

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
June 17, 2015

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Secretary was not present for this meeting. The minutes were transposed from an audio tape. I regret any mistakes and extend my apologies. Susan

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., Gayno M., Staci O., Ann J., Lorry H., Michael M., Marty F, Kelly S., Sabin P., Wayne T., Paul P., Adrian A., Jason, Jeff H. Jack I., Dick O.

The Traditions were read by: _____?

The 6th Concept was read by: Paul P.

Secretary/ Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Bob S. made the motion and Lorry made the second.

Treasurer: The Treasurer, Jo B. was not present. There was no report.

Announcements from Tracy, DCM.

- [Our Secretary, Susan, is not present. Paul P. recorded the meeting on his ipad.
- [Please remember to sign in.
- [The position of PI/CPC is being filled by a new recruit: Jeff H. WELCOME!
- [Post Conference Presentation by Gus P., Delegate from Oregon, July 15^h at the Smullin Center. See and hear about what was discussed at the General Service Conference which was held in April of 2015. The presentation will follow our regular District #16 monthly meeting. Time: 7:00-8:30.
- [International Conference: Atlanta, Georgia in July 2-5th.
- [South Coast Round Up in Brookings July 24th-26th.
- [Summerfest in Eugene, Oregon on July 24th-26th
- [**PLEASE SEE our Website** for all the events happening in the area over the summer.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H. not present

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: Dick O.: “Is Staci here? I want to introduce you to Staci who is handling the female side of our work with correctional facilities. Thank you to all of you suggesting I contact Staci. She is heading the women’s side of the jail program. She already has a lot of experience and seems to be a natural one to take this on.

Dick has had a recent conversation with Dan P., who runs the jail. Dan P. is in full support of our District holding an orientation meeting for those interested in working within the correctional facilities.”

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE WITH MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND BARS AT THE JACKSON COUNTY JAIL, PLEASE ATTEND THIS ORIENTAION MEETING. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, THE FACILITY REQUIRES THAT YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ADMISSION, INCLUDING A BACKGROUND CHECK. YOU WILL GET THAT AT THIS MEETING ON JULY 11TH AT 10:00 AM AT THE MEDFORD LIBRARY ON CENTRAL. THIS IS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

- [Dick is asking members who have had previous experience within correctional institutions to possibly share their experience with those who are new to this experience.
- [Dick and Staci hope to start the program on July 22, 2015. This is the fourth Wednesday of the month. The plan is to continue on with meetings being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
- [Meetings will start at 7:00 PM.
- [541-941-1876 is Staci's phone number. Dick's number is 503-704-1191.
- [Jeff volunteered to assist by bringing a display of literature.
- [Staci will make a flyer to pass around to all members who might be interested.
- [AA Big Books, **SOFT COVERS**, are being collected by different meetings via their GSR for use in the jails. Donated books should be brought to Dick at the District meeting, or you may contact him at his phone number.
- [If you have already completed background checks you can send them to the jail via mail. You may obtain a background check via Dick or Staci, or by going to the jail and asking for one.

DICK THANKED EVERYONE FOR THEIR INTEREST AND INVOLVMENT. THE FLOOD OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HELPING THOSE BEHIND BARS HAS BEEN HEARTWARMING. THANK YOU!

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

Telephones: Tanea B. Here is my report ladies and gentlemen! Thank you for all that you do every day!!

Hello my name is Tanea. Hope this report finds you all very well and enjoying the beginning of summer. There were 24 twelve step calls last month. 13 from women, 9 from men, and 2 that remained anonymous. I have had no reports of any issues and all remains status quo. Have a fantastic, and I'm sure much abbreviated meeting without my participation, whooop whooop! Yours in Love and service,

Schedules: Lorry H. Lorry will print again and make a new schedule. We are perilously low and so they need to be printed. This will be a Summer/Fall schedule.

Website: Jack

The Meetings page has been updated to reflect changes in the schedule, and the Events page has been updated as I come across new events.

Please ask people who wish to publicize their events to send them to the email address on the Events page. Our new website is in Pdf format. Please try to use that.

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

Jeff H. Jeff is our new chair and introduced himself in the following way.

“Hello everybody. My name is Jeff H. and I am a recovering alcoholic. Tracy asked me to tell you a little bit about myself. I have done this job before in another District; as combined CPC/PI. I am also your CPC Chair for Area 58, which is our state GSO level. So I am on the Area Service Committee. I have been working with Tracy and other DCM's recently to determine when I could make Area presentations for CPC and at the same time was getting ready to start a new job here in Medford and move to the area. Tracy suggested that I consider filling this opening of PI/CPC within our District 16. I never turn down service work when I am asked so I took this job.

My background: I do love CPC work and PI work. You would be surprised how little professionals know about AA. I am speaking about medical professionals, mental health professionals, and even addiction professionals, who are unaware of how to get help for their patients and know very little about our fellowship. It is sad but true, yet these medical professionals are such a valuable resource for us...to have the ability to say to their patients. "You know I think you might have an addiction problem. Here is a schedule for you."

The other side of this job is PI. I have a background in advertising and marketing. I made a career change and am an addiction counselor now. I am preparing to go back to school in the fall to become an MSW. As part of my background in advertising and marketing I have created websites, especially content in websites. I do logos, copy writing for radio and TV and political consulting. I am familiar with the guidelines on how to get the word out within our framework. There is so much one can do to get the word out and still remain within our guidelines. It seems there are many opportunities for us. There are PSAs available from GSO and so many radio stations which are ready to put on PSAs from the public. I am wanting to give a presentation for the District in the Fall which will attract all persons within our district who are interested in working in this part of general service. That committee will meet regularly and support all of these new endeavors. I am hoping to have a host of individuals to help me keep this momentum going, so that I am not a one man committee. I have a passion for this aspect of General Service. These are my expectations."

Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt. Chair **STILL OPEN
Consider taking this position to assist Jeff H. in completing his goals he spoke about earlier.**

Grapevine – Kelly S.

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

This month's GV is the annual prison issue featuring stories about how AA brings hope to alcoholics in prisons and jails.

This month's La Vina is titled AA Around The World.

GV is looking for contributions of stories for upcoming issues including Letting Go Of Resentments, Service During The Holidays, and an issue titled Beginners. They are also looking for experience from members with each of the traditions. Info for submitting your story can be found on the GV website.

And now for the AA Grapevine 2015 Subscription Challenge update. Oregon has 117 new subscriptions over the 1130 we started with giving us a 10.35% rise. Unfortunately that's not as much as Hawaii who started with 344 subscriptions and has added 52 for an increase of 15.12%.

As far as La Vina goes Oregon started with 111 added 51 new subscriptions for a rise of 45.95%. But get this - Tennessee had a rise of 120%!!! They started with 5 subscriptions and have added 6 brand new subscriptions !

Did You Know? In 1980 the GSC recommended "that groups make every effort to introduce newcomers to the GV as one of our best tools in sobriety."

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: Wayne T.

Central Office is alive and well.....the lights are on and the bills are paid. We netted almost \$2400 from our Breakfast in April. That alone helps to keep the lights on and the bills paid as donations were slightly down these past two months. For a full financial report.....see Wayne T.

Two new Grapevine books are available for \$12 each. One is a meditation and the other is a sponsorship book. The Newsletter is published and mailed every other month. It's also available online at our website.

PLEASE.....won't someone submit an article ????? Contact Fifi, Virginia, or Wayne T.

Website had 313 hits last month. The Office had 89 calls / visitors

The coffee is on and has been brewing for three days. There may be some week old donuts on hand. We're talking good old fashion AA.....hope you can stop by and visit.

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

DCMC: Tracy M.

DCM Report
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District 16

Hello District 16! My name is Tracy. I am an alcoholic. Not much to report this month. I have been very busy with personal and family matters but I have also been hitting lots of meetings celebrating birthdays and going to fellowship functions, like the DOTR picnic and helping out with the Rogue Valley Women in Recovery Brunch, which is coming up on June 20th.

There are a few things we need to be thinking about this summer:

- [I will be updating the flyer for open positions within the District for our elections this October. I will send the flyer out via email when they are ready and I will have a flyer printed for you to take to your meetings.
- [If we want to have a BIG SUMMER DISTRICT EVENT we need to start thinking about that now as the summer is approaching. The committee for that event needs to meet.
- [We talked about a Hawaiian Luau with a roasted pig in the ground for September. We also suggested an out of town speaker. Lets talk about this tonight during OLD Business.
- [There are only a handful of District Guidelines left and available to members. Let me know if you need a copy. I will work with Kelly, our previous DCM to have more printed up.
- [Remember our next District meeting is July 15th and will highlight Gus P., Oregon's Delegate to General Service in New York. He will present what he heard at the General Service Meeting this past April. Please come to this event and bring all interested persons with you. Pizza and drinks will be served. There are flyers for your groups.

Thank you to the district for allowing me to represent you!

Yours in love and service,

Tracy M.

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LDCM-A –Bob S. Our GSR, Gary brought up the discussion of safety in AA. They had a rousing discussion involving the subject for over an hour.

July 11th. Ashland Fellowship at Siskiyou and Walker will have an Ashland pot luck to celebrate 33 years, at 9:00 am, following our regular meeting and a speaker to follow.

LDCM-B-David D. Not present

LDCM-C; Cathy M. The position is **OPEN**.

Things going on within the District: (Please check out the District website for all information)

1. OSYPAA (Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) will hold the 3rd annual Oregon State Conference in Grants Pass. The date is in October. Please visit the following website for more information www.osypaa2015.com The theme of the conference is "Watch Loneliness Vanish."
2. Pool Party for all members of AA and their families. July 11th, noon to 4:00 PM at Sun Oaks Gated Community Pool "The Nave" located on Sun Oaks Drive in Medford. Please see Flyer for more information.

3. 12 Step Camp Out for women only, August 6th at Sunny Valley Campground.
4. 38th Annual Summer Fest Conference in Eugene. July 24th-26th. AA, Al Anon and Alateen will converge for the conference. Clancy will speak again, as well as six others from out of the area. See flyer on website.
5. Southern Oregon Coast AA District 30 is holding their 38th annual round up. the Conference is called "Sunlight in the Spirit" July 24th-26th.
6. Saturday June 20th, Annual Recovery Round-Up in Red Bluff. See flyer on website.

Old Business:

1. Tracy reported that the District will hold the second part of their Service Palooza in September. There are presently 5-6 persons on that committee. It will be a Hawaiian theme, even a pig roasted in the ground, and an out of town speaker. Details will follow. No persons who are on that committee were present at this District meeting. Lorry H. volunteered to add her name to the committee planning. Lots of names were added to this committee during the meeting. Tracy has that information.
2. The third week in September is the tentative date. We have money and we want to spend it. We have a desire to let people know what we do.

Paul P. brought up having another assembly here in Medford. The schedule is filling up. It is still a possibility to have another assembly here in Medford. We need to take a group conscious again to see if we want to pursue this. We will need to find out which dates are still available; possibly May and November of 2016.

New Business:

1. **Jeff H. suggested having an informative meeting after the District 16 meeting about his position in CPC/PI.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11. Jack made the motion and Paul made the second. We closed with "I am Responsible...."

Susan Hansen

District #16 Secretary

Written: June 4th, 2015

Transcribed from audio as Susan was not present for the meeting.

