

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104**  
**August 20, 2014**

**Items to report to your home groups are highlighted in Yellow!**

Roll call by sign-in sheet: Tracy, Wayne T., Tony M., Michael M., Staci P., Kellie L., Judy A., Paul P., Laurie H., Lorry H, Kelly S., Debbie C., Sabin P. David C., John F., Bob, S. Julia B. Lisa G., Greg M., Joe K., Sue S., Ann J., Stephen D., Terrence, Tanea B.

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

The Traditions were read by Bob S.

The 8th concept was read by Sabin

**There was one new GSR to the meeting:** Sue from Friday's By the Book in Central Point

**Secretary Report:** It was moved that the minutes be accepted by Lorry H. Wayne made the second.

**Treasurer:** Marsha reported and ending balance of \$8,045.20 With our prudent reserve, the available balance is \$ 6,795.20. Directories will be paid next month. Contributions totaled: \$1,105.50. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Wayne made the 1<sup>st</sup>, and Judy made the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee (AC) – OPEN**

**Archives – Laurie H.** –Laurie reported that she has completed her filing and has a committee of 3. Laurie is making a \$30.00 request to buy a cart to transfer archives when needed. She also reports that she still needs a key to the Alano Club.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: (CCF) David C.** is back after a hip replacement. He missed 6 weeks at the detention facility meeting for juveniles. He will continue to work with those who have filled out background checks. The background checks are 10 pages long, a daunting task and only for those really interested in being a regular member to the juvenile detention meeting. Please contact David C. if you are interested in this service work. He will walk you through the background check application. It is tricky. Only 20% of the first batch made it through because it was not filled out correctly. 541-324-7832 David's phone number.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): John F.** We have progress with Bridging the Gap meetings at the ARC. John talked to the Prison transition center. Deidre reported that things are going well there. We also have military contacts we are working with. Two of the contacts we made have gone through transition well. One had a lot of sobriety. Parole individuals are looking good. My report contains correctional facility information this time.

**Telephones: Tanea B.** 50 calls were taken...12 were patched through. The average time for that was 12 minutes. People are calling and getting the information they need. We need to have a list of sober individuals who can work during business hours. (9:00-4:00PM)

**Schedules– Lorry H. New schedules are out. The color is hot pink. They look good.**

**Website – Debbie C.** –“Because of Drew at Central Office and Lorry with schedules our website is always up to date. We are a good team,” Says Debbie. Contact one of them with

your changes.

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 – OPEN**

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**Grapevine – Kelly S** Good evening District 16! I am Kelly, your District 16 Grapevine Representative. The Grapevine book - Sober & Out will be available September 5. It features stories from LGBTs in AA. Visit [aagrapevine.org/books](http://aagrapevine.org/books) for more information.

The September issue features stories from members who got sober later in life.

La Vina features stories titled "Happy, Joyous and Free," and "I Am Different".

I have printed out a couple of the "Help Carry the Message to Alcoholics In Need" flier and I will bring more next month. It can also be found on the Grapevine website.

Did you know? In 1976 the General Service Conference recommended: "that groups or individuals send Grapevine subscriptions to local libraries."

That's all for now! Yilas,

**District 16 Liaison to the Central Office - Wayne T.** We have an electric bill now. We did not have one before. The first one was 30.00. We can handle it. Elections are coming and service positions will be available. Join us at our business meeting on the first Saturday of each month, at 9:00 am. We still need people to field calls. Our current list needs to be updated.

**Al-Anon – Felicity L. Absent**

**DCMC:** Tracy M. Hello District 16

This month has been fairly light as far as DCM duties go; mostly fielding calls and emails, answering questions and pointing people in the right direction.

I've been thinking a lot about our upcoming elections in October and made flyers to hand out at meetings. Please take a handful and get them out to every meeting that you go to, plus make announcements. There are a lot of positions opening up and we need lots of help. I was planning to get out to more different meetings in the valley over the next few months, however I have a close family member who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, so I am asking for your help in getting the word out about elections coming up, hopefully with all the enthusiasm you can muster about how fun and worthwhile it is to be in general service!

Thanks to all of you for all your service

Yours in love and service,

Tracy M.

**LDCMA –Carrie Absent:**

This is my "virtual" report for the month of August, 2014. I am so sorry, again, that I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight. When I think of the "big picture" and the way God truly does "run the show" it amazes me. Last October when Tracy and I held hands asking for God's will during the hat vote for the DCMA, he was able to for-see the future like I never could have imagined.

I only apologize that I have not been able to do a better job for the last 1/2 of my term. Had I known the direction my life would turn 2 years ago, I would probably not have stood up for the LDCMA position. Between personal situations, health and my new job (working graveyards), it is very difficult for me to get out to meetings, let alone ones in Ashland, Phoenix and Talent. I am hoping to be there for the October Election (when I will turn my current position up for vote) and have committed to Tracy that I will be there to be of service for the November Meeting (as she will not be able to attend). I am excited for where God is allowing me to be of service right now. I am working at the Addictions Recovery Center. It is service work on a whole new level and I really feel I am making a difference. I am also working towards obtaining my CNA so I can become a regular full-time employee there.

I hope that in October 2015 I will once again be able to become involved with AA on a district level, as it is what I truly love to do. But with sadness, and for the first time in my 11 years of sobriety, I am going to step away from District and/or Regional work for a short hiatus. Thanks again for believing in me and for allowing me to be of service.

In Love and Recovery - Carrie Hise

There is an Alateen meeting in Ashland on Monday nights at the church on the corner of Siskiyou and Morton from 7:00-8:00 PM An AA meeting meets at the same time.

#### **Group Reports: Information about groups**

- Staci would like to see more women take service positions at the ARC meeting on Tuesday.
- Lisa G. reports that Her Story from Alano Club needs a new GSR.
- 99 and under group invites your attendance. It is a young people's group.
- Steve, an interested member is an unofficial GSR for Dog on the Roof. He will tell them that he is happy to be at District. HA!
- Al Anon is having a "Harvesting your Recovery" celebration with an AA speaker and Al-Anon speaker. On September 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent De Paul. More info to come.

**LDCMB – David D. not present**

**LDCMC – Dewey H. not present**

**Sabin** asked a question about the upcoming elections. What do the qualifications need to be for those who will stand at our next election?

Tanea answered, "We would love to have anybody stand, but we do value length of sobriety."

A short discussion ensued about this topic. We were reminded that there are no rules coming from New York. Our rules are ours to make. We do what works and what we decide as a group.

**New Business: Staci made a motion to split the Corrections Committee into Adult and Juvenile. She suggested two people would then take over the committee; one for adults and one for juveniles.**

Comments and discussion went as follows:

- I thought you were going to suggest men and women, not adult and juvenile?
- Staci already takes a meeting out to the Transition Center. They have a panel.

- “We’re just a bunch of drunks, not dogs.”
- Tanea thinks it should continue the way it is with one person in charge of Correctional Facilities.
- The service manual suggests that regular meetings be held within the correctional facilities.
- The whole point is to have one person handle the three portions of correction; juvenile, men and women.
- Our original goal was to get into the Jackson County Jail. The juvenile meeting was to be a starting point. We already have a person from AA who goes into the jail on his own to give meetings to the men. That man is from Dog on the Roof, not The District.
- I would like to go to the correctional facility and be able to give out my phone number.
- Let’s keep it simple.
- Are these guys who are getting out coming from hard time prisons?
- Maybe we should not decide tonight but let our home group give some feedback.
- We used to have **Hospital and Institutions** here. What happened?
- Shouldn’t Dog on the Roof coordinate with us?

**At 8:00 PM, Staci withdrew the motion, but we kept going.**

- Don’t you think whoever is going into the jail from DOR should talk to us?
- David C. agrees
- Maybe we should have a panel be part of this district committee and have all involved on that panel. All operations connect.
- I think things are going to change.
- Check the guidelines again.
- There must be more going on at Transition Center than we know. They are organizing, phoning, contacting, and meeting.....

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Tanea asked if she could store all the items from the PI/CPC position at the Alano Club. Ask them...is there room?

**Start talking up the National Convention which will take place July 5-8, 2015.**

**Old Business: None**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08. We circled up for the Responsibility Statement.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan Hansen**  
**District #16 Secretary**  
 September 6, 2014