

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
December 17, 2014

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

Roll call: Tracy M., Jo B, Wayne T, Lorry H., Paul P., Sabin, Bob S. Mike C, Kellie L, Gary M. Joe K., Michael M. Lon B., Jack I., Ann J. Becky B. John F., Brian P,

The Traditions were read by : Kelly

The 11th Concept was read by Joe

New GSRs to the District: Gary M. from Ashland Morning meeting.

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

Treasurer: Jo, the Treasurer gave her report. The beginning balance from last month was \$6,603.12. Total donations for last month were: \$912.00. Expenditures were: \$2,082.66. The ending balance is minus our prudent reserve. **Ending balance is \$5,432.46**

The treasurer's report was accepted by the body.

Announcements from Tracy, DCM. Please remember to sign in. **We still have positions available to all members who wish to do general service. Continue to make that announcement to your home groups. The positions available are: Local DCM-A, Access Chair for special needs, CPC/ PI chair(cooperation with the professional community).** Those interested should contact Tracy M. DCM for District 16.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H. –Absent

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: David C. David was absent.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): John F. reported that he has had six requests from help from the ARC in Medford. Also a woman coming from Montana to Medford asked for help. John was not able to follow through as the woman did not complete contact. John contacted a prisoner who was up for parole and was denied. The problem was that he could not answer why he murdered his victim. He thought AA might be of help; which prompted John to think that many prisoners might be able to benefit from a sponsor via US Postal mail. He is going to see how this might be made available.

Telephones: Tanea B. **We still need to have a list of sober individuals who can work during business hours. (9:00-4:00PM)**

Schedules: Lorry H. Lorry states that we still have many schedules and will not print again until we run out. A discussion ensued about how often to re-do schedules since there are always changes with all the AA meetings within the District. We were reminded that the website is always current.

Website: Jack I. Jack reported that his computer is now in sync with Dreamweaver. All working well. **Jack reminded all to send pdf's to him so that he can update the website.** Groups will get better exposure for their events if they take this route.

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

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Grapevine – Kelly S absent

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: Wayne also would like to have flyers for events to post at Central Office. A better way to get exposure is to use the Central office website. Pdfs can be sent to Central Office. A reminder that all events relating to recovery are taken for advertising as Central Office operates under a different set of guidelines than AA.

Al-Anon – Felicity L There should be a new rep for Al-Anon coming to District Meetings soon.

DCMC: Tracy M.

I was inspired at the November Assembly to bring more unity to our District and Area. I have three ideas:

#1. During New Business in tonight's meeting I will make a motion which should increase the unity of our district.

#2. I have some thoughts about the website. Along with Jack our present Webmaster and Brian, our former Webmaster, I would like to implement some changes to make everyone feel more a part of.

#3 I am in the process of updating our Roster. This has not been done in a long time. It is a big job. We have already made some progress and will eventually have a printed Roster for everyone.

For the next few months I will be very busy with the following:

- [Orientation in Eugene in January
- [Winter Assembly in Lake Oswego in February
- [PRAASA Assembly in March in Salt Lake City.

LDCM-A –Position is OPEN

LDCM-B-David D. absent

- [There will be a Holiday Party at the Alano Club on December 25th from two to 4:00. Please bring any kind of dish you wish for this event it is pot luck.
- [There will also be some kind of event for New Year's Eve.

LDCM-C; Cathy M. absent

OLD Business: Tracy stated: We ended last month with a discussion about people holding down more than one service position at the District level. I understand that the discussion was multi-faceted. The idea seemed controversial. I would like to withdraw that discussion until later, perhaps next month or next year. I did not make it into a motion as I would like to let the subject lay.

John F. asked exactly what the controversy was. Tracy reviewed our discussion from last month summing up the points from the group's discussion. (See last month's minutes)

Tracy, in the meantime has made bright green flyers for the service positions that are available still at the District level. We want to get those positions filled without controversy.

Bob S. announced that he would like to make himself available for DCM-A. He is no longer a GSR for his group as Gary has taken that position in Ashland and so is available to run for office. There was a short discussion of the controversy by different members and then Tracy moved the meeting forward.

New Business:

Tracy made a motion (see attached) that all committee chairs email their monthly reports to the Secretary by the

Wednesday before the scheduled District meeting. This would allow the DCM, Tracy and the Secretary to know what is to follow for the next meeting ahead of time. It would also provide some ease for the secretary ahead of time. He/she would not have to collect reports in hard copy at the meeting and manually transcribe them into the minutes. This way, he/she would just cut and paste.

John F. asked if all committee people would have to have access to a computer as part of fulfilling their jobs. Tracy commented they she felt most people has access to a computer. John asked if that should be put into the Guidelines for future reference. Tracy agreed. The Guidelines should reflect the current practice.

Brian suggested that the wording be changed to “emailing your reports to the secretary is the preferred method but it is not required.”

The body refined the wording of the motion, which is attached, and voted on it. Tracy made the motion, Paul P. seconded it. The motion passed.

At the end of the District meeting, the following feelings were shared:

1. Jo expressed a desire for the secretary to have the minutes sent out by the first of each month.
2. Paul P. is frustrated with District 16 lack of enthusiasm with District work. He feels it particularly after attending an Assembly where 300 people are gathered in enthusiasm to move the workings of AA forward.
3. Michael expressed a heartfelt plea to GSRs to bring the District, Area and National message to each meeting and to talk about the work being done in General Service. It is VERY appropriate for the GSR to share during the announcement segment of AA meetings.
4. The group discussed possible ideas to get AA members interested in general service.

The meeting was adjourned

Susan G Hansen,
District #16 Secretary AA,
Written: January 15th 2015

