

## DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in sheet

Kelly K., DCMC; Shawn J., LDCM B; Craig C., Secretary; Wayne T., Treasurer / Central Office Liaison; Matt V., CTF Chair; Lorry H., Telephones; Phil E., Schedules; Gail J., Al Anon Liaison; Barb R., GSR; Claire F., GSR; David C., GSR; David D., GSR; Ranie B., GSR; Rob S., GSR; Robert R., GSR; Sal C., GSR; Susan H., GSR; Tracy M., GSR; Ann J., AGSR; Barbara D., Member.

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introduce New GSR's: Claire F. Her Story, Christ Unity Church, 540 N. Holly St., Medford, Or

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Shawn J.

Reading of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept: Craig C.

Approval of last month's meeting minutes – Craig C. Motion to approve by Shawn J., Seconded By: Barb R. **Passed**

Treasurer's Report - Wayne T. Motion to approve by Susan H., Seconded By: Robert R. **Passed**

**These are the activities for the period of 03/20/12 through 04/19/12. The District 16 Beginning Balance was \$3094.68. The Total Income for the District was \$769.34. The Total Expenses for the District were \$300.01. This leaves the District with a Net Ordinary Income of \$469.33. The District's checking balance as of 04/19/12 is \$3,564.01. When the \$1,250.00 Prudent Reserve is subtracted, the District is left with a Working Balance of \$2314.01.**

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

### Committee Reports:

**Access Committee (AC) – Open**

**Archives – Laurie H. – Not Present.**

Susan H. - Was asked by Laurie H. to ask the district, did everyone get the chance to see the example of the bookmark that was sent out earlier in the month in an e-mail? Laurie H. - Would like to know if the bookmark is presentable on colored paper or with the district like to upgrade to the card stock? The issue would be the price of the card stock versus the paper. Susan H. - Stated that her (Laurie H.) opinion is the colored paper. Kelly K. - Since (Laurie H.) is not here at the meeting tonight the questions we have, we will bring up at the meeting next month. (I E price difference, colors, etc.) Barbara D. - The idea behind the bookmark is that when a member passes on the bookmark will have the instructions on how to get the literature to the archivist. Kelly K. - Yes, that is correct.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Carmen K. – Not Present. No report.**

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Matt V.**

I am dropping off schedules at the ARC and at On-Track this week. On-Track has asked for 300 schedules to be delivered each week. I directed them to the website so that they could download a copy and make their own copies on-site. *With everyone now having smart phones and other access, do you feel that it would be in our best interest to make up a flyer to direct people to our website so, they can get the current schedule and current events?* Shawn J. - we should still have hard copies of the schedules and meeting level but, if flyer might help someone if they have equipment. We don't want to get rid of the schedules and meeting level because not everyone has a smart phone or other device when they are new in sobriety. Craig C. – On-Track has done this before, (asked us for 300 schedules a week) and they were given a schedule to make copies. If flyer would be good to generate access to the website. Barbara D. - I feel that a flyer would be nice so, that more members are aware of the [www.medfordareaaa.org](http://www.medfordareaaa.org) website. It would be great to circulate throughout the meetings. Maybe we can provide a special formatted schedule so, they could hang it up on a bulletin board or a dry erase board for the patient's to use and write down meetings. Phil E. - I do think that anyone can't find the website. All they need to do is type in something concerning Southern Oregon alcoholics anonymous. Is the schedule printable online? Barbara D. - at one time there was a problem but, Brian J. fixed it. David C. – have we asked On-Track to pay for the schedules that they want from us on a monthly basis? Kelly K. - I do not believe so. David C. - with us adding their

amount to our schedules it might lower our cost to print. Tracy M. - The last time I was over there, the schedules they had were over a year old. They had been printing the same old schedule over and over again. Ranie .B. - I have an example of an old flyer that we used to give the members the location of the central office. You can use it as a guide if you would like to. Susan H. - Is it allowable in our guidelines to send them a PDF document each time that we go to print? Barbara D. - Yes, there is no problem. Kelly K. - *I would like to get a sense of the meeting?* Ann J. - *would like to make a motion at this time.* Ann J. – *moves that we have the PDF document placed on the website, that we print the flyer to go out to the meetings, and to continue printing schedules as we do now.* Seconded By: Matt V. Kelly K. - *At this time, I need those to vote to vote on it now. Next, we need to vote to vote to take back to meetings. Vote on it now, won, now we need to vote on the motion.* **Passed.** With much discussion, it was decided that Tracy M. would design and print a flyer to get the [www.medfordareaaa.org](http://www.medfordareaaa.org) website where members. Phil E. will send Matt V. a copy of the updated schedules via PDF document to provide to the treatment facilities. Phil E. will also send a PDF document copy to the webmaster Debbie C. to be posted on the website.

#### **Telephones – Lorry H.**

I have dropped off the phone lists to Answer Page. The system is working because she has received some calls. She is asking for information for some bilingual members to help out. At this time, we need assistance with any bilingual speakers. She is also sending out thank you cards to those members who have responded to calls. Central Office answers during the day from 8 AM to 4 PM. After hours the calls then go to Answer Page. They then go to the updated phone lists to contact members to help with the call. Rob S. - asked if Lorry H. had thought about contacting the Spanish group for help with the bilingual issue? Lorry H. - said that she will up make that contact.

#### **Schedules – Phil E.**

The second printing of the schedules turned out great. Thank you for all of your input on what needed to be changed. Now, it is time to start working on the PDF format.

#### **Web Site – Debbie C. – Not Present.**

#### **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 – Open**

#### **Grapevine – Open**

#### **District 16 Liaison to Central Office - Wayne T.**

Central Office has not met due to the Central Office Breakfast. The May Meeting was canceled and we will get back together in June.

Barb R. – Central Office Breakfast Report. 330 tickets were sold for the breakfast this year. The speaker was fantastic and the feedback has been great. Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to seeing you again next year.

#### **AI-Anon – Gail J.**

The chili feed is coming up this Saturday. The Flyers are on the table and I've also brought some meeting schedules. Hope to see you at the chili feed. Thank you

#### **DCMC: – Kelley K.**

Good evening District 16!

Here is a recap of our Pre- Conference Sharing Session:

There were 18 members present including our Oregon Area Delegate Chase B. and our Oregon Alternate Chair Barbara D. Our district was assigned agenda items concerned with Public Information. We started out by voting on which items we wanted to discuss out of the assigned agenda items. There were four of the assigned items that our district wanted to discuss.

Agenda Item D which concerns AA getting a Facebook page. I wonder when my computer will recognize Facebook as a real and not misspelled word? Anyway, the general consensus was that the thought of it scares the heck out of us but we are willing to research the possibility of this happening as long as it can be done without breaking any traditions.

Agenda Item E Is concerned with adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven. The consensus was this at least needs to be discussed and that it may be time for a change in the language of this Tradition to be changed to

reflect the broader range of communication and anonymity needs. One suggestion that went over well was for the Tradition to quote a Bill W. Grapevine article in which he states "Anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and any medium of public circulation.

Agenda Item C had to do with PSA's (public service announcements). The first PSA made specifically targeting the Hispanic community Instead of just being translated from English to Spanish has been made. Some PSA's which were outdated were taken out of circulation and replaced with more current ones. All PSA's can be viewed on GSO's website, (AA.org).

Agenda Item F had to do with updating text on the Anonymity Wallet Card. Text was updated on the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" and apparently was not on the Wallet Card. This just seemed to be a housekeeping matter. Since pamphlet was changed so should the Wallet Card.

Our next assembly is May 18-20 in Clackamas Oregon. I hope to see many of you there! It will be our Post-Conference Assembly and our chance to hear all about how it went for Chase in New York!

Thank You All, Kelly K.

### **LDCMA – Tanea B.**

Hello my name is Tanea....

Happy April to all. I apologize I cannot be there at the District meeting tonight due to the travel needs of the family. That said, on with the report!!!! I was delighted with the turnouts for the delegate pre conference sharing session this last weekend. It was sweet, we had sweets, and Kelly probably already reported on the sharing session detail. Great feedback was given to the Delegate and I know I feel more confident about what is going to be discussed at the Conference. You may want to take this opportunity to discuss with your home group members some of the different angles discussed about anonymity and how it may or may not apply to them. Please do remember to emphasize that the current consideration by GSO is to have a non-interactive Facebook page (members would not be able to "like" and/or comment) that would serve as a billboard, ish, in the Facebook world.

We conducted the very first planning session for the southern Oregon super picnic last month. It was decided that we will have a picnic and that the planning meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month, yes that is correct, the third Thursday of the month....that would be tomorrow at 6pm at the Pacific Positive meeting location, 1701 W Main (W Main Church of Christ), right before the recovery meeting at 7pm. We have a couple of dates we are looking at for this summer's event. We are taking into consideration all of the other events in the valley, park availability, distance, parking and overall cost. There should be flyers on the counter, please take one to your home group business meeting to see if your group would be interested in participating. Any member can come to the meeting to represent the interest of their home group (it does not have to be the GSR or the secretary etc.) as long as their home group is down with it ;)

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and excitement about service in southern Oregon!!  
Tanea B

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

No Reports This Month

### **LDCMB – Shawn J.**

Good Evening Members of District 16,

This is my report for the month of April. Well, I have been going to a lot of meetings this month but, due to the incident that took place at the Alano Club at the beginning of the month, I have been going to a few more there than anywhere else. So, if you don't know or haven't heard already, there was an assault that took place there that involved two (2) members and one (1) intoxicated individual that lives on the same street as the Alano Club. The story is as was told to me by Jerry (GSR for the Bridging The Gap Group) one of the assaulted individuals. The gentleman who was intoxicated came into the Alano Club to complain about the parking on the street around the Alano Club and due to his intoxicated state became violent and assaulted the Alano Clubs Care Taker. When Jerry stepped in to help defuse the situation; He too was assaulted and sustained a broken arm. Charges have been filed by both victims but, to show how this program works after the court hearings Jerry offered to sponsor the individual who was arrested for assaulting them. Other than that life has been good in Medford. I have been putting myself out there to be of service to the groups in the city but, so far have had no taken. So in finishing, I would like to thank you for letting me be of service and once again If any of the GSR's in my area need any kind of assistance please feel free to contact me or get with me after this meeting. OH!!! One last thing, we still need outside support for the Bridging The Gap Group that is held Friday nights from 7:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There are service positions that need to be filled. Thank you.

**Area B: (Medford) Group Reports**

Susan H. – Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Luncheon – Our Luncheon is coming up in June and I am looking for raffle items. Please contact me about donating an item to be used as a raffled. Thank You.

**LDCMC – Jeremy W.**

Not Present and no report.

**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**

**Close: 7:44 p.m.** Kelly K. asked is there is any further business. There being no further business. Lorry H. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by: Shawn J. **Passed Unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted: Craig A. Coggins**  
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