibility statement.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley S., Secretary

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