

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
June 18, 2014

Roll call by sign-in sheet: Tracy M., David D., Marsha, Wayne T., David C., Bob S, Ann J, Toby T., Wayne H., Tony M., Michael M., Lisa G., Staci P., Terrence, John F., Kellie L., Gary M. Judy A., Joe K., Perry C., Paul P., John F. Larry H., Laurie H., Lorry H., Debbie C., Chase B. The Meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with The Serenity Prayer.

The Traditions were read by Marsha

The 5th concept was read by Kellie.

There were new GSRs to the meeting:

Staci P. from Planting Seed

Kellie from There is a Solution

Secretary Report: It was moved that the minutes be read and accepted by David. Wayne made the second.

Treasurer: Marsha reported and ending balance of 6,821.20. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Wayne made the 1st, and David made the 2nd.

Announcements:

- **Next month, after the July 16th District Meeting there will be special gathering to welcome Gus, our Area Delegate, who will report on the Assembly in New York.**
- ***How it Works 5th Annual Summer Picnic Date: Aug 17th 2014***
Time: Sun, BBQ Noon -Speaker 1:00PM Raffle to Follow
Location: - Touvelle Park - Group Space C.
- **19th Annual AA in the Woods Labor Day Camp out August 28th-September 1st.**

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H. – POSITION OPEN. Laurie reported that she has completed her filing and has a committee.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: (CCF) David C. reported that no meeting was held this week at the juvenile detention center. No one was available to go.

Staci P. reported that the women's meetings are going well. There was a question about splitting the juvenile and women's meetings. Chase spoke up and recommended that the cooperation continue. Guidelines first, then change the practice and then the guidelines will change automatically.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): John Frasier(treatment chair) reported very little response from New Freedom. From Bridging the Gap he got 10 responses.

Treatment Facilities (Southern Area) Report:

John Alexander was here from the Treatment Facilities Committee, Southern Section. He was a **special speaker** for the evening. His primary goal is to meet with all the Districts in the Southern Section to do an inventory of how they are connecting with treatment

facilities. His goal is to have an active treatment committee. There are two types of work that people are passionate about; treatment facilities and corrections. Our Area helps with Bridging the Gap, which is a temporary contract program between treatment and AA. AA can look like a scary place to a stranger unless they are guided in. There is a form available which requires the Bridging the Gap newcomer to fill out and turn in to John. The information is then used to help the new member. There is information online at the District and Area levels regarding Bridging the Gap.

Some guidelines:

- No strings attached
- Sponsoring a person this early in the game is actually discouraged.
- You can contact before they get out.
- You can take them to a meeting
- Talk to them about the different types of meetings available
- Introduce them to people
- Answer their questions
- Help “ease” them into AA.

If you Are in a Treatment Center:

- Show a video
- Give the newcomer form to fill out
- You can give the form to John, or mail it to BEND
- John will connect them to someone recommended by DCMs or other Treatment Facility Committee member.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

1. Staci asked if a phone list could be included at the literature table for those in treatment. **Answer:** There is an issue with anonymity. Contacting Central Office would be better.
2. Chase made a comment that relationships with facilities in the 90’s were real loose. AA tightened up their practices in the new millennium .

Telephones – Chase suggested you contact Tanea if you have questions about the phones.

Schedules– Lorry H. Lorry reported she has a new schedule coming out soon. Staci has used a great deal of schedules in her work.

Website – Debbie C. – Debbie reported that there are many changes in this terms schedule.

Debbie’s term as WEBMASTER will end this year. Keep your ears and eyes out for someone who is competent and familiar with website care. Our website is praised by many. We want to keep it that way.

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Chair – Tanea B. – OPEN

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This position needs to be filled as well.

Grapevine – Kelly S. No Grapevine report. Kelly S. absent

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office - Wayne T. “We are financially fine.” Says

Wayne T. On the 31st of May Central Office moved two doors down to 116 E. 6th St.

Al-Anon – Felicity L. –no report

DCMC: Tracy M.

Hello District 16,

First I would like to say “thank you” to both John Alexander from Roseburg and John Frazer from the Rogue Valley for their help in refining our Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Committee.

This month I’ve been busy helping with the Rogue Valley women in Recovery Brunch, to be held on Saturday, June 21st.

I also attended John Frazer’s “Bridging the Gap” presentation at the ARC on June 12th. John did a great job informing residents of the importance of staying connected with meetings after treatment and he helped facilitate the process by having them fill out contact cards. Thanks again John for stepping up!

This Friday I will be heading up to Spokane Washington to for PNC The Pacific Northwest Conference - the oldest conference in Alcoholics Anonymous! I will bring you a report next month.

Speaking of next month, it was already mentioned during the announcement, but please mark your calendars for Wednesday July 16, for Gus P our Area Delegate will be giving a Post Conference Presentation, directly after a short district meeting.

Yours in love and service,

Tracy M.

LDCMA – Carrie H. present, but nothing to report.

LDCMB – David D. –

Aug 28th - Sept 1st 2014

19th Annual AA in the Woods Labor Day Camp Out. Location: **Fishermen's Bend Campground - Mill City, OR 97527**

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

Old Business: None

New Business: John Frazier asks for money for his committee, Cooperation with Facilities, to make a pamphlet and cards. He would also like to use our P.O. Box. He was informed that there is a budget in place already.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hansen(with generous help from Carrie H. who kindly took notes for me)
District 16 Secretary