

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104**  
**November 18, 2015**

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

The District Meeting was called to order by Tracy M. DCM, at 7:02 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

**Roll call:** Tracy M., Bob S., Dick O., Kelly S., Jeff H., Lorry H., Joe K., Miquel M., Jack I., Paul P., , Zach L., Adrian G., , Brian P., Sarah F., Marty F., Mike C. Renee M. Sabin P., Jack I., Wayne T. Darin Y Ann J., Julia B.

**New GSRS:** Welcome to Darin Y. from **Bottom of the Barrel** in Medford. Also to Sue from the Wednesday Women's Meeting, ; **Her Story** in Medford on Holly Street.

The Traditions were read by: Renee M.  
The 11th Concept was read by Susan H.

**Secretary/ Minutes:** Dick had one change to the minutes. Where it says that 6 votes were needed to Vote Jo into the DCM position during last month's minutes, the actual number should be 9, which is two thirds of the 14 voting members from the last District Meeting. The Minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted with the amendment. Jack made the first and Bob S. Made the second.

**Treasurer: Jo B. was not present for this meeting. There was no Treasurer's Report.**

**Announcements from Tracy, DCM**

- Elections are tonight! A hold over from the previous month.
- Next Assembly will be held in Clackamas, Nov, 20-22nd.
- **DOTR Toy Run will be December 12th, at DOTR meeting Hall corner of McAndrews** and Summit, 10:00 AM. for coffee and doughnuts and 11:00 for the toy run to USMC
- PLEASE SEE our Website for all upcoming events during the Holidays.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee (AC) – OPEN**

**Archives** – Laurie H. present. She will be passing the baton to another member.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: Dick O. and Staci. O.** Staci was absent for the District meeting but Dick O. made a verbal report.

" The meetings are going very well. We are getting a lot of positive feedback from the Sheriff and also from the inmates. It's all been a plus.

The meetings in the jail are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. We ask that people arrive 15 minutes early. **You need to get the background check done before you go to the meetings at the jail.** Again the forms can be obtained at the jail and also submitted to the jail. Dick also added that this committee needs to have woman step up to the plate to work on the women's side alongside with the male volunteers. See Staci if you are interested in this position.

Everyone who has committed to this program thus far has had an extremely positive feeling once they started attending. It is very heartwarming. The inmates are really responding quite positively. There is a rotation so that you do not need to attend every week. Dick is responsible for letting you know when you need to attend. It occurs every 6-8 weeks.

Please continue supplying books for the jail by giving them to Dick or Staci at the monthly district meeting. If there are subscriptions being purchased for the jails, Grapevine or La Vina, use the address below for the recipient.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF):** We are passing the baton tonight to Brian P. who will replace John F.

**Telephones: This position is now open. Please see the DCM if you are interested.**

**Schedules: Lorry H.** Lorry brought new schedule to the meeting with one error which she had to share with all in the body. The Stud Muffin meeting, which has never changed, is still at 7:00 in the morning and not at 4:00 on Fridays in the afternoon. Tell your home groups. Renee M. will be the new Telephones Chair and will fix the error the next time around.

**Secretary: Susan H.** "Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your District Secretary. I have really enjoyed this job as it allows me to keep abreast of all the goings on in the Rogue Valley. I hope someone else steps up to the plate to take this job and loves it as much as I have."

**Website: Jack I.** Aside from keeping up the website there is no change. All is going well. 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.**

- Public Service Announcements (PSA's):CPC/ PI had 2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting 14 NOV. At this meeting a group conscience decided the following video and audio products would be most appropriate for our local district, these PSA's (both audio and video) will soon to be aired on local TV and Radio stations: Video – "I Thought" and Audio – "A Richer Life to Live" both by AA World Services Organization. To watch and listen find them at: [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/videos-and-audios](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios)Our next step is to create copy (both graphic and audio) that will be used in spots to connect those watching and listening to our central office 24/7 hotline. Our goal was to begin airing these PSA's to coincide with Thanksgiving holiday, but due to time limitations they will begin airing sometime soon in December.
- CPC/PI spoke with Medford Public Library Main Branch Manager and Jackson County Library Service District regarding donating AA books for Medford Library Collections. The library is ready and eager to receive our AA Literature and are grateful as they have numerous ALANON and NA books but very little AA. CPC/PI will be requesting a motion in new business to purchase these books from Central Office. Additionally they have requested a rack be placed at library for displaying AA pamphlets. This and other literature racks will be included in when our 2016 budget is submitted next month.
- CPC/PI supported our local ALANON attending recent Harvest Fiesta and spoke with their new PR chair about our mutual desire to partner with each other in future events on behalf of our fellowships in 2016.
- CPC/PI assisted in the creation and planning of the upcoming "Safety in AA Symposium" which will be Saturday, 23 Jan 2016 at Smullin center 10am – 3pm. See attached flyer #A. More details will be forthcoming next month. Reservations will be required and limited to 200. A motion will be made for district to discuss this and host lunch for participants during new business.

- CPC/PI assisted in the development of 2 new; as yet unnamed, AA “special composition Groups”. The reason for these efforts is twofold: Requests from AA members in these demographic groups were received additionally this creates goodwill for our fellowship by assisting in developing these new groups because we are cooperating with professionals who serve alcoholics in these demographics.
- Veterans Only Group at Rogue Valley Veterans Community Outreach (RVVCO), 601 Grape St., Medford, Wednesday’s from 12:00pm to 1pm beginning 25 NOV 15 (day before Thanksgiving).
- Addiction & Mental Health Counselor’s Only Group at On Track Annex, 211 W Main ST, Thursday’s Noon to 1pm, beginning 3 DEC 2015.

Please see attached flyers B and C.

***Next Month CPC/PI will be presenting our 2016 schedule of events and activities and will also be submitting our budget request for 2016.***

We remain grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve our fellowship and district on behalf of all the still suffering alcoholics in our beloved Rogue Valley. Thank you.

Yours In Love and Service, Jeff Houston and Joe K.

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

**Joe K.** Joe reported that the next PI/CPC meeting will be held on December 12th at On Track, 221 W. Main Street. at 10:00 AM.

**Grapevine Report; Kelly S.**

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

The holidays are still fast approaching so if you still need gift ideas GV is offering free shipping until December 31. Some gift ideas are GV books, calendars, pocket planners, and gift subscriptions to the magazine . Also available November 30th is the newly restored Man on the Bed poster that was first created for the AA GV in 1955. This months GV features stories on "Service During the Holidays". This month's La Vina features stories on "Sobriety During the Holidays". And now my last report on the GV Subscription Challenge! In the lead is Missouri with a rise of 39.68%. Oregon is sitting at 23.54%. Holy Smacks! Tennessee has a 220% rise for La Vina and Oregon is still sitting right around 100%.

Thank you all for listening to me! YILAS Kelly S!

It is customary that the outgoing DCM assume the Grapevine Position for two years following. We welcome Tracy M. to this position beginning next month.

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

Central Office Monthly Report Nothing new to report.....financially we are sound. All deposits and bills are posted in a timely manner. The rent is paid and the lights are still on, so.... Financial report available upon request. On The Rogue Newsletter may be printed by Pronto Print in the future. Will know more later. Web traffic indicates people are looking at us. We are not paranoid. 417 hits last month. The office had 87 calls or walk in customers last month. The Office is always in need of telephone volunteers. We seem to have quite a turnover of members lately. See flier. Jack I. gave me a Beginners Guide he modified to reflect our addresses and phone numbers locally. It is now in the newcomer packet available at Central Office. That’s it from me.

**Al-Anon -No rep available at this meeting. Jerry will be the new representative.**

**DCMC: Tracy M.- No written report available.**

**LDCM-A –Bob S.** As many of you know, I have been trying to update the District 16 portion of the Oregon area 58 Roster. After much frustration, I asked for help and had 5 members show up to help sort it out with me. We broke up into three groups and all went well. I'll compile all the results and present it to Julie, Oregon 58 Registrar, this coming Friday at the Assembly in Clackamas.

We have also been working on a different related list for the 3 District LDCMs so that they can more easily locate groups. The additional information will encompass meeting times, group business meetings, GSR contact name and phone number, and email address.

I am also working on setting up email lists that will go out "bcc" to help protect your address and anonymity.

**LDCM-B-**This position is **OPEN**

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

**Old Business:** There was discussion about the items tabled from the previous month.

Jack read a motion for the new position The Event Planner. See motion attached to the minutes. Jack continued to talk about the type of events that other Districts have in Oregon and other States. A motion was made by Joe to accept the new position as a part of the District. It was seconded and voted upon by the body and it passed. The new DCM will place that into the Guidelines. This way the structure is in place and is ready for a "spark plug" with enthusiasm to take the job.

**New Business:**

1. **Jeff H.** asked if there were any new thoughts or revisions to the new enrollment form for the alcoholics transitioning from the jail. The only thing that was noted was the wording of the word "inmate" which we talked about earlier. We want to not mention "inmate" any longer and we need to come up with a word to call those exiting the facility. "Newly released" was suggested by Joe. Just using the term AA members or alcoholics was suggested. How about "newcomer" was suggested, but we realized that some would not be newcomers. "Transitioning member" was finally suggested and liked. It was voted upon and passes to call those exiting the jail "transitioning members."

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2. **The remainder of the meeting was devoted to elections, led by Tracy M. the present DCM.**

**Julia B.** volunteered to be the new Archives person. Schedules will be **Renee M.**

Those interested in standing for DCM were determined by reading the sign-in sheet.

The following persons were available for the position. **Bob S., Jeff H. and Jack I.**

Each one of those available stood to give their service resumes and then we voted as a body. **The body voted for Jack I. to be their new DCM.**

The position of Secretary will be willingly continued by **Susan H.**, as no one stood for this position.

The two other elected positions, LDCMB, and LDCMC remain unfilled as no one stood for these positions.

**Open Positions are: Access Committee, LDCMB, LDCMC, Telephones, Webmaster.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM. We closed with the "I am responsible....." statement.

Susan Hansen  
District #16 Secretary  
Written: December 2, 2015