

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
April 15, 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, Bob S., David D., Cathy M, Susan H., Jo Brown, Kelly S., Lorry H., Tanea B., Jack I., Ann J., Joe K., Zach L., Kellie L., Dick O., Michael M., Marty F., Sabin P., David R., Bill S., Gary M.

The Traditions were read by Sabin
The 4th Concept was read by Dick O.

New GSRs to the District: Zach L. from Pacific Positive, Marty from Ashland/Siskiyou, Dave from Clean and Sober Group. WELCOME to all of you!

Secretary/ Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were discussed. Joe moved that the minutes be accepted. Michael made the second. **The minutes were approved.**

Treasurer: Jo Brown presented the treasurer's report: The beginning balance this month was \$5,316.80. Monthly donations totaled: \$649.10. District expenses this month were \$331.95 After subtracting our prudent reserve the available balance is \$4,383.95. Bill S. moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Cathy M. made the second. **The treasurer's report was accepted.**

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 take notice of the bright orange flyer to show your groups of what is available.
- Al-Anon Chili Feed Saturday April 25th at St Vincent De Paul. See flyer online.
- Service Palooza!** April 26th, Sunday at Medford Library 205 South Central Ave. 11:00-2:00 PM. Please show flyer to your home groups.
- Rogue Round Up-** May 1st-3rd in Grants Pass at the Josephine County Fair Grounds. You need to pre-register if you want to attend the breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- May Assembly: Weekend of May 16th. Scholarships are available. Also Host Homes to stay in at the Assembly. There is a flyer available. See Tracy for all information.
- International Conference: Atlanta, Georgia in July.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H.

Hello District 16! I have a shipment of items coming from New York Archives to add to our display. I have put together the boards for the up and coming District Service Palooza. Laurie H.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: OPEN

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): John F. was absent for this meeting.

Telephones: Tanea B. Hello everyone my name is.....Tanea.

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 weekends please let me know. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Schedules: Lorry H. Lorry printed new schedules for spring. They are canary yellow. Nothing else to report.

Website: Jack I. Jack met with the designer of our website to confer on changing our website to a mobile friendly website. If we want to keep our Google ranking we will have to become mobile friendly. Brian, the designer is recommending an item from Word Press called "Divi" which is a license to assist us in upgrading the website to a mobile friendly site. The cost is a \$249.00 for a one-time fee. Jack will make a motion for this item in New Business. **Please continue sending events for Jack to post so we can remain current.**

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

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Grapevine –

Good evening District 16. I'm Kelly your District Grapevine Rep.

Update on the 2015 Subscription Challenge. Oregon started out with 1130 Grapevine subscriptions . Has added 78 which make a rise of 6.9%. The leader is California with a rise of 9.38%. Our La Vina subscription started with 111. We've added 45 which is a rise of 40.54%. Maryland is the current leader with 43.64%. We still have 248 days left until the December 20th deadline . Any new print or online subscriptions count towards the totals. Even though our LaVina subs are no longer in the lead I think it's really exciting how close our Grapevine and LaVina totals are to being at the top !

The Language Of The Heart is now available as an audio book. It is available as an MP3 or CD . It's 18 hours long (just perfect for that summer road trip or assembly or conference) and can be found at the store on aagrapevine.org.

Grapevine is now accepting stories for Letting go of Resentments and Service During the Holidays issues. Due April 5 were stories about Technology and Anonymity which is a much needed topic today's day and age.

Current issue of La Vina is on AA around the world. Grapevine is still Double Digit Sobriety which I spoke about last month. Yilas, Kelly S

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: Wayne T.

Greetings,

I probably won't be here on the 15th, so here is what I have as a feeble report.

I'm assuming the Breakfast went well.....Hasn't happened yet as I type, but would like to thank all the groups and members for their generosity and support. The breakfast helps to offset our operating expense throughout the year.

Financially we are doing ok.....financial report available upon request after I return.

Still soliciting articles for On The Rogue Again newsletter. Doesn't ANYONE want to see their story in print??

Contact Fifi if you are interested in contributing 2 or 3 paragraphs.

Literature is fully stocked.....let us know if you need something special.

Website had 351 hits last month with 3 new events posted and one meeting update.

The office and telephone volunteers are doing well. We appear to be fully staffed.

More breakfast details after I return.

Wayne T. CO/District Liaison

Al-Anon – We are looking for a new Al-Anon rep. for District meetings.

DCMC: Tracy M.

Hello District 16!

Well, our Pre-Conference Sharing Session had a fairly good turnout of 8 people. I know more would have made it, but it was a holiday weekend. Nevertheless, we had plenty of lively discussion and I was able to get those notes off to Gus, our Delegate, who will be taking them to the GSO conference in New York next week. When Gus returns, we will schedule a Post-Conference Presentation, where he will come down and share with us about what he learned.

I am looking forward to our Service Palooza on April 26, at the Medford Library. Please promote this at your meetings and get people to come!

Tonight is the last meeting before the May Assembly, so if you're going and you need a Buddy Scholarship, please see me and Jo after the meeting. There are flyers and mail-in registrations on the table, and a few flyers for free host homes available in Eugene.

Yours in love and service,
Tracy M.
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LDCM-A –Bob S.

Not much to report this month. Bob shared the posters he has made about general service. He will bring them to the Service Palooza on the 26th of April. Natalie will be the alternate GSR for his home group in Ashland.

The April 1, pot luck/Speaker meeting in Talent was a wild success. It was their first. We hope they make a habit of more pot lucks in the future.

LDCM-B-David D. The 7:00 PM meeting at the Zion Lutheran Church in Medford on Thursday called Roxy Ann Group could use your support. Also the Thank God I'm Sober Meeting on Sunday Night at the Community Health Center could use your support.

LDCM-C; Cathy M. Cathy will have to resign her position from LDCM-C. She is unable to be of service at this point. The position is **OPEN**.

Things going on within the District:

1. **Rouge Round-Up** in Grants Pass May 1-3. Get your tickets now! Clancy, friend to Otto W. and Bill W. will be speaking for the dinner. He is 90! What a treat!
2. Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Brunch: June 20th at Inn at the Commons in Medford. You can get the flyer with the tear off to make a reservation from your different groups.

Old Business:

Update on Service Palooza Event: Tanea B. We have everything lined up and ready to go for the Service Palooza. We have made the agenda for the afternoon activities. The event starts at 11:00 AM and lasts until 2:00 PM. It will be potluck. Bring your favorite food item. Also a handful of folks will be needed to set up at the Medford Library. Please come at 10:00 AM

Our second event will be in September/October at the tail end of the warm weather. At that time we would like to have a pig roast and out of town speaker, details to follow!!! But yeah, that's right, a real pig roast!!! So get on the committee and be part of the party.

Yours in love and service, Tanea

Jack I. discussion for potential Area Motion: Included in last month's minutes was a motion put forward by Jack I. He would like to present the motion to the Area Assembly in May. The motion is: **To acquire an FM transmitter to broadcast the comments to those at a microphone at the Assembly to those who may have trouble hearing due to hearing impairments, background noise or poor acoustics.** The District body chose

to bring the motion back to their groups for discussion and approval. The following is a representation of the comments made by home groups.

Jo B. commented that her group highly approved of the idea.

Michael “why wouldn’t we include some headsets for folks to use at the Assembly?”

Jack I. responded by saying, “Individuals would have to bring their own head sets and FM radio for themselves. It would be too prohibitive otherwise.”

Susan then said, “So the Area would have to let everyone know that this service is available?” Jack said “If it passes an announcement would have to be made.”

The body approved Jack’s motion to take to the May Assembly.

Tanea asked “How will you get this on the Agenda for the Assembly?” Jack said he is working with Lisa, who is handling the agenda.

We talked about getting a van for the next Assembly. Tanea asked if this is still a viable idea. For this Assembly, it seems that we will not be able to do it. Future Assemblies are further away. They might be a better time for renting a van.

Should the flyer for the women’s outdoor camping trip be placed on the District Website? Other things are placed on our website that are in support of AA and Al-Anon. We are cautious to reject this one if there are others. John made a motion to allow the flyer on the website. Jo made the second. We then voted to allow the camping weekend to be placed on the website. There were no

Kelly S. brought up an incident that happened several years ago.. where there was a Golfing event that was denied after an ad hoc group met to discuss the problem. They voted then that we would post items which seemed to be sponsored by an AA group.

Jack I. Motion wrote a motion for acquiring the website license for “Divi”. It was discussed again. The body got a clear understanding that the divi will help in using mobile devices. The vote was unanimous.

Dick O. volunteered for the Correctional Facilities position. Dick O. as he has previously worked with correctional facilities during his sobriety in other cities. There was a discussion about the position and what it entailed. Dick was approved by Tracy for the position while the body approved as well. We thank Dick O. for his interest and enthusiasm for stepping up to this service work. Dick will contact David C. for all the information pertaining to the work.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01. We closed with “I am Responsible”

Susan Hansen

District #16 Secretary

Written: April, 28, 2015

