

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
November 20, 2013

Roll call by sign-in sheet:

Kelly S, DCMC; Carrie H., LDCMA; David D., LDCMB; Dewey H., LDCMC; Susan H., Secretary; Marsha L., Treasurer; Wayne T., Central Office Liaison; Susan H., Grapevine Chair; Debbie C., Website Chair; David C., GSR; Rachel J., GSR; Robert R., GSR; Sarah H., GSR; Teresa R., GSR; Tony M., GSR; Perry C., AGSR; Judy A., GSR; Dewey Henderson. DCMC-C; Alec S. CTF Chair; Tanea B. PI/CPC chair; Ian, Schedules; Lorry H. Telephones; Craig R. Outgoing secretary; Donna K. GSR, Paul P. GSR, Ann J. GSR; Tracy Murphy, GSR; Perry C. GSR, Terrence R. GSR; Eric, visitor.

The Meeting was opened with The Serenity Prayer.

Introduce New GSR's: No new GSR's at this meeting.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Paul P.

Reading of the 11th Concept: Lorry H.

Approval of two months of meeting minutes – Craig C.

September: David moved to approve minutes, Ann was the second. **Passed**

October: David added pertinent information about the work at Juvenile Corrections site. Wayne made a motion to accept the minutes, as corrected. Tracy was the second. **Passed**

The District thanked Craig for his two years of service as Secretary.

Treasurer: The report was made by Marsha L, treasurer.

Our beginning balance this month was \$6,262.87. Total contributions were: \$552.31. Miscellaneous income totaled \$358.24. Expenses totaled \$784.17. Ending balance is \$6,394.25. Considering our prudent reserve, our available balance is \$5,144.25
The Treasurer report was passed.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN – No one stood for this position.

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

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – David C. David C. updated us on our involvement with Juvenile Corrections. David has worked hard to facilitate a meeting with the juveniles who remain at the corrections institution. He is planning on having 8 persons consistently available. These people have to clear the background check. It takes a couple of weeks. He has no background checks back yet. The meetings will take place once a month, possibly twice. The juveniles will have to be transported to the meeting venue. It is somewhat difficult to bring the juveniles to the meeting. This program may start in January.

Terrence asked if David's phone number could be made available. Mitch asked, "What are they looking for in the background checks? The answer from David was, "They are looking for outstanding warrants, sex offenders. It depends on the type of felony but a felony in your background probably would not matter."

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Alec S. Alec explained that he has been to the ARC a couple of times. We are trying to get into other treatment facilities with the Bridging the Gap program. Area 58 has the brochures. Discussed changing our procedure of how we deal with folks leaving the treatment centers. Kelly asked if we could discuss this in New Business.

Telephones – Lorry H reported there are no problems Everything is working smoothly. No complaints.

Schedules – Ian C. – Present. No report. The Schedule is being handled well. Ian will rotate out.

Website – Debbie C. – Not present

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Chair – Tanea B. – Tanea is ready to pass on all the information for the person who will rotate in for service.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair – Lisa G. – Present.

Grapevine – Susan H. – Present but had no report, except to welcome Kelly S. to this position.

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office - Wayne T. – There were 141 calls to Central Office and 500 hits on the new, improved website.

Al-Anon – Felicity L. – Not Present. No Report.

DCMC: – Kelly S. – Present

LDCMA – Carrie H. – Present.

Group Reports: Carrie attended a meeting in Phoenix and made an announcement to the group that she is available to them.

Carrie attended the Assembly in Grants Pass in November. It was a touching, emotional Assembly to see Chase step down as Delegate from Area 58. Barbara from Medford will be the new State Chair for next year. She attended three round table discussions while there. From Ann in Ashland: The Sunday morning meeting in Ashland is changing its venue as of January 1, 2014. They are moving from the Senior Center to the Bellevue Grange on Tolman Creek Road. Whoever is in charge of that meeting needs to follow up with the changes.

LDCMB – David D. – The Saturday meeting at the ARC needs our support. The Sunday Night meeting, 7:00PM “Thank God I’m Sober” (TGIS) has 10 people or below each week and could use your support.

A Thanksgiving feast will be held on November 11-28-2013 from 11:00-2:00PM by the Medford Fellowship Group at the Alano Club 1921 Elm Ave. Medford.

LDCMC – Dewey H. – Present. No Report but reported there are some discrepancies on the State level Area Roster.

Old Business: No Old Business this month.

New Business: New business this month was the continuation of elections. We have a new secretary but needed to open up elections again for DCM as well as other positions that require rotation. David D. took over for the election procedure. Susan H, the new Secretary, assisted. Tanea B. read the guidelines for the DCMC position. Elections began for a new DCMC. The Roll was called to see who wanted to stand for the position. Judy made a point of order that anyone standing had to previously be a LDCM. It was read by Tanea B. that the LDCM position was recommended but not required. The Third Legacy Procedure was utilized for the voting. Three people stood for the position: Carrie H., Eric, Tracy M. Each member stood to deliver their Service Resumes. We went to a ballot vote 4 times. Eric was eliminated after the 2nd vote, but we still did not get 2/3rds of the majority vote for the remaining candidates, Carrie and Tracy during the 3rd and 4th votes. The group voted to forego the 5th vote. According to Third Legacy Procedure we finally drew out of a hat. Tracy M. was selected to the two year position.

Other positions open for rotations are:

Access Chair

Archives Chair

Telephones:

Schedules:

PI/CP Chair:

PI/CP Alternate Chair:

LDCM-A Carrie will stay in that position.

Tanea B. will assume the duties of Telephones. The rest of the positions are still open. Lorry will do Schedules.

New Business:

Alec S. Chairperson for CTF, discussed his thoughts on changing the way Bridging the Gap is organized.

- David said it will be important to have local contacts for those getting out of treatment facilities or Corrections.
- Kelly has prerelease forms for people who want to volunteer for Bridging the Gap for corrections.
- Tanea asked for clarification. “Are we talking about changing our current practice, or are you just wanting a feel of the body?”

Alec replied, “As the Chair for Cooperation with Treatment Facilities he would like to

change the way we currently operate. Right now we use Area 58 if persons are getting out. We currently start with Area 58 and then they call Bend and then we get the information from Bend. Bridging the Gap is new to us. It is effective in cooperation with treatment and Correctional. It is important to have a nexus, or a place to get connected with AA people.” Alec would like us to consider doing it like Josephine County. It is done through inner group. We don’t take Area 58 out of it, but we utilize our central office who will get involved.

- Paul asked, “They will still be fed through area 58?” Alec replied, “We are not taking Area 58, but the primary contact will be us.”
- Susan Asked, “How do we implement this?” We start using our own information, what is printed on the web page, our own documents, etc., said Alec.
- Marsha spoke up and said she remembered the night when the fellow, John, came and presented the Bridging the Gap program. He had good ideas of why the system needed to be in place the way it is. I think we should leave it the way it is.
- Can you make a motion? asked Carrie.
- Susan said, “Can we discuss it?”
- Tanea feels that we need to have a system but is concerned that Inner groups operate differently than a Central Office.

So Far Alec has received five referrals for people getting out of a facility.

- Terrence suggested that the present way it is organized needs to remain the same. It is not broken. We have a way to help those who are leaving a facility already. It is working.

To conclude this discussion Alec decided to leave the program the way it is. No motion will be made.

Carrie said she would like Assembly flyers to be distributed.

Tanea said she would like to have schedules sent to The Dom.

A motion was made by Judy A. to adjourn. It was seconded by Terrence R. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Hansen

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