

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104
August 19, 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., Wayne T., Dick O., Jeff H., Jack I., Paul P., Ann J., Zach L., Sabin P., Staci O., Michael M., Phil H.

The Traditions were read by: Bob

The 8th Concept was read by: Sabin

Secretary/ Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Michael made the motion to have the minutes updated to include the roll call. Jack made the first and Bob made the second. Susan will make the proper updates to the minutes before the next meeting.

Treasurer: Absent but Jo will available at next month's District meeting if anyone needs checks for scholarships that are going to the Assembly in September.

Announcements from Tracy, DCM.

- Please remember to sign in.
- Tonight's meeting will be directly followed by presentation by Jeff H. who will outline his plan for the PI/CPC committee. This is a committee who will integrate AA with the public within District #16.
- Elections are coming out. I have a flyer for you to pass out to your meetings. Please make announcements at your home groups about the positions that are available.
We will need a new DCM, a new Secretary, and LDCM/C is available, and LDCM/B is also available.
Schedules person is needed.
- PLEASE SEE our Website** for all the events happening in the Rogue Valley area over the summer.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – OPEN

Archives – Laurie H. not present

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: Dick O. and Staci. O.

Staci said they took their second meeting into the jail this last wed. It went well. A woman approached me during the meeting. She is a Spanish person who would like to have literature in Spanish. Tom M. donated materials in Spanish from Central Office. Staci went to Central Office and found a great deal of materials in Spanish that could be purchased and donated to the jails. Staci spoke with Sgt. Davis about getting a literature rack. He said there is not really a place for it. I followed up with Captain Dan Penland and he expressed interest in eventually getting a literature rack to house materials for inmates who are released and need information about AA within the Medford area. At the present time he does not have the space to house that literature but will work on it.

We are still accepting literature from all meetings or individuals. We were given a bunch of little Big Books so I would say for now we are good except for the Spanish literature which is still needed. We could use Grapevine subscriptions donated and sent directly to the jail via the US Mail.

Another Book we need is Living Sober, soft cover. Pacific Positive is ready and willing to donate LIVING SOBER soft covers. The Friday How it Works Group is also ready to donate old books, which are being replaced by their group.

Dick O. continued by saying that he and Staci are going to have a meeting with Jeff H. to establish the Bridging the Gap program at the Jackson County Jail. There have been a couple of requests by inmates asking for help when they are released from their jail term. **That meeting will be Saturday the 29th at 9:00 AM at ON TRACK on Main St. in Medford. 221 W. Main. Please go through the back door where you will be let in. The meeting will be held in Jeff H. meeting at On Track.**

Tracy asked if John F. had been contacted about Bridging the Gap. Dick and Staci had not done so. Tracy supplied them with his contact number, as John F. is responsible for Bridging the Gap with Treatment Centers presently. John has been doing presentations on Bridging the Gap for 20 years and would be of some help to Staci and Dick.

- 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.
- If you would like to be a part of the jail meetings, you need to fill out a background form. If you have already completed background forms 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 to pick up the form.

Dick O. expressed a desire to have Staci officially added as a co-chair for this committee. Tracy said that she is already added and her phone number is on the Important Information List. It worked out that Staci will be CCF/ women and Dick will be CCF/ Men.

The formats of each meeting in the jails, men and women, are different.

On the men's side Dick explained that they read the preamble the 12 steps and 12 Traditions. Three AAs told their stories, each for 15 minutes, and then the inmates who wanted to would share. Many introduce themselves as addicts. Jeff explained that the word addict is more appealing to the younger set.

The women's group reads the preamble, and the 12 Steps and 12 traditions, includes the serenity prayer into the ending. There is actually a blurb about alcoholism, up front. It has gone well. There are no unhappy members thus far. Staci also said that she was warned that all the deputies may not be so fond of us; but that has not been the case. They have all been very helpful and supportive.

The entire District body gratefully thanks Dick and Staci for their successful work in the jails.

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

Telephones: Tanea B.

Hope you all are well. I sure do miss seeing your smiling faces. Give everyone a big WHOOP WHOOP from me. Here are the numbers for the telephone report.

9 women

12 men
1 declined to give

22 total calls of which
20 were for information (1 call was for al Anon info)
Only 2 calls were to talk with someone, both were male.

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 did a full presentation about Public Information and the Professional Community, following the Business meeting. He is looking for members to be on his committee.

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Grapevine – Kelly S- not present

District 16 Liaison to the Central Office: Wayne T. Central office is alive and doing well. Volunteering is still something we need if you are available and interested in working at Central Office. Our website had 273 hits. Our office had 114 calls. We still need newsletters for **On the Rogue Newsletter**. Write about how you are feeling, how the program is working for you, or your story. Contact FiFi via the Central Office if you have submissions. You can read that newsletter online via Central Office website.

Al-Anon – We have a rep now. His name is Mark Cozza He is not present this evening. He is also a rep for the Grants Pass District. So it is likely we will never be introduced to him as he is double booked.

DCMC: Tracy M.

Hello District 16!

- We got a very nice Thank you from Gus who came out last month to give his Post Conference Presentation. I would like to read that to you now:

☒ Please check out the tan flyers regarding the October District 16 elections. We will be needing a new DCM, a new Secretary, and LDCM-C and B is open now. If you know of anyone who would be good at these positions, please encourage them to apply. Let's get the flyers out and start announcing this at every meeting!

I have been having a ball at all the fellowship's picnics and river trips and enjoying the summer, but I am looking forward to the cooler weather of fall!

Thank you to you all for all you do!

Yours in love and service,
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LDCM-A –Bob S. Not much of a report. Just trying to stay out of the smoke..

LDCM-B-David D. This position is **OPEN**

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

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

Old Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting adjourned at 7:42

The remainder of the evening was devoted to Jeff H., PI/CPC Chairperson, who gave a presentation to the body about AA communication with the public.

Susan Hansen
District #16 Secretary
Written: August 29 2015

