

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

Wednesday August 18, 2021

ROLL CALL

Aimee A, Amy B, Becky D, Beverly C, Bob A, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie B, Gabriel K, Jane M, Jennifer A, John, Ken J, Kelly K, Kristin A, Lisa G, Michael M, Nick N, Norman M

7:00pm - Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Eight - John

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept VIII - Norman M

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

New GSR

· *None*

Visitors

· *Gabriel K*

· *Aimee A*

7:10pm - 7:30pm - Presentation / Alternate Chair: *Gabriel K* - chair-alt@aa-oregon.org

Upcoming Quarterly Area Assemblies

September 2021 - Hybrid

- *When: September 17 – September 19, 2021*
- *Where: Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Oregon*
- *Registration: [Click Here](#)*

November 2021 - In Person

- *When: November 19 – November 21, 2021*
- *Where: Ashland Hills Hotel, Ashland, Oregon*

Assembly Overview

- **February:** *Fourth weekend of the month (Quarterly Assembly)*
- **May:** *Third weekend of the month (Quarterly Assembly)*
- **September:** *Third weekend of month (Gen Serv Assembly - ELECTIONS)*
- **November:** *Third weekend of the month (Quarterly Assembly)*

COMMENTS:

Amy B - *Is Amber eligible to be the Delegate for Ares 58?*

Gabrielle - *There is no succession plan in the guidelines so we asked the past delegates for advice and it was agreed Amber is able to put her name in the hat for Delegate.*

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month minutes - *Ken J had a few and corrections have been made*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Amy B*

Second - *Becky D*

Treasury's Report - Kristin A

- *Ending Balance* \$3,931.04
- *Income* \$1,717.88
- *Expenses* \$ 220.54
- *Prudent Reserve* \$1,250.00
- *Available Balance* \$2,681.04

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Amy B

Second - Cynthia W

DCM - Terry C

*Two more DCM Reports and part of this D16 2019 - 2021 Team will be rotating out! We have had a great run and the success this D16 Team has enjoyed has been a combination of the planets aligning perfectly to bring together an amazing group of people (**all of you**) and this pandemic!*

The amount of workshops, panels and events would not have happened if we had had to meet in person to plan them. This pandemic has forced many of us to stretch our comfort zones ... the benefit of sacrificing our egos and old ideas has given many of us the opportunity to learn, grow and even change ... in areas we never expected!

Unfortunately, that also comes with disappointments and the need to adapt and overcome. Which provided me with the opportunity to work on the area of emotional sobriety! I began to see growth, depth and maturity! When at our last Events Committee meeting it was decided that we would need to cancel our final in person party! The One Big Tent Event will have to wait for another D16 Team to organize ... so be it ... I will be available to pitch in if the next DCM decides to do it!

Speaking of the next DCM ...

We have quite a few service positions that are open and a few that will be rotating out and will need to be filled. I am hoping to rely on all of you to help us recruit members to fill these positions. I have created a booklet that provides details on the duties and responsibilities for each of these positions and it will be down at the Central Office. If you are attending in person meetings please make a point to pick up a few of these booklets to share with your home groups. Also, you can make an AA Related

Announcement that the District is looking to fill many positions and where to find information and all these positions will be posted on the District Website soon.

I hope I can depend on you to enthusiastically promote service at this level ... I know that many of the members in our community have old ideas about service at this level and my hope is that the experience they have had these past months have given them a new perspective on what a District does and the services it provides. My hope also is that you have had a new experience during your tenure in your District position that has given you a new excitement and I encourage you to share that experience with your friends, at meetings and groups.

There is so much more to the Primary Purpose than just making sure the doors of a meeting remain open. There is much work to be done throughout the service structure and while service at this level is not for everyone, it's important to at least investigate personally, the possibility that this type of service is something worth looking into.

Thank you for all your time, support and energies invested in your service to AA, the community and your District!

In gratitude and appreciation

LDCM-A (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent) - OPEN

- *No report*

GSR - Norm M / Ashland Siskiyou Group / Tuesday online and Thursday in person 8pm

- *We are doing well*
- *Attendance for both meetings are great*
- *Church is currently requiring masks*

LDCM-B - (Medford) - Amy B

The Medford area is slowly opening up to in person meetings but once again things might change. I have been working mostly this month on the workshop next Thursday night on How To Have A Business Meeting. We will be providing resources, useful information and an open panel question and answer period. Please come and participate.

GSR - Becky D / Keeping it Simple / Wednesday at noon / Women

- *We had a business meeting end of July and decided to change our format so that the last Wednesday of the month a member will be sharing their experience, strength and hope*
- *Celebrated chips at the meeting and had a great turnout*

GSR - Debbie B /Women of Worth / Tuesday speaker / Thursday book study

- *We had 15 members for our Tuesday speaker meeting and 24 for our book study*

LDCM-C Report (Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, MFG, DOTR) - OPEN

- *No report*

GSR - Jennifer A / Ruch Groups

- *We were going to meet inside and had the okay but the library decided to close to outside groups*
- *Back to meeting outside*
- *Monday Nights meeting in tent on my property*

GSR - John / Dog on the Roof / Wednesday 7pm

- *We met in person for two weeks and decided to try a hybrid*
- *St Vincents has decided to close its doors so we are strictly online*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall / Monday 7pm

- *Currently in person but trying to be hybrid*

LDCM-D Report (Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Prospect, Gold Hill) - Jane M

Plan to continue assessing needs of groups-- especially around safety issues as pandemic precautions evolve. Also hope to involve GSRs with assessing group needs as my territory is rather large

GSR - Beverly C / Women's Step Study / Monday night

- *We are still meeting in person*
- *It was suggested we resume masks, socially distance ourselves, not holding hands and a few more protocols*

GSR - Clare R / Thursday night 6pm / Women's / Eagle Point Senior Center

- *I have been ill so not able to attend the meetings*
- *We are still online and in person*
- *We are currently following Oregon Health Guidelines*

GSR - Lisa G / No Name Group / Fridays 7:30pm

- *Our attendance has dropped as the mandates have been implemented again by the church*

7:30pm Appointed Committee Reports: *(Please keep reports to 3 minutes. When the timer goes off you will be thanked and we will move to the next report. The full report will go into the months minutes.)*

Access Committee - Open

- *No report*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *No report*

Assembly Committee - Michael M

Howdy District 16, I'm Michael, I'm an alcoholic, and humbly serving as the Chair of the District 16 November '21 General Service Assembly Host Committee for Area 58.

Thank you, Terry and Gabriel for the information earlier in the meeting about the Sept. and Nov. meeting plans. That was awesome! Our committee met earlier in the month and we have settled a couple of issues moving forward with our hybrid meeting plans. We have some pending questions with the Area IT group, and have some work to do to be live in September, but this is part of the plan.

As I mentioned last month, the committee is proud to start a fundraising event. We're calling it, [OR codes for the Quarterly >>CLICK HERE<<](#), a play on our always popular Quarters for the Quarterly. We are distributing a flier with a couple ways to help. We hope these fliers can be displayed at

in-person and virtual meetings through-out your meetings. I am asking you to share this info at your homegroups, in order to make our November Assembly a self-supporting event. We can not do it without you, and, as we planned a couple months ago (more like 20 months, lol), we need \$1500 in contributions from individuals and groups to meet that seventh tradition goal. District 16 has an amazing track record of support with these events, and it's because of you, so "Thank You" in advance.

More next month as we prepare to spread our message in September in McMinnville so as I mentioned before, I'll reach-out to folks attending the Sept Assembly as I'll need some help getting Assembly gear back from Yamhill to Jackson County. It'll be fun!!

That's it for now. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve. The Committee is awesome!!

Michael M.

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Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFW) - Women: OPEN

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFM) - Men: OPEN

- *No report*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B (not present)

- *No report*

Events - Lea W (not present)

- *No report*

SOSM Sub Committee - Cynthia W

- *September 25th we have a main speaker Polly P., Saturday September 25th*
- *There is a flyer for this event on our District website*
- *Hole in the Wall will be hosting the meeting in September*

- *Opening speaker is Mitch S*

Grapevine - OPEN

- *NEW AA books available at www.aagrapevine.org*
- *[Carry The Message Project](#)*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Kelly K

- *All is well*
- *Unfortunately I will need to rotate out of this position next month*

Schedules - OPEN

- *Nothing is being printed*

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

- *We received 23 calls - 10 calls were 12 step calls. All calls were successfully dispatched to a volunteer.*

Technology Committee - Nick J (not present)

- *No report*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius (not present)

- *No report*

YPAA Liaison Report - OPEN

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - OPEN

- *No report*

8:00pm - New Business Discussion >> [Link to view Robert's Rules of Order](#)

Old Business: *None*

Planned New Business: *Aimee A*

Aimee A - I am not currently serving on District 16 but was involved in an ad hoc committee helping groups to get situated when Covid started March 2020. Perhaps it is time to create another ad hoc committee to streamline the meeting schedule both on District 16 as well as Central Office.

Terry C - It has been suggested that it may be time to start discussing the possibility of making improvements to current systems of updating the Remote Meeting as well as the Meeting Guide app process for both District 16 and Central Office. These improvements could streamline the Schedules printing system as well.

- *Purpose – The committee members should understand why the committee was formed and what the expectations are for the committee.*
- *Structure – Include basic information, such as the number of members, who will chair, whether there will be a liaison to the committee or whether the Chair will be in attendance at District meetings to provide a report on progress.*
- *Meetings – There should be some detail on who calls the meetings, where they will be held, how often they will be held, etc.*
- *Duties - The duties of the committee should be as detailed as possible, including every aspect of the assignment given to the committee. If the committee is to contact third parties or perform research it should say so. The duties may include whether the District wants information or documents gathered. If the board wants the committee members to consider certain things in coming to their recommendations, those things should be noted.*
- *Record Keeping – The committee is expected to keep minutes. The Chair should explain who is responsible to keep the minutes, when the minutes should be provided to the District DCM and Secretary. Whether minutes are expected or not, most Districts do want a written report, summary or recommendations from the committee.*
- *Equally important is disbanding the committee once the committee has finished its assignment. This should be done formally and documented in the minutes.*

8:25pm - District 16 Announcements/What's happening next month:

- *Area 58 General Service Assembly! Make sure to share this information at your home group! All are welcome to attend! Registration is FREE!! [>>>CLICK HERE<< TO REGISTER](#)*
- *This is a voting Assembly and as a GSR your vote matters! Officers and Committee Chairs are rotating out and new members are standing for these open positions ... make your group's voice heard with your attendance and participation in the vote!*
- *This Assembly will be held in person and also online, so if you are not able to attend in person you can still make your vote matter by attending remotely!*
- *Are you a GSR and wish to attend the Assembly in person?*
 - *Step 1 - Request partial or full funding from your group for lodging and gas (approximated \$150+).*
 - *Step 2 - If your group is unable to afford the full cost, District 16 offers the [Buddy Share Scholarship Program](#) [>>>CLICK HERE<<](#) to read more about how District 16 may be able to help you with expenses.*
 - *[POST Assembly Sharing Session](#) - This is your opportunity to join other GSR and other members to talk about highlights from the Sept Assembly! These are created just for you and you won't want to miss it!*

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Ken J

Second - Clare R

Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible when Anyone, Anywhere

Reaches out for help

I want the hand of AA always to be there

And for that I am Responsible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/26/21 [How To Have A Business Meeting](#) -

Hosted by D16, Facilitated by LDCM-B Amy B., 6:30pm to 8pm

9/15/21 [GSR Session](#) -

Hosted by D16 DCM - 6pm to 6:55pm

9/15/21 [District 16 General Service Business Meeting](#) -

Hosted by D16 DCM - 7pm to 8:30pm

9/17-19/21 [Area 58 General Service Assembly](#)

9/22/2021 [Post Assembly Sharing Session](#)

Hosted by D16, Sept 22nd 7pm to 8:30pm

9/25/2021 [Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting \(SOSM\)](#) -

*Main Speaker - Polly P., Jacksonville FL. Sponsored by D16 SOSM
Committee - Hosted by Hole In The Wall Group 7pm to 8pm*