

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104

Sep 19th, 2012 - 7 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in sheet

Kelly K., DCMC; Tanea B., LDCMA; Craig C., Secretary; Wayne T., Treasurer / Central Office Liaison; Philip E., Schedules Chair; Debbie C., Website Chair; Linda P., PI/CPC Chair; Lisa G., PI/CPC Alt Chair; Gail J., Al-Anon; Carrie H., GSR; David D., GSR; Eric S., GSR; Robert R., GSR; Sal C., GSR; Tom R., GSR; Ann J., AGSR; Vic S., AGSR;

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Introduce New GSR's: Tom R. GSR, Medford Fellowship Group
Alano Club, 1921 Elm Ave. Medford, Oregon

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Carrie H.

Reading of the 8th Concept: Mitch S.

Approval of last month's meeting minutes – Kelly K. – There are no meeting minutes to approve this month. They will be e-mailed out to you once they are ready.

Treasurer's Report – Wayne T. Motion to approve by Tanea B., Seconded By: David D. **Passed**

These are the activities for the period of 08/13/12 through 09/15/12. The District 16 Beginning Balance was \$4472.03. The Total Income for the District was \$272.50. The Total Expenses for the District were \$458.93. This leaves the District with a Net Ordinary Income Loss of - \$186.43. The District's checking balance as of 09/19/12 is \$4285.60. When the \$1,250.00 Prudent Reserve is subtracted, the District is left with a Working Balance of \$3035.60.

Announcements: Kelly K. – Last month Phil E. volunteered to put together an Elections Information Flyer. I am going to pass the flyer around so everyone has the chance to look at it.

Check Web Site for updated information.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – Open

Archives – Laurie H. – Not Present. No Report.

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

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Matt V. – Not Present. No Report.

Telephones – Lorry H. – I have received a few phone calls which mean that her system is working. The answering service will try to contact someone on the call list. If they are not able to make contact they will call Lorry so, that we do not get charged for them making too many calls. System is working well.

Schedules – Phil E. – At this point, I have only heard of one error on the Summer Schedule. It is the Wednesday night, Daily Reflections Meeting located at the Senior Center on 121 Loto Street Eagle Point, Oregon. It is listed on the schedule as 6:00 am and it should be 7:00 pm. I would like to know, we are ahead, meaning we have more Summer Meeting Schedules then we should going into the fall and approaching the Fall Meeting Schedule print date. What do you want me to do?

Kelly K. – Does anyone have any thoughts on that?

Tanea B. – We have that box there and how many?

Phil E. – Just that box.

Tanea B. – How long have we had that box? Has it been a month, two months, or six months?

Phil E. – We have received that box within the month.

Tanee B. – So, we will be out of schedules in two months?

Phil E. – Yes, the box should last about two months.

Tanee B. – It might be safe to bring a copy of the Master Schedule to next month's meeting so, we can make changes and everything will be ready to print the month after. I am just trying to open the dialogue up on this topic.

Kelly K. – My thought is how many changes will occur by the time we go to print if we approve the schedule next month?

Tanee B. – So, maybe in two months we have the proof here?

Kelly K. – It depends on Phil E. when he goes to print. You would want to have us approve the schedule as close as we can to the time when he goes to print. Is that correct?

Phil E. – Yes that would be best.

Tanee B. – So, about two months or so, is that right?

Phil E. – Yes, in about two months.

Lisa G. – Can you please go over the changes in the current schedule again?

Phil E. – Yes, the error that I am aware of is the Wednesday night, Daily Reflections Meeting located at the Senior Center on 121 Loto Street Eagle Point, Oregon. The schedule reads 6:00 am and it is supposed to be 7:00 pm.

Kelly K. – The Keeping It Simple Women's Group meets at 12:00 pm on Wednesday is meeting at the Carnegie Hall instead of the Jackson County Library..

Website – Debbie C. – I have done some investigating about whether it is time to change and upgrade to the newer version of Dreamweaver. After a thorough investigation, I have come to the conclusion that it is not broke and I do not have to fix it and besides I do not have time to learn a brand new software program. So, if you have flyers that you want to have put on the website, you need to have them in PDF Format before you send them to me. If you have a meeting schedule change, I can do those immediately. So, please let me know. Just a reminder the website is the most current.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Chair – Linda P. – I am here even though I was skipped over. I did find out about the Southern Oregon Stand Down. It is held every other year at the VA SORCC and this year it is being held in Roseburg. That is all I have to report tonight.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair – Lisa G. – No Report.

Grapevine – Susan H. – Not Present. No Report.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office - Wayne T. – Literature sales are holding strong. They are going to get rid of all the VHS tapes and just use CD's only; we are entering the modern age. If you have an article that you would like printed in the newsletter On the Rogue Again, please contact Virginia H. They had 4 – Twelve Step Calls, 33 Requests for meetings, 25 – general AA information requests, 7 – Al-Anon Calls, and 87 Visitors. There were a total of 147 hits for this month. If you know of anyone that wants to be involved with the Central Office; there is going to be a couple of vacancies coming up. Central Office Business Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the Central Office. There is also a financial report available. You may go down to the Central Office or you may see me after the meeting if you would like to see it.

Al-Anon – Gail J. – I am so glad to be here tonight. I have missed the last two months due to a family members' illness. I have brought new meeting schedules for all of you tonight. Other than that I have nothing else to report this evening.

DCMC: – Kelly K. –

Good Evening District 16, I'm Kelly, your alcoholic DCMC.

This weekend is the September Assembly in Redmond, Oregon. It is the assembly where we hold elections for area positions such as Secretary, REGISTRAR, TREASURER, & ALT. TREASURER. WE WILL ALSO ELECT AN AREA 58 NOMINEE FOR CLASS B TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE/US WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ELECTION AT THE 2013 CONFERENCE. A PAST DELEGATE IS USUALLY ELECTED FOR THIS. BECAUSE OF ELECTIONS THIS WKND'S ASSEMBLY WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT IN THAT THE BUSINESS MTG WILL BE ALL DAY SATURDAY INSTEAD OF SUNDAY AND WILL INCLUDE REGULAR BUSINESS AS WELL AS ELECTIONS.

I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON GETTING SOME MORE DISTRICT GUIDELINES PRINTED UP FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A COPY. I WOULD SAY REVISED BUT THERE WERE VERY LITTLE CHANGES TO BE MADE. I SHOULD HAVE THEM BY NEXT DISTRICT MTG. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT 16 WEBSITE.

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK, KELLY K

LDCMA – Tanea B.

Helllloooo and good evening to you all, my name is Tanea and....

I hope you have enjoyed the summer and are ready for the Holiday season, what, what you say the Holidays, give it a rest already we haven't even hit October yet. OK, OK, rest I will.

I am always available if you would like me to attend your home groups business meeting please just call me, text me, face book me, ping me, I even will watch for smoke signals. This will be one of my last reports to you as your Local District Committee Member for the Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix area, as next month, October, is our election month, and I will rotate out in November. I am still surprised and a bit disappointed at my personal level of agitation when I am occasionally met with comments like "politics aren't for me" and "I will leave the politics to you guys." I see this work as our opportunity to exercising our rights to a Democratic Process as outlined by our founders, to insure that this fellowship is available to the alcoholic that is being born today, available to the alcoholic that stumbles right outside these doors, to insure that our brother, sister, mother, father, coworker, have the same fellowship that I found, available to them in the future when they are ready for it. Politics we are not, we do not govern. We read this in nearly every meeting yet somehow people really believe that is what this service work is about. That said, we also read stuff like crosstalk and chit chat is discouraged, please turn your cell phone off, and if you need to talk to your neighbor please go outside. We don't always listen very well but we do usually pay attention to what people are doing, how they are acting and how they treat one another. I think we can all agree someone telling us something feels completely different than someone showing us something. Let show our love for this service we do here at District 16. Let's be the example we want to see in this fellowship that reflects leadership and breads inspiration. If we all look like we are having fun the rest will want to join in.

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

No Reports.

LDCMB – Shawn J.

Not Present. No Report.

Area B: (Medford) Group Reports

LDCMC – Jeremy W.

Not Present. No Report.

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

David D. – The Clean and Sober Group that meets on Saturday night at the Senior Center, 123 N. 2nd Street, Central Point, Oregon maybe moving. We will be looking for a new location this coming week.

David D. – The Tuesday Night Chippers Meeting that meets on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at the RVMC Smullin Center, 2825 E. Barnett Road, Medford, Oregon really needs some support. Attendance lately has been really puny.

Old Business: Elections Information Flyer

Kelly K. – What did you all think about the flyer that Phil has put together.

Tanee B. – Now are we going to print this out or is it going to be an electronic version?

Phil E. – I was under the impress that we were going to print it and then hand them out.

Tanee B. – Is that two colors or three colors that were used on the flyer?

Kelly K. – That was my question, if it is going to be in color, it is going to be fairly expensive.

Tanee B. – It is, if it is going to be an electronic version, I think that would be great to send out but, it would be expensive to print 50 copies.

Phil E. – I will pay half to keep it like it is.

Kelly K. – Is there any more discussion concerning this flyer?

Sal C. – If we print this, why don't we use black and white on a colored paper?

Tanee B. – If we do it the way that it is laid out now, I think it is going to be dark. Let's use this as it is as an electronic version and then make the copies black and white.

Phil E. – How many copies are we going to need?

Tanee B. – When I bring a stack of flyers to this meeting, it is a minimum of 40 copies.

Lisa G. – Are there three positions open on the flyer? For me personally, it is hard for me to distinguish what this says. I have never been involved in service and I have never seen a flyer like this before. I would not know what it is that I am looking at.

Phil E. – I am over it.

Lisa G. – I would make it more like an advertisement somehow. More exciting. Kind of like what Tanee B. was talking about. I am not a professional flyer maker but, only because I have been in a couple of GSR meetings do I know what a couple of the positions are. I just think it could be broken down more clearly instead of looking visually aesthetic; it could be straighter forward. That is just my own personal opinion. Thank you.

Phil E. – I thought about simplifying the description of the positions. The more I thought about it, it seems to me that only people who have been established in Alcoholics Anonymous for a long time are the ones that are most likely to become part of District and they would have a stronger understanding of the positions here at the District level. I could simplify it some but, it is pretty simple.

Tanee B. – So, I am looking at the flyer and I see one Appointed Position which is Access and two Elected Positions: DCM for the Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix Areas and then there is the Treasurer. So, maybe if we could get rid of the picture, then pull the text over. I am just thinking, we move the Heading Appointed Position and then bring the description of the Access Position under it. Then we can place the heading Elected Positions next to it and then place the two positions under the heading with the descriptions of each. We can then bring the name of the cities to the left side. It will look good.

Phil E. – This is to be in black and white?

Tanee B. – Yes, black and white.

Phil E. – It is so. Black and White! That is fine. I can go with that.

Tanee B. – Now, how are we going to disseminate this information? We will not have another meeting prior to the elections.

Mitch S. – He could make it then e-mail it to Kelly K. After she has looked it over, she will send it out to everyone on the e-mail list, to get a sense of the group. I have had to that when I was the DCMC. I have received information via the internet sense of the group before on things like this for Area and also for the Area Delegate. It can work to get the information that you need.

Tanea B. – Then, you (Kelly K.) and I can go to other meetings during the month because we do not know what is happening with our other DCM's.

Kelly K. – I think Tanea B's point is, that our next meeting when he could actually bring the hard copies would be our election meeting. So, we need to get these flyers out as soon as possible.

Tanea B. – If you can get these changes done tonight then she could send it out for approval and then we could have it for the Assembly this weekend. We could give it to the GSR's that are there. Then for those who are not at the Assembly the DCM and the Alt. DCM's can go to the other groups to get the word out.

Ann J. – Couldn't you just e-mail it to us? I would be happy to print it off for my group.

Kelly K. – Yes, anyone that wants to print out the flyer can print one for themselves absolutely. So, when I receive it, I will e-mail it to out and then everyone can approve it.

Tanea B. – No, just you look at it and maybe the Alt. DCM's.

Phil E. – Are we going to keep the Digital Copy?

Kelly K. – No, let's just keep one and keep it simple.

Phil E. – I thought that we voted that we were going to keep the original one for the website?

Mitch S. – There was not a vote.

Tanea B. – We were just discussing it and we did not vote.

David D. – Is there still going to be a hard copy of this for those who are not digitally inclined?

Mitch S. – I will bring you one on Monday night David.

Kelly K. – Can I get a sense of the Body?

Is everyone okay with that?	Almost every hand.
Is there anyone opposed?	No hands rose.

Phil E. – I thought that our agreement was that we were going to keep at least one on digital and it would stay the same but, then we were going to make some changes to it and print it out in black and white?

Kelly K. – We were originally talking about that but, that was what was first said. That it would be a nice digital copy. It is up to you guys.

Tanea B. – After further discussion we want to have it be clearer about what the positions are.

Mitch S. – I like the idea of simplifying it, making it black and white, and only having one copy. Especially with the pressed amount of time, having to do it through everyone's e-mail, and having to hand them out at meetings to get the word out. Simple is going to be easier I agree. I was a year sober when I came to District and every time I looked at things and it was confusing, I just disregarded it and had someone explain it to me. So, simple is smarter most of the time.

Kelly K. – Does anyone have anything else?

New Business:

1st Annual Black Tie Gratitude Gala

Lisa G. – Can anyone tell me how much it is to go the Gala?

Kelly K. – It is \$30.00. They forgot to put the price on the flyers.

Donation Opportunity

Wayne T. – A couple members of Alcoholics Anonymous have approached me. They were telling me about a local church that they go to that supports some inmates at the Umatilla Correctional Facility by donating some Bibles. They also have some big books up there. The inmates cannot keep books in their cells. They have to check them in and out of the library. Now, the church has said they have done all that they can and are looking for another group to help support these inmates by donating a couple books per month as the need arose.

Mitch S. – Where is Umatilla Correctional Facility at?

Wayne T. – It is in the north. It is in the State of Oregon.

Mitch S. – Our Oregon Area 58 Corrections Committee has a literature budget and maybe you can get in touch with them. At the Area Assembly this weekend, I can see it I can talk with them but, since it is out of the Southern Oregon area. It is out of our Districts' scope.

Tanee B. – This is probably an Area concern.

Wayne T. – I can get that information off of the website?

Mitch S. – Yes, The committee members name is Don L.

Wayne T. – Thank you. I will send the information to him and see what happens.

Attendance at District 16 Business Meetings

Wayne T. – Is there an idea on how to up attendance at our meeting? How can we get the word out to remind people who may not be coming here because they forget or forgot? Has anyone thought about making a text tree? Something feasible.

Kelly K. – For the District 16 Business meeting?

Sal C. – We have had dwindling participation lately.

Wayne T. – It just seems that people are texting a lot more lately.

Tanee B. – Who is technologically savvy enough to set up a text tree?

Wayne T. – This is just a thought.

Kelly K. – Is the third Wednesday of every month that hard to remember? Do you think it is that hard to remember? Do they really not remember? People know when the meeting is and either they will be here or they will not. But, if you guys want me to do that, I will be more than willing to do that.

Lisa G. – You can send out an e-mail and ask is anyone interested in setting up a reminder text for our monthly meetings?

Sal C. – Don't we have a list of all the e-mail addresses of the people who are GSR's?

Mitch S. – Yes, we do.

Kelly K. – I could put it in the subject of the message. It is the committee members that I would like to see here. Not putting out the GSR's. We have more than a few that have not shown up for at least three meeting.

Tanee B. – In our District 16 Guidelines doesn't it say something about missing three or more consecutive meetings?

Mitch S. – No, we talked about it but, it was not implemented.

Ann J. – This is just a suggestion. Send out an e-mail the day before with the subject being “Coming to the District 16 Business Meeting.”

Kelly K. – That is a great idea.

Room Location at the Smullin Center

Carrie H – I am having a hard time with the dynamics of the room and being able to hear what is being said by everyone. So, if we are going to continue to stay in a room like this then we need to be conscientious about how we are speaking to each other. I have lost about half of what has been said due to how the room is facing.

Tanee B. – It is because everyone is facing Kelly K. and talking to her instead of including everyone in the room.

Kelly K. – That is great to know. We need to be mindful of the others in the room.

Attending the Post Conference Delegate Report

Tanee B. – I was wondering if maybe some of us that have or that have not been able to attend the Post Conference Delegate Report would like to get together and go to Grants Pass, Oregon in November? Is this something that we would like to do? We could carpool, rent a van, or it is a Saturday we could plan the trip and go to ice cream afterwards. This is something that we can put together and do the way that we want to do it.

Lisa G. – I would go.

David D. – When is it?

Tanee B. – I don't have all the information. I will see the DCM at the Assembly this weekend. I will get all the information and bring it to the next business meeting.

Close: 7:50 p.m. Kelly K. asked is there is any further business. There being no further business. Linda P. Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by: Tanee B. **Passed Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted: Craig A. Coggins
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