

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
January 21st, 2015

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

The District Meeting was called to order by Tracy M. DCM, at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call: Tracy m, Susan H., Kelly S., Lorry H., Tanea B., Jack I. Judy A, Bob S. Tracy M., Jo B, Wayne T, Lorry H., Paul P., Sabin, Bob S. Mike C, Bill S., Gary M, Jason, Jody, Becky B. Debbie F. John F.
The Traditions were read by Ann.
The 1st Concept was read by Bob S.

New GSRs to the District: Debbie F. from Jacksonville and Lori H., Alternate GSR from Friday “just for today” meeting. Welcome to both of you.

Secretary Report: Tanea B. inquired about the need for an update of a phone list which was placed in the minutes under Telephones. She corrected that error, saying that it should be placed under Central Office instead. Correction noted. Tanea made a motion for the minutes to be approved, and Larry made the second.

Treasurer: Jo, the Treasurer was not able to be at the meeting. There is no report.

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.
- [Please make sure your name and email are on the list so that you can receive all information from the District, including minutes.
- [Discussion about the International Conference in Atlanta, which will be in August.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H. –not present

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: David C. David not present.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): John F. reported that he is continuing his service to those in the ARC who need transitional help.

Telephones: Tanea B. Your phones are up and running providing service to the alcoholic. We have had a couple of people added to the afterhours 12 step call out list and I have fielded a couple of questions about 12 step calls during business hours. If you are interested in being on the list for 12 step work during business hours please sign up on the list that is maintained by the Central Office. If you are interested in doing 12 step work after hours and on weekend please let me know. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Schedules: Lorry H. Lorry states that we will need to make a new schedule for the coming month. She has asked all members to make sure information on the website is current, as she works off the website when updating the AA schedule each season.

Secretary: Susan H. Shared that she had received an email from a sober woman who will be moving to the Rogue Valley this month. She asked about a sponsor list. Susan returned an email to her with a welcome and gave her information about AA within District 16.

Susan also asked about the motion made last month to have all committee chairs email their reports to Susan and Tracy a week prior to the District meeting. Tracy clarified that she wanted to improve communication and organization.

Website: Jack I. "I am meeting with Brian J. this weekend to begin planning transitions to a mobile friendly WordPress site. I expect it will take a few months before it is ready. I have been updating the EVENTS page on the website as I come across things at the meetings I attend. Please help out by asking people who wish to publicize their events to send them to the email address on the Events Page."

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Grapevine – Kelly S.

Good evening district 16 this is Kelly your Grapevine representative.

This month's Grapevine has stories on sponsorship and how members use the special one-on-one bond in the program.

The grapevine is taking submissions for stories on prison, sober travel , letting go and resentments. The current La Vina features stories about old timers in AA and the 4th step.

You can sample the Grapevine audio magazine with a seven day free trial , just go to aagrapevine.org/trial.

You can also listen to two free audio stories by visiting aagrapevine.org/audio-portal

Did you know since its beginning in 2012 the Grapevine daily quote has over 30,000 members signed up to receive it?

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: "Central Office is doing well financially.....it's winter and the power bill went up. Go figure.

Newsletter is doing fine but could always use articles from our members. Your life in three short paragraphs submitted to Virginia would make a huge difference. Pass the word. Newsletter is also available for viewing on our website at jcco.org.

Website

traffic had 356 hits last month

Central Office had 181 calls & walk ins.

Central Office Breakfast / Fundraiser is in April. Tickets and fliers will be printed shortly. More on that next month.

Coffee is hot and.....We'll keep a light on

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

DCMC: Tracy M.

"I hope everyone had a safe and sober holiday season. I just returned this weekend from the Oregon Area 58 Orientation in Eugene, where I learned a lot. The best part for me was DCM School. One thing I got some clarity on was that as DCM, I do NOT have a vote at the District level, unless it is in the event of a tie. Also, I cannot make motions. This was news to me! Time to get a service sponsor!

Some of the other informative presentations were about managing email accounts, email courtesy and etiquette, an assembly overview, archives, area finances and the area website, which will be brand new by late spring–early summer.

Next month, the last weekend in February, will be the Pre-Conference Assembly, where we get to break into groups and discuss some of the Agenda Items—topics that will be covered at the General Service Conference in New York in April.

I encourage all GSRs to get together with other GSRs and come to the assembly. This February it will be at Marylhurst Campus in Lake Oswego. We have some scholarship money available for those whose groups cannot afford to send them, see me and Jo after the meeting next month to fill out the form. I have some assembly flyers on the table. You can also register online at the Area 58 website, www.aa-oregon.org. You should probably book your hotel ASAP.

The following weekend I will be off to PRAASA (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in March, in Salt Lake City.

It's always a pleasure to experience and be part of this wonderful organization that gave me back my life.”

Yours in love and service,
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LDCM-A –Position: Open

LDCM-B-David D. Not present

LDCM-C; Cathy M.: not present but Cathy sent a report. She visited the Morning meeting in Ruch. She found a wonderful meeting with over 30 people. They do not have a GSR.

OLD Business: Tracy handled elections for the DCM-A position. Bob S. showed an interest in the position and took the time to get Gary M. to take his GSR position so that he would be free to take the job. No other person wanted to stand for the position. Bob was unanimously voted in.

New Business:

Ann discussed the need to have the minutes emailed to the body before the first of each month. She stated that the minutes need to be available for group business meetings which take place on around the first of every month. Bob S. agreed with the request, as well as Sabin.

Tanea spoke about the job requirement of the GSR; that they take complete notes and always get flyers for all events coming up in the District in order to inform their home groups. She also stated it is the Secretary's job to record the work of the body. There are no other requirements for the Secretary.

Susan H. made a verbal motion to spend the money in our treasury for all scholarships. She expressed a desire that every GSR never spend their own money if they do not have to. A discussion ensued regarding the topic. Jody asked “What is the amount that groups give?” Different groups give different amounts. The District Scholarships are for \$175.00 for each Assembly, four times a year. Some groups give more than that and also include gas mileage.

The following comments were made from the group:

- [Tracy: It would be wonderful to have more people from the District attend. Sometimes we have only four or five people around the table. We have GSRs who do not attend.
- [Paul P. expressed his disappointment in how many show up.
- [Several GSRs from the body expressed an interest in applying for scholarships.
- [Tanea said, "I am confused. Are we talking about funding GSRs or are we saying they need to attend Assemblies?"
- [The body wanted to discuss both-scholarships and how to attract new people.
- [We need to figure out a way to get people here to District for general service.
- [Tanea B. said, "What if we had a little blurb in the minutes or in ON THE ROGUE Newsletter talking about general service. A newcomer to general service could write a little paragraph about their experience."
- [Susan H. offered, "Not all people are suitable for general service."

The discussion morphed into a discussion of how to make ourselves more visible to the body of AA members. We were reminded that it is a program of attraction not promotion.

John F. volunteered to chair a committee to plan an event, or events, for District 16.

Tanea B. said she would be co-chair. Several people agreed that Jodie K. needed to be a part of the District committee. They both decided that Tuesday evenings would be a good night to have a regular planning meeting. Please let members know if they want to be involved in planning an event for the District. Contact John F. or Tanea B. or your GSR from your home group.

Susan Hansen
District #16 Secretary
Written: January 24th, 2015

