

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104

February 15th, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in sheet

Kelly K., DCMC; Shawn J., LDCM B; Jeremy W., LDCM C; Craig C., Secretary; Wayne T., Treasurer / Central Office Liaison; Laurie H., Archivist; Linda P., PI/CPC Chair; Philip E., Schedules; Gail J., Al Anon Liaison; Barb R., GSR; Carrie H., GSR; David C., GSR; David D., GSR; Eric S., GSR; Happy L., GSR; Ranie B., Robert R., GSR; Russ R., GSR; Susan H., GSR; Tracy M., AGSR; Michael D., Visitor; Debbie, Visitor;

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introduce New GSR's: Tracy M., Ashland Morning Meeting, Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Presbyterian Church, Siskiyou & Walker
Russ R., Valley of the Rogue, Saturday, 7:00 P.M. R.V.M.C. Carpenter Room (Downstairs)

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Linda P.

Reading of the 2nd Concept: Michael D.

Approval of last month's meeting minutes – Craig C. Motion to approve by Jeremy W., Seconded By: Wayne T. **Passed**

Treasurer's Report - Wayne T. Motion to approve by Craig C., Seconded By: Shawn J. **Passed**

These are the activities for the period of 01/20/12 through 02/19/12. The District 16 Beginning Balance was \$3,430.40. The Total Income for the District was \$820.50. The Total Expenses for the District were \$166.66. This leaves the District with a Net Ordinary Income of \$653.84. The District's checking balance as of 02/19/12 is \$3958.02. When the \$1250.00 Prudent Reserve is subtracted, the District is left with a Working Balance of \$2708.02.

Announcements: None were included. Check Web Site for updated information.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – Open

Archives – Laurie H. –

My name is Laurie Hopkins and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your district archivist.

My helper Patrice and I have made significant headway in organizing the archived boxes into the file cabinet. I have, however, utilized all spare hanging files and manila folders that I have and will need some funds to purchase more. I have not researched the cost of these items as of yet. Perhaps just an advance of \$20 will get me started.

On another note, I have some samples of bookmarks I have used in the past to illicit donations of AA items from our local community. Basically, they say that whoever owns this item would like it to be donated to the district archives in the event of their passing. This works well in letting people know that we value our AA history and that we not only accept but anticipate further donations of books and any other AA related memorabilia.

The archives committee would like to make more of these bookmarks to pass on to our GSR's and DCM's in an effort to encourage donations. The purpose of donations is to better understand the local and national history of AA and to utilize some of these things to build a traveling display that can be shown at events and meetings around our district.

The cost would include some lamination sheets and paper of which I have yet to price. I would print, laminate, and cut them at home thereby saving costs of professional services. If the district approves these bookmarks, I will purchase the lamination and paper and submit a receipt next month for reimbursement.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Carmen K. –

During early month of February attempted contact Jackson County Jail Commander with no success.

2/10/12 Called and finally spoke to Sgt. Granger. Asked what the new policies that was in place. He apprised that the inmates are no longer mixed. IE: Mixing Minimum Security prisoners with Medium Security prisoners making it very difficult to have meetings. I asked if there was any truth to the rumor that all AA materials had been removed from the jail. He said that he was unaware of that.

He told me that the Jail Commander worked Monday – Thursday and that she would be happy to have a sit down meeting with me.

On Monday, the Jail Commander called me, and asked for a sit down meeting with me. I will call her tomorrow, apprise her of my situation, and set up a meeting ASAP so that we can find out what is actually true and what is rumor.

Question: Who is talking with Community Justice Department? Is that my responsibility, too?

At this point, there is no one from District who is formally working with them so, Carmen, if she would like to, can contact them to see how we can help.

Question: I was told that Dog on the Roof wants to make a donation of a case of books to the jail, if the rumor about no literature is true. How do I respond to them?

If at this time the jail is not accepting any of our literature, then when a group asks if they can make a donation they need to be told thank you but at this time we cannot take the literature due to jail restrictions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carmen Kruschke

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Matt V. – No Report.

Telephones – Lorry H. – Hello from your Telephone Committee Person. I am in sunny Palm Springs. Your project is about 100% complete and ready to turn in. I will put the finishing touches on it and all will be turned in to Central Office and Answer Page prior to our March Business Meeting.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service, Lorry H.

Schedules – Phil E. – Passed around the Master Schedule for updates. He said that the Alano Club and the Central Office should have enough schedules to last the week it will take to print the new schedules.

Web Site – Brian J. was here to update us on the Website. He is continuing to update the site. As far as Dream Weaver goes, we do own the software. The site was built so that it would be fairly easy to upkeep. At the meeting tonight, we had two visitors that were interested in filling this position. Those two members were Michael D. and Debbie. Kelly K. will get together with the other DCM's and contact the person who they have chosen for the position.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Chair – Linda P. – did attend the Local Alcohol and Drug Professionals in the Community Meeting this month. The meeting was very interesting and will be attending next month. The meeting is on the 4th Wed of the Month at 4:00 P.M. Linda will be attending and providing our AA resources to them and will find out how AA (District 16) can help at the community level.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair – Open

Grapevine – Mitch S. – Not Present

District 16 Liaison to Central Office - Wayne T. – Building is still standing. There is a new web master at the Central Office. On April 1st, 2012 10:00 A.M. Central Office Fundraiser Speaker begins at noon.

AI-Anon – Gail J. – New meeting list are on the back table. AI-Anon Chili Feed April 21st, 2012 at the St. Vincent de Paul. Leanne spoke about the Ala-Teen Speaker Meeting being held on Feb 25th, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church 456 W. Pine St. Central Point, Oregon.

DCMC: – Kelley K.

Good evening District 16.

At first I thought I didn't have too much to report on then after I emailed my report to Craig I remembered about the Oregon Area Orientation I attended in January. It was a wonderful day shared with many other service geeks there to learn about their new jobs or to share their experience with us newbie's. There were wonderful presentations for everything from website presentation to effective motion writing and even a presentation on Hosting an Assembly from our own Barbara D. who is our Area Alt. Chair. I have a copy of my notes if anyone would like to take a look as it would be a very long report if I talked about everything I learned that day.

The only other thing I have really done is to email a stack of Group Change Forms and send their hardcopies to the Oregon Area Registrar. He received both and the new changes will be reflected in the Area Roster at the February Assembly.

I'm going to talk a little more about the upcoming February Assembly again. It is in Gold Beach and is February 24 through the 26th. It is the pre – General Service Conference Assembly where we will be going over upcoming agenda items and giving feedback to our Oregon Area Delegate so he can take our “voice” to New York. More info at Oregon Area website aa-oregon.org.

Again the very next weekend I will be attending PRAASA in Bellevue Washington where I'm sure I will hear lot's of interesting information to bring back to all of You! More info can be found at praasa.org.

I will be giving a report for our district at the Area Assembly so if there is anything anyone would like me to include please talk to me after the mtg or e-mail.

Thank you, Yours in Love and Service, Kelly

LDCMA – Tanea B.

Hello, my name is Tanea and...

I would like to apologize for my absence as my husband had to travel out of town for work and I know that no one, and I mean no one, is missing a grumpy, teething, snotty nose running toddler right about now at the district meeting...so, your welcome.

I don't have much to report on for the Ashland Talent Phoenix meetings. I have had a couple of phone calls on 7th tradition distribution numbers and requests for addresses. I sent out the pamphlets and supplied the addresses to the Central Office, Oregon Area, and District 16. I am super excited to attend the Assembly in Gold Beach this month and I can't wait for the outpouring of requests from the groups for assistance to process the request from the delegate on the agenda items from The Conference in New York.

On a personal note, I am super, super, super excited to be working with my sponsor and a small group of women on the traditions. We meet weekly and use the traditions illustrated pamphlet along with the traditions checklist from GSO! These women are inspirational and I thank you all for teaching me how the traditions work.

Did someone say SUPER PICNIC?? I heard something about a super picnic; I heard that the groups in District 16, Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, Medford, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Prospect, Jacksonville, and all the other areas I forgot to list are talking about having one really big picnic this year. My home group, the Pacific Positive group, has offered their location, 1701 W Main (W Main Church of Christ) on Thursday March 22nd at 6pm to be the meeting place to discuss such matters of said super picnic. The 22nd of March will give us all time to check with our home groups, to see if they want to participate to some degree, at their next business meeting with in the next month, forget about the upcoming meeting, and then be reminded about the meeting about the super picnic the Thursday after the March District meeting.

Area A: (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent.) Group Reports:

No Reports This Month.

LDCMB – Shawn J.

I have been really busy attending meetings and introducing myself to the GSR's and Secretaries in my Area. By doing so, I have been able to submit updates and changes to 12 meetings (9 for GSR's and 3 for Point of Contacts). I have been able to extend my hand to my secretaries and GSR's to let them know that they are not alone out there. I have not been able to get to all of the meetings in my area. I will work on attending the other 12 next month. I have identified 14 meetings that are not registered with GSO. They are also not listed in the Oregon Area Roster.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a problem with one of the meetings in my area; Bridging the Gap Group that meets at the Salvation Army Hope House on Friday Nights at 7:00 P.M. There were problems with personalities over principles. I and the district secretary met with Shawn K from the Salvation Army Hope House. She is the Director of Transitional Living. We came up with a solution. The Hope House is going to provide daycare for the residents so, they can attend the meeting without having the children in the room. There will be infants with their mothers. A situation came up where a member of AA grabbed a residents child and that member or any other member has no right to touch anyone of the children on the premises. We have asked AA members to treat this meeting differently than a normal meeting because we are going to a meeting on their property. Most of the individuals are rather new in sobriety mostly 30 to 60 days. This is why we have asked outside members for the support. If you are in the Medford area I am here to be of service to you and your group. If I can do anything for you please give me a call.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Shawn J.

Area B: (Medford) Group Reports

Susan H., There is a Solution: We are going to be celebrating our 10th Year Anniversary in March. It is going to be called A Night of Celebration being held on March 19th, 2012. We are going to be having a potluck and I will be bringing you a flyer the next time I see you.

Susan H., Rogue Valley Women in Recovery: Will be held this year on June 16th, 2012. It will be Luncheon venue for the women. They are looking for help for some donated items that they will be able to use for their raffle items.

LDCMC – Jeremy W.

I have not been able to get out of town to much lately to attend meetings in the outlying areas but, I have had the opportunity to attend the Ruch 903 meeting. I updated the address for the library on the master schedule when it went around. Other than that, that is it for this month.

Area C: (Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, White City, Central Point, Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate.) Group Reports

No Reports This Month.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business: Archivist Request

Laurie H. made a motion requesting that archives be given \$40.00 to purchase lamination paper, hanging files, and manila folders. This is for the Bookmark Project and the continuation of the Filing Project. Seconded by: Ranie B.
Passed

Close: 8:09 p.m. Kelly K. asked is there is any further business. There being no further business. Shawn J. motioned to adjourn. Seconded by: Barb R. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted: Craig A. Coggins
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