

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104**  
**July 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:** Secretary missing the sign in sheet

A BIG Welcome to **James**, Alternate GSR for his home group: Just for Today, Friday night in Medford.

The Traditions were read by: Michael

The 7<sup>th</sup> Concept was read by: Wayne

**Secretary/ Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Michael made the motion to accept them as written and Jack made the second.

**Treasurer:** Jo B. gave her Treasurer report for two months, June and July.

As of July 15, 2015, the beginning balance was \$5,386.04. Donations totaled: 461.58. Miscellaneous income was 128.48. The total income was 590.06. Expenses totaled: 760.22, leaving an ending balance of **5,215.88**. The Treasurer's report was accepted for two months. Marty moved so and Bob S. made the second.

**Announcements from Tracy, DCM.**

- Please remember to sign in.
- Tonight we welcome, Gus, our Area Delegate, who will give us the post Conference Report. Please Stay. I have Pizza and drinks for everyone.
- PLEASE SEE our Website** for all the events happening in the Rogue Valley area over the summer.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee (AC) – OPEN**

**Archives – Laurie H. not present**

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: Dick O. and Staci. O.** Dick reported that their Orientation for volunteering your time on July 11<sup>th</sup> went extremely well. There were about 25 people who attended, all wishing to give their experience, strength and hope to those behind bars. The Captain of the jail facility spoke to the volunteers and was informative and grateful to AA for their service. He explained that there is already a NA meeting going within the jail. The meetings at the two correctional facilities will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. There is still a sign-up sheet for those interested.

- We have a start up format ready to go. Hildegard donated her format.
- We also are using an AA pamphlet for Corrections
- Jeff will continue to get literature which is appropriate
- Dick and Staci hope to start the program on July 22, 2015.
- Meetings will start at 7:00 PM.
- 541-941-1876 is Staci's phone number. Dick's number is 503-704-1191.
- 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.
- We could use donations of The Grapevine and La Vina. They now make Grapevines without staples, otherwise they will not be accepted.
- The Ashland Siskiyou Morning group already donated a case of books. Others are coming in.
- 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.

- Subscriptions to The Grapevine may be donated. It is possible for you to use the jail address.
- Dick wants to develop a "Bridging the Gap" program for those leaving the jail.
- If anyone knows of a place we can get a plastic literature holder, we could use it for the jails. It can't be metal.

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

**Telephones: Tanea B.** We had 34 calls, 19 men and 12 women, 1 solicitation, and one truly anonymous. Most of the calls are still for meeting times and information. I noticed an increase in the number of attempts it took to patch a caller through this month and that at least one call was not successfully patched through to someone at all. There may be more to the story than I am able to report.

I have a request for the new business section of the meeting. Would you please decide on how much time you feel a phone volunteer should have for the 12 Step **call list**. Once the group finds it's conscious on that matter we then ask the GSRs to go to their home groups and see if anyone is interested in being added to the phone list for the District. This is not the Central Office phone list, this is District. We would like volunteers to commit to a four hour time slot of when they would be available.

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

**Schedules: Lorry H.** New schedules have been printed. They are a buff color and will be passed out at the meeting.

**Website: Jack:** I am working through how to use the new software program which the district purchased for our website. It is harder than I thought it would be, but I am patient.

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 will have a presentation on August 19<sup>th</sup> after the District meeting. "I have passed out yellow forms so that those interested can fill them out."

I attended the jail workshop and did a presentation. I thought it all went really well."

**Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt. Chair STILL OPEN**

**Grapevine – Kelly S.** Good evening District 16.

I'm Kelly you're Grapevine Representative .

- To celebrate AA's 80th anniversary, Grapevine is offering online subscriptions for \$20 for one year. That's \$15 less than its regular price. This special is available through July 31st.
- Grapevine is holding its annual photo contest. They are accepting photos to be featured in their wall calendar . They would like "striking" photos that "reflect the joy of living, serenity, and other sobriety themes". Winners will receive complimentary copies of the 2017 wall calendar and pocket planner. Info is on the GV website.
- And now for the 2015 GV Subscription Challenge! Hawaii is currently in the lead with a rise of 18.31%. They started with 344 subs and have added 63 new. Oregon has a rise of 13.72% starting with 1130 and adding 155. That's 38 new subs since last month! Tennessee is in the lead for LaVina with a 180% increase. They started with 5 subs and have added 9. I got really excited when I saw Oregon's 69.37% until I saw Delaware with 100% then of course Tennessee! Oregon has added 26 new LaVina subs just this last month!

- ☒ And finally this month's GV has a special section on "Sober Travel" and LaVina's special section features "AA in Prisons".
  - ☒ They are now accepting stories for "Beginners" issue, "Staying Sober Through Adversity" and "Old Timers."
- Thank you, YILAS, Kelly S

**District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: Wayne T.**

Greetings to all.....not much to report. Financial report is not available as our treasurer is camping. Donations will be deposited and bills will be paid. We have a new co-treasurer due to the passing of Dewey H. We had 105 calls / walk-ins last month. All volunteer positions are filled and telephones are being answered. That's' it !!

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

**DCMC: Tracy M.** First, I would like to thank Susan for doing a great job on the minutes—last month's meeting was a bit scrambled, but she made sense out of it from the audio recording.

I am so excited about our new Corrections Committee and the work they are doing to bring Alcoholics Anonymous meetings back to the Jackson County Jail! Last Saturday's Orientation was well attended and full of people ready and willing to carry the message. Jail meetings will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month starting July 22, from 7:00 to 8:00pm. It has been several years since there have been meetings in the jail and this is a great step forward for the valley. I'd like to thank Dick O, and Stacie O. for all their hard work and dedication.

There is little time to prepare for a September District 16 "fun" event. I have the Assembly that month and then we have to start preparing for October elections. I will bring a flyer next month about what service positions will be up. We will be needing a new DCM!

There are still hotel rooms available for the September Assembly in La Grande. Please contact me later for more information.

Next month's meeting will be short also. Jeff H. will be giving a CPC/PI presentation (Cooperation with Professional Community and Public Information) afterwards, which I am looking forward to. Please take flyers to your groups.

Thank you to you all for all you do!

Yours in love and service,  
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**LDCM-A –Bob S.** Bob shared that his home group, The Ashland morning group, will celebrate 33 years. The meeting convenes 6 days a week at 9:00 AM at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Walker and Siskiyou. Please celebrate with us.

**LDCM-B-David D. Not present**

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

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

**Old Business:**

Tracy reported that the District will not hold the second part of their Service Palooza in September. There is probably not enough time to put it all together.

**New Business:** The group had a discussion about the length of time needed to answer phones. Our group conscious recommended **1 Year of sobriety**. Please announce to your members that the time most needed for folks to volunteer is between the hours of 4:00PM to 9:00AM. Also, please bring this topic to your members in your home group to see if they agree with our group conscious.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42

The remainder of the evening was devoted to Gus our Area Delegate, who made a Post Conference report to our District.

Please note that the secretary summarized the 27 page document of information which was handed out. The information is a little easier to understand in the summary. You can pick and choose items of interest for your home groups.

Susan Hansen  
District #16 Secretary  
Written: July 31, 2015