

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104**  
**May 21, 2014**

**NOTEWORTHY ITEMS TO REPORT TO YOUR HOME GROUPS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.**

Roll call by sign-in sheet: Tracy, David D., Marsha, Wayne T., David C., Bob S., Jo B., Ann J, Susan H., Kelly S. Toby T., Wayne H., Tony M., Lisa A., Michael M., Lisa G., Staci P., Terrence, Gayno M., John F., Kellie L., Gary M. Judy A., Joe K., Perry C., Paul P., John F. Larry H., Tanea B.

The Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with The Serenity Prayer.

The Traditions were read by Ann

The 5<sup>th</sup> concept was read by Gary.

**There were no new GSRs to the meeting**

**Secretary Report:** Susan noted that she will highlight noteworthy items to share with the home groups with yellow ink. Paul P. moved that the minutes be accepted. Ann made the second. The minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer:**

Marsha, Treasurer, was absent, but sent a report to the body.

Our beginning balance this month was \$7,123.46. Total contributions were:

\$265.50. Miscellaneous income totaled \$178.36. Expenses totaled \$1,415.86. Ending

balance is **\$5,973.10**. Considering our prudent reserve our available balance is \$4,723.10

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the body.

**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee (AC) – OPEN**

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

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: (CCF) David C.** made a correction to last month's minutes. 4/10, rather than 7/10, passed the background check in order to clear security for the meetings within the juvenile detention center. **David is still asking that all GSRs encourage "well-seasoned" sensible AA members to contact him if they are interested in the AA meeting for juveniles in the detention center. David's information is:**

David Coleman, [sodamtnrd@gmail.com](mailto:sodamtnrd@gmail.com), phone: 541-324-7832

**Staci P., who is also working with the correctional facilities is willing to work with David in transitioning women.** She reported that more women are showing interest in helping her. She now has four (4) women. Their goal is to keep the groups small. They do not want to reach out to AA too much.

David explained that the transition system for adults is more lenient than for juveniles. Because they are minors they are more protected.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF):** This position will be discussed in Old Business.

**Telephones –**

Hello my name is Tanea and....

Here is your telephones report for the month of April, reporting in May 2014:)

44 calls were received by the answering service after hours. Of those, 21 were women and 23 were men. 31 were requests for information and 11 were twelve step calls.

I have added a couple of new members to the call out list as requested. If you or anyone you know is interested in being on the 12 step call list please contact me. My contact information is on the important information list distributed by the district :)  
YILS,  
Tanea B.

**Schedules– Lorry H.** Reported that she is down to ½ a box and will make arrangements to print again for the next quarter.

**Website – Debbie C.** – Please be advised that there is a need to replace Debbie at the end of this year. We need someone who is competent and familiar with website care .We have a wonderful website and we want to keep it that way.

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

**Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair**  
This position needs to be filled as well.

### **Grapevine – Kelly S.**

- Good evening District 16! I'm Kelly , your District 16 Grapevine Rep!  
This month's current issue celebrates Grapevines 70th anniversary. They are now accepting Subscriptions for "Sober for the Holidays" and "Young and Sober" issues. Some of next years issues will include "AA Around the World " , "Technology and Anonymity", and "Cooperation with Professionals". Information for submitting stories can be found on the Grapevine website. This month's La Vina features stories on "Women in AA".  
Grapevine now has a pocket size Daily Quote book containing the first 365 Grapevine Daily Quotes. It can be purchased on the "Store" section of aagrapevine.org.  
Grapevine is having a "Choose your favorite cover" contest. Choose from amongst 12 past covers for a chance to win a set of Grapevine books. Deadline is July 31.  
Thank you. Yilas, Kelly S.

- Paul P. announced that AA has started a story telling workshop. It would be a class to learn how to tell your story on paper, or orally. Paul suggested that we invite the workshop to our District.

**District 16 Liaison to the Central Office - Wayne T.** “We are financially fine.” Says Wayne T. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May Central Office will be moving two doors down. Easy to find. 495 visitors on the website this month.

**Al-Anon – Felicity L. –no report**

**DCMC:** Tracy M.

Hello District 16!

I have just returned from the May Oregon Area Assembly in beautiful Hood River, Oregon. The May Assembly is the post-conference assembly, as our Area Delegate. Gus P., has returned from the General Service Conference in New York in April. Gus will be coming to our district to present his conference experience on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, right here, immediately following the District 16 Business Meeting. I will bring flyers next month and get them onto the district website as soon as possible.

The first session I attended at the assembly was the PRAASA sharing session, since I will be going to PRAASA next March. PRAASA stands for Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. There were so many glowing reports about this assembly that not only did it make me want to go, it made me never want to miss one! Some of the things people said were, "it's like going to AA college," and it's the most spiritual assembly I've ever been to." Anyone can go to PRAASA, you don't have to be a GSR or DCM.

I learned a lot at the GSR and DCM Sharing Sessions, the Ask It Basket and the Concepts Workshop, but I really enjoyed the one on one with other GSRs, DCMs, and Area officers at breakfast, lunch and dinner. There's a sort of spontaneous magic that happens here that is so amazing and helpful!

Oh, an interesting note! Because I reported our successful fundraising activity, the Red Carpet Movie Night, in our last Area Assembly Report, District 18 has copied us and their host committee is going to do the same thing! Yay Tanea!

Thank you to the district for funding me to go to this assembly.

I spent much of this month doing research, prayer and meditation on whether to appoint someone from a neighboring district to our CTF (Cooperation with Treatment Facilities) position. I also consulted many area servants at the assembly. We will visit that decision when we get to old business. I want the body to know that we did not come to our decision lightly.

It is my goal as DCM to fill the empty positions we have in our district. John Alexander from Roseburg is an Area officer who has offered to bring a service workshop down to our district to facilitate that. We will have food and fun! This will probably happen in August or September. I will also be personally going around to different meetings and introducing myself as the new DCM to help get the word out.

Everyone's talking about the International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, 2015. See more information at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

I am looking forward to going to PNC—the Pacific Northwest Conference—the oldest conference in Alcoholics Anonymous—the third weekend in June. During that same weekend look for the Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Brunch, a big deal for women in the Rogue Valley. A chance to dress up! Look for yellow flyers on the table and on District 16's website.

Chase B, our own local past delegate, always has pearls of wisdom at assemblies. One of them this weekend was that "what we do here (at assemblies, at district, at conferences and round ups) ripples out to save still suffering alcoholics all over the world."

Yours in love and service,  
Tracy M.

**LDCMA – Carrie H. Not present**

**HOLE IN THE WALL** will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Tuville Park.

**LDCMB – David D. – All of these bullets should be announced to your groups.**

- **Gus, our Oregon Delegate to New York will be in town on July 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the New York Assembly which was held in April. The date will be July 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30. At the Smullin Center. Pizza and sweets will be served.**
- The "Chippers" meeting has moved to 2320 Siskiyou Blvd. This is the Christian Church that has been remodeled. This took place on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Dog on the Roof** group will sponsor a **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party** on June 29<sup>th</sup> at Cantrell Buckley Park. Ribs and tri-tip will be served. Tickets are \$1.00 (Very cool.) There will be a speaker/ participation meeting to follow. Look on the Website for more details.
- **Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Brunch:** June 21<sup>st</sup> at Inn at the Commons. Fill out yellow form, which can be found at meetings, or look online for the form. Tickets are going fast
- **Aug 28th - Sept 1st 2014**  
19th Annual AA in the Woods Labor Day Camp Out. Location: **Fishermen's Bend Campground - Mill City, OR 97527**
- **The meeting at Elm Street on Fridays will be candlelight. 10:00 PM-11:00 PM.**
- **Another meeting at Elm Street is new, Saturday at 12:30.**
- The Meeting in Central Point at 7:30 on Fridays needs to move as their rent was raised. More information will be coming later.
- ARC meeting on Thursday needs a GSR.

**LDCMC – Dewey H. – not present. No group reports.**

Old Business: John Frasier will be appointed the new CTF (Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Rep) John lives in Jacksonville and brings with him many years of expertise in the area of transitioning patients out of treatment centers into the AA community. He has done a great deal of work out of Grants Pass within the program entitled *Bridging the Gap*. We welcome his enthusiasm and expertise. The idea is for John to be visible and available to other AA members who want to learn about what he does. He does presentations at the ARC and facilitates the transition of patients.

**Old Business:** The District committee brought up ideas and had a discussion about a summer event which would be sponsored by District 16. After reviewing the ideas, another suggestion was made; to have a Unity Picnic. That means to invite other districts to our

summer picnic. The idea was appreciated by all.

A discussion followed about the summer event. A motion was made.

“If we are going to have a summer event, then someone needs to stand for it tonight, or we should take it off the table.”

The district asked for an interest from the body. No one stood. **The summer event was removed from the table.**

**New Business: None**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

We closed with “I am responsible...” statement.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Susan Hansen,  
District 16 Secretary