

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104

June 20th, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in sheet

Kelly K., DCMC; Craig C., Secretary; Wayne T., Treasurer / Central Office Liaison; Laurie H., Achieves; Carmen K., CCF Chair; Philip E., Schedules; Debbie C., Website Chair; Linda P., PI/CPC Chair; Gail J., Al Anon Liaison; Barb R., GSR; Carrie H., GSR; David D., GSR; Dewey H., GSR; Donna K., GSR; Eric S., GSR; Jason G., GSR; Robert R., GSR; Sal C., GSR; Sunny B., GSR; Susan H., GSR; Tracy M., GSR; Ann J., AGSR; Paul P., AGSR; Rich A., AGSR; Barbara D., Visitor; Brain J., Visitor; & Rod E., Visitor.

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introduce New GSR's: Donna K. Eagle Point Women's AA, 6:00 pm Thursday,
Eagle Point Senior Center, 121 Loto Street, Eagle Point, Oregon

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Barb R.

Reading of the 6th Concept: Rod E.

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

Treasurer's Report – Wayne T. Motion to approve by Craig C., Seconded By: Carrie H. **Passed**

These are the activities for the period of 05/15/12 through 06/20/12. The District 16 Beginning Balance was \$3808.69. The Total Income for the District was \$210.00. The Total Expenses for the District were \$336.34. This leaves the District with a Net Income Loss of -\$126.34. The District's checking balance as of 06/20/12 is \$3682.35. When the \$1,250.00 Prudent Reserve is subtracted, the District is left with a Working Balance of \$2432.36.

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

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – Open

Archives – Laurie H.

My name is Laurie and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege of being your District 16 archivist.

I have completed 100 bookmarks of which I am handing out to our DCM's for distribution.

I wrote an article including information regarding the bookmarks and submitted it to our local newsletter "On the Rogue Again". It has also been printed in the Area Newsletter.

I am still working on cataloguing and organizing the contents of the archives closet at the Alano Club. My committee has shrunk down to just me so, if you are looking for a way to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous, give me a call.

My next project will be to build a small portable traveling archives display. If you would like to donate something for it or if you would like to display it at your group or meeting; please give me a call.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Carmen K.

Good Evening, My name is Carmen and I am an alcoholic. 06/19/2012 - Talk to Christine (Jail Commander) on the telephone. She said that the Jackson County Jail is no longer interested in having **any** AA meetings brought into the facility again. **Period.** When I asked her why, she said:

1. When the meetings were brought in, prisoners would say they wanted to go, and then would not.
2. Prisoners would be going to go to the meeting and then no counselors would show up.
3. They have a new system that does not allow for mixing "pods". They place (I'm guessing here) specific level misdemeanor or felons in specific pods and they can't mix those pods together.
4. They have meetings at the Talent Facility, Christine informed me. As though that should be enough. And from the sounds of it, it will have to be enough.

I asked about literature. She said they have books in the library that are available, and when she needs more, she will contact me. I asked about the Grapevine magazine. She said, that they no longer allow magazines to be sent to the facility. They have to be sent to a specific inmate. The magazines were being used to light cigarettes and clogged the plumbing so, they had to ban them from general population.

Sadly,

Carmen at Kruschke

Barbara D. – Have we contacted the Talent Facility or the Probation Department to make sure that we have literature and information there?

Carmen K. – The Probation Department is who handles the Talent Facility and they have a meeting that goes into the facility once a week and as far as I know they have literature. I have not contacted them personally but, I can.

Barbara D. – So, what I am trying to get at, okay, we know we cannot get into the Jackson County Jail and we do not want to get into the political side of that so, maybe we can focus on what it is we can do such as seeing that the probation officers have meeting schedules and that they have literature at the Probation Department. The Juvenile Facility, what can we do there? Even if it is just information about Alcoholics Anonymous and where the young people meetings are. Maybe we can focus on where we are wanted instead of where we are not. So, we can carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Wayne T. – Now we need to look into the subscriptions for the Grapevine and the La Vie Magazines. We just renewed our subscriptions for two of both magazines eight months ago. We need to contact grapevine and have those redirected to district 16.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Matt V.

My name is Matt and I am an alcoholic. I must apologize for my absence last month, and this month. I am starting my second job this evening, and I am now in my third week of graduate school. I would like to thank Phil E. for getting the PDF placed onto the website. I have forwarded the information to all of the local treatment centers with the directions of how to print them. This should resolve the issue of massive quantities being requested from local providers. I am currently giving AA education presentations to new hires at the ARC, and I am offering this service to other treatment centers in the community. I'm hoping that this will open the door with specific facilities in the area that will lead to the opportunity of meetings within client residential facilities. Specifically, I would like to see young people's meetings at Teen OnTrack and Lithia Springs, but at the moment the doors are close to us.

I would again like to thank everyone for allowing me to be of service and I apologize for my hectic schedule.

Respectfully,
Matt V.

Telephones – Lorry H. – Not Present. No Report.

Schedules – Phil E. – It is very close to the time to print the summer copy of the meeting schedules. Right now, I know of four changes that need to be updated. When I first began this position the schedule was in Word Format and the Website Schedule was a PDF file. I worked at it and changed it to an Excel File so; it would be easier to make changes. In order to be lined up with the Printer and the Website the schedule I maintain should be in the PDF format. I do not have the software from Adobe that would make the process much easier from the get go. We can table that to the next meeting but, we do need our next batch of schedules printed as soon as possible. Thank you that is all I have.

Paul P. – What is the cutoff for the schedules?

Phil E. – It is coming up, I would say about a month and that might be stretching it.

Barbara D. – This is about the Adobe software. I think this is a great idea. The only question I have is: We load the program onto the computer of the current Schedule Chair when his term is up we then download the software onto the new Schedule Chair's computer? Is that how it is going to work?

Phil E. – Every company is different. The software would be owned by District 16. Yes, there is a general rule but; companies sometimes look at who owns the product. Say myself or District 16.

Barbara D. – We will need to know that information before we (District 16) decide to buy. One other thing, the District owns a laptop; do we know where that laptop is?

Wayne T. – I have it.

Phil E. – I will get you all the details.

Brian J. – We should be able to de-activate the program on one computer so, that Adobe shows that it is not working and then load it up onto another computer. It should not be an issue. If you would like any input or if you would like to get with me I have some insight into the software or other ways to help.

Kelly K. – (To Phil E.) What I would say is you would want to make a motion.

Phil E. – First thing would be for the summer meeting schedules.

Kelly K. – The only thing that I want to say about that is you would want to bring the master proof copy of the schedule to the District 16 Business Meeting so, that everyone can look at their meeting and make changes. We only go to print without members looking over the schedule in emergency situations.

Phil E. – I was under the assumption that all changes were to be done either online or at the central office where the change list is. It is not a whole lot of work to make changes online or at the office.

Kelly K. – That is just the way that it has been done in the past. It is just a nice thing just to let people know that there is going to be a new printing coming up because there are those people who will not let you know until they come to the District meeting. So, having the master proof allows people to look things over, correct information, and know that the information is correct in their mind. So, in less it is an emergency tonight, we will wait till next month.

Phil E. – So, I will have it next month. The other thing is the Adobe software.

