

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center

December 18, 2019

ROLL CALL:

Aimee A., Amy V., Bob A., Cheryl R., Chuck B., Demetrius D., Drew B., Fayvor D'S., Garrison M., Jane F., Jennifer A., Jo L., Joel S., Kelly G., Ken J., Kristen A., Marci S., Matt P., Mike H., Michael W., Mollie O., Nick N., Patty T., Phil B., Rachel H., Reggie W., Renee H., Robert H., Robin P., Terry C., Wayne T.

DCM: Terry C.

- The meeting was called to order by Terry C. at 7:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

THIS MONTH'S TRADITION: Robert H.

THIS MONTH'S CONCEPT: Kelly G.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Amy V. corrected the date printed on last month meeting notes - it should have been November 20, 2019.
- Ken J. Hole in the Wall Group had an average of 114 members for the month of October. Speaker Chair spelled s/b Sonja. No technology Chair the position is currently open. Requested page numbers on the minutes.
- Patty T. made the motion to approve last months minutes, and Jennifer A. seconded the motion.
- The motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

NEW GSRs:

- Fayvor D'S. "Crack of Dawn" Monday - Saturday 7am - Ashland
- Phil B. "There is a Solution" Monday 6:30pm - Medford
- Matt P. "Pacific positive Action Group" Thursday 7pm - Medford
- Garrison M "Ashland Young People" Wednesday 8:10pm - Ashland
- Jennifer A. "What We Are Like Now Women's Meeting" Tuesday 6pm - Ruch
- Mike H. Alt GSR "Ashland Men's Meeting" Monday 7pm - Ashland

VISITORS: -

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access Committee (AC) - Mollie O.

- I've started gathering materials to both inform all of us on issues of access and to be of assistance to people who have access issues. We have one braille Big Book.
- There are a number of other materials available from national in braille, on audio or on video.
- I hope to do an inventory of other resources in the community and add them to the web site this next year.
- We need a budget to buy a number of pamphlets related to access for various communities.
- We are going to have a table at the January 25 Speakers Meeting to provide materials to attendees about issues of access.
- I would like to do a workshop later this year on access issues, and complete a survey of resources we have in our district.
- I am looking for people who want to serve on a committee that would start after the first of the year. See me after the meeting if you are interested.

- *If you know anyone else that would be interested please let me know*
- *Contact me at molliowens62@gmail.com (541) 227-9593*

Archives - Jennifer A.

- *All is well*
- *Excited for Service Fair in January*

Cooperation With Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Women: Marci S.

- *Stable crew going into jail*
- *Still issues with a prompt response to emails from the jail coordinator*
- *No more paper applications - all email*
- *Need to get application pdf and contacts on district website*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Men: Richard R.

- *Unable to attend tonight*
- *All is going smoothly at the jail*
- *Just a reminder to turn men's applications in directly to me via email reahi_99@yahoo.com or contact me directly at (541) 292-4600 so we can make arrangements to pick up the application.*
- *A PDF of the application is available on the central office website (Thank you Terry K.).*
- *Hope to see the same with our district website someday.*
- *Thank you for this opportunity to be of service*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B. / Not Present

Events - OPEN

- *Nick N. shared that until there is a Events Chair Person, the DCM and LDCM's have formed a committee and together are coordinating our workshop and events.*
- *The workshops and events calendar has been printed for 2020 and 2021 and available on the front tables*
- *Committee meeting for Mental Health Workshop will be scheduled first week of January. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Nick N. (541) 591-2638*
- *Please forward group events so that they can be posted on the District website*

Grapevine - Gary M. / Not Present

- *Terry C. reminded everyone that there is currently free shipping for books ordered from aagrapevine.org*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Patty T.

- *Thanked Ken J. for helping to distribute recent schedules to local libraries in District 16*
- *We still need to distribute to area business for their employee assistance programs*
- *Patty announced that she is stepping down after this meeting*
- *Aimee expressed an interest in the position.*

Secretary - Nick N.

- *Grateful to be of service*
- *Thanks again for your service Amy V.*

Schedules - OPEN

- Chuck B. (former schedules chair) looking for a person of interest to take over the position.

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting - Jane F.

- *Thanks to past SOS leaders, Jack, Susan*
- *The committee for SOS so far includes Archives, LDCM and DCM*
- *Goal is to bring in out of state speakers*
- *Happy to report January 25th is confirmed Marty J - flyers are available on the front table*
- *Excited for 2020 schedule*
- *Hosted by the "Ashland Siskiyou Group"*
- *April "Medford Fellowship Group"*
- *July "Keep it Simple Group"*
- *Opportunity to host the SOS for any groups interested*

Telephones - Robin P.

- *There were 18 calls that came in*
- *Two of the calls were twelve step calls and dispatched to volunteers*
- *In the process of updating volunteer list if interested please contact Robin P. (541) 200-5782*
- *Thank you for letting me be of service*

Treasurer - Robert H.

- *Our expenses are trending down*
- *Income \$667.50*
- *Expenses \$1,136.21*
- *Available Balance \$1,425.83*
- *Prudent Reserve \$1,250*
- *SOS submitted expenses and will be reflected in January*
- *Donations down from last year by \$619*
- *Moving forward Treasurer Report proposed the report reflect prior month instead of "up to the minute" reporting*
- *Motion to approve treasurer's report Wayne T.*
- *Second Jennifer A.*

COMMENTS:

- *Joel S. shared that he is the treasurer of a group and does monthly reports and supports the motion.*
- *Aimee A. proposed a motion as set forth by Robert H. "Starting in 2020 full report to reflect previous month"*
- *Kelly G. seconded the motion as stated*
- *All approved*

Technology - OPEN

- *Nick N. has access to the website and (1)updated email and contact information for all chair positions and (2)updated meeting information.*
- *Will add the application link for Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF)*

LDCM A - Chuck B. (Ashland, Phoenix and Talent)

- *I am very much enjoying making the rounds of my territory, meetings in Talent, Phoenix and Ashland.*
- *I gave up two of the Women's only meetings in my area to Rachel H. (LDCM-C)*
- *I took two men's only meetings off her plate in Jacksonville.*
- *I will be hitting each meeting once a month*
- *Bringing news from District, updating our roster, and offering to help where I can.*
- *I am organizing a Workshop in February 15 Saturday mid afternoon two hours, dealing with Sponsorship. It will focus on Varying styles and methods of Step sponsorship including Big Book Awakenings, Atheist, Joe and Charlie, and Freestyle. Speakers will include Sponsors and Sponsees of each method. I think it will be an illuminating and unifying survey of the many roads that lead to only one goal: Recovery.*
- *Thank you for letting me serve*

COMMENTS:

- *Aimee A. asked who? is coordinating the workshops.*
- *Nick N. shared that until there is a Events Chair Person, the DCM and LDCM's have formed a committee and together are coordinating our workshop and events.*

LDCM B - Amy V. (Medford)

- *DCM and LDCM's have been planning for 2020 it's an ambitious calendar but we are all excited*
- *At the quarterly speaker meeting on January 25 we are having a Service Fair prior to the speaker to encourage participation at District level*
- *It will be informative with all of the Service Committee chairs represented*
- *I will be working with the following chairs; Access, Archives, Cooperation with Correctional Facilities, Cooperation with Treatment Facilities, Grapevine, Events and Bridging the Gap*
- *On a personal note it looks like the next two years will be as rewarding as the last two years have been.*
- *I do look forward to whatever God has in mind for our district and to do my best to carry it out.*

COMMENTS:

- *Aimee A. - Is the service fair being tacked on to the speaker meetings?*
- *Terry C. - Yes the hope is to have a service fair for each speaker meeting in the future.*
- *Robert H. - Does anyone remember where prior display items are? I remember using the monopoly guy for a display.*
- *Jennifer A. - The Monopoly Man has been taken apart and will no longer be "Passing Go"*
- *Garrison M. - Suggested the name for the Service Fair be changed to "Service Palooza"*

LDCM C - Rachel H. (Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, White City, Central Point, Jacksonville, Ruch and Applegate)

- *This one is short and sweet. This month I visited a few more groups to update the roster and offer information including events happening in the area.*
- *I eased up on the seriousness of updating the roster and haven't been called a cop this month.*

Central Office Liaison - Renee H.

- *Save \$1,000 a year because we are not in the local directory*
- *I will also will be reporting a month behind and sharing statistics on phone calls literature sales etc*
- *I needs spanish speaking contacts Winslow and Joel have been filling in*
- *Central Office is considering spending money on new computer will update*

- *Winslow is our Newsletter Publisher*
- *Winslow and Renee will have a table at Service Fair*
- *GSR will be added automatically to the newsletter email distribution list*
- *Central Office is considering buying a new printer*

AL-Anon Liaison - Laurie B.

- *Submitted by Reggie W., Al-Anon member, back-up for Laurie B, Al-Anon Liaison for AA District 16*
- *District 7 Al-Anon provides speakers to both ARC facilities in Medford.*
- *Alateen is now in a middle school in Medford and a high school in Eagle Point.*
- *Medford Drop's Alateen meeting on Thursdays may become an Al-Anon meeting for young adults (YHA – Young at Heart in Al-Anon).*
- *Tuesday's Alateen in Central Point continues, along with the once-a-month Alateen meeting at Oregon Youth Authority in Grants Pass.*
- *We've gotten a request to provide Alateen at schools in Grants Pass – working on it.*
- *YPAA has inspired young people in Al-Anon to start meetings for young Al-Anon members after Alateen with the YPAA slogan "Create the recovery you crave."*
- *Al-Anon participation at AA events grows recovery for family and friends of alcoholics and shifts perception of the family disease of alcoholism.*
- *So grateful to YPAA and AA friends.*
- *Submitted by Reggie W, Al-Anon member, back-up for Laurie B, Al-Anon Liaison for AA District 16*

GSR GROUP REPORTS:

- *Kate W. GSR "The Ashland Siskiyou Group"*
 - *Secretary Nick N. submitted a report for Kate W.*
 - *NYE Celebration - "Ring in the New Year with a celebration of Sobriety!"*
 - *Tuesday, December 31 Trinity Episcopal Church 44 N 2nd St, Ashland, OR 97520, USA*
 - *Fellowship, Karaoke, Dancing and Food from 9pm to 11:30pm*
 - *Meeting at 11:30 with a New Years Eve count down at midnight*
 - *Family friendly*
 - *Hosted by The Ashland Siskiyou Group*
- *Drew B. The "How It Works Group"*
 - *Annual Holiday Dessert Potluck*
 - *Friday, December 20th at 6:00 pm*
 - *Christ Unity Church 540 N. Holly St., Medford, OR*
 - *Please bring a dish or dessert to share.*
 - *Our regular AA meeting to follow at 7:00 pm*
- *Mike W. Alternate GSR from the "Medford Fellowship Group"*
 - *December 21 Caroling at 5:30*
 - *Marathon meetings from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day*
 - *Pot Luck Christmas Day 2pm*
 - *Candlelight Midnight meeting*
 - *New Years Marathon meetings*
 - *New Years Day Potluck after 8pm meeting*

- *We also need secretaries for marathon meetings*
- *Flyers are posted on the Alano Club bulletin board*
- *Ken J. from "Hole in the Wall" Monday night 7pm*
 - *30 years in existence cake on December 30 7pm Speaker Meeting Pat M who has 52 years of Sobriety*
 - *New secretary Chad*
 - *Average attendance for month of November 125 members*
- *Phil B "There is a Solution" Monday night 7pm*
 - *December 30 Dessert followed by closed AA meeting*
- *Garrison M. "Young Peoples Meeting" Wednesday night*
 - *Opening early for those who would like to fellowship*
- *Renee H. "Talent Group" meeting Wednesday night 7pm*
 - *On Christmas as scheduled monthly night potluck at 6pm and regular meeting 7pm*

DCM Report - Terry C.

- *This month has been very productive as the Alt DCMs, Archivist, SOSM Chair and Secretary have reported. They have been very active, enthusiastic and ready to get out there to carry the deeper message of AA to our community!*
- *The workshops and events they are planning are inspired, insightful and also have been requested by the groups and individuals who support the District agenda and guidelines. In other words, we work for the people and groups that are donating their hard earned money to support us and they deserve our attention & commitment. Right?*
- *I feel very excited to be working with all of you on this upcoming Speaker Meeting Project - "The More You Know - Your District" - and depending on its success, many others to come!*
 - *This is purely a volunteer basis so can I see a show of hands who would be willing to develop a table?*
 - *Yes, you can develop a committee utilizing GSR's, willing participants outside of district.*
 - *Marci and Richard are an easy example of what a committee could be comprised of - active participants going into the jails and any other enthusiastic members, even other district chairs!*
 - *Suggested product available on your tables: pamphlets specific to your position, sign up sheets (to encourage sub committees and development of your presence), a Q&A basket with pre determined questions specific to your position, a separate basket for raffle tickets.*
 - *District will provide: name tents, snacks, raffle ticket, raffle prize, table cloths.*
 - *Raffle Prize will be 2 tickets to the upcoming "2nd Annual Take Your Sponsor To Dinner" Event*
- *I hope you will reach out to me at anytime with questions you may have. Text me at (541) 690-2360 or email terrycantwell49@gmail.com is the best method to reach me, I will respond usually within an hr. If you call me, leave a message and I will call you back or text you with an approximate time I'll get back to you.*
- *Please announce this event at all your meetings, not just your home groups! Your enthusiasm will generate attendance and attendance will generate a more aware and educated and active community!*
- *The 2nd most exciting news I have for this report is a Traditions/Concepts class*
 - *For ALL District Chairs and GSR'S (old and new alike)!*
 - *The Alts and I have been collaborating on this and feel it is a great way to take a walk through these important Legacies with a focus on how to use them in our meetings as well as in all areas of our lives!*
 - *The class will begin next month, Jan 15, with Tradition/Concept 1 from 6pm to 6:50pm.*

- *The Grapevine book "Our Twelve Traditions" will be used along with our Traditions and Concepts Illustrated pamphlets (I have many here with me today). Grapevine is offering free shipping right now and the cost of the book is \$11.50. Central Office is also carrying them.*
- *Also, dig out your service manuals. We will be referencing it too.*
- *We have big plans for these next two years ... I trust that all of you are up for the challenge!*
- *Thank you for letting me be of service*

OSYPAA Liason - Garrison M.

- *Good evening everybody I'd like to first start by saying thank you for allowing me to be of service in this way, it is my understanding that this is a new service position and I will be learning along with you guys on how to best serve district 16 and YPAA.*
- *It is my goal to help district 16 better understand the facts, aims, and purposes of YPAA. As our state conference is now over and our committee has disbanded we are no longer OSYPAA.*
- *SORYPAA, which is the southern Oregon region of young people in Alcoholics Anonymous is having their elections this Sunday, December 22 at 2 PM, at 456 West Pine St. in Central point. This new committee will be forming as an event committee and a service committee. While the committee has not yet formed and do not have a group conscience on what their main purpose will be, after talking to several of the members who will be on the committee they want to work more closely with district 16 to be of service to AA as a whole.*
- *There are a lot of acronyms in the world of YPAA, and my hope is that nobody will be discouraged trying to keep track of everything. Having been on several YPAA committees I can tell you from my experience that these young people strive to keep the three legacies of unity service and recovery alive and to practice our primary purpose of helping the next sick and suffering alcoholic.*
- *There are a couple large scale events coming up soon, one being ACYPAA, The all California conference of young people in Alcoholics Anonymous.*
- *The second being WACYPAA, The western area conference of young people in Alcoholics Anonymous. The western area includes all states west of the Mississippi.*
- *Both these conferences are very large and regularly have more than 3000 people in attendance.*
- *Wacypaa Will be in LA this year from January 2 to the fifth in downtown LA.*
- *ACYPAA Will be in Sacramento at the end of February.*
- *If you would like any more information about these events please contact me at garrisonsnk@gmail.com (541) 301-9723*
- *It is my great pleasure and I am very much looking forward to be working closely with district 16 and our local and state wide YPAA committees to bring a better understanding to general AA of what YPAA is all about. I know for me personally it has saved my life and made me the man I am today.*
- *Thank you for allowing me to be of service.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *The More You Know ... Your District. District 16 Service Fair.*
- *Chair updates from participating committees.*
- *Discussion on processes.*
- *Host this every other SOSM (Jan and July)*
- *"Did You Know" Basket with pointed questions about your committee*
 - *1 question earns a ticket for a District Raffle - 2 Take Your Sponsor To Dinner Tickets*
 - *Each Committee is responsible for creating their "basket" and the questions.*
- *District will provide: Tablecloths, snacks, table tents for each committee table.*
- *Set up from 5-5:30pm*

- Jennifer has set up a visual aid for ideas
- Jennifer Bring sponsees /trade show/has extra stuff for tables

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wayne T. made himself available to be the Schedules Chair and was appointed by Terry C.
- Aimee A. made herself available and expressed interest in PI/PCP Chair
- Technology Chair is still open
- Events Chair is still open

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New and current GSRs please be sure you have filled out a Group Change Form.
- This form can also be downloaded, return via email www.aa-oregon.org/gsr-resources
- Please make sure to give Nick a copy and let him know if you have sent the form to GSO.
- This is the only way GSO knows of your position and to send you your GSR packets.
- Please send all Chair reports to Nick prior to District meeting, if possible.
- Medford Alano Club has a number of events scheduled around the holidays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1/15/20 - Traditions/Concepts - Open to District Chairs and GSR Orientation 6pm-7pm
- 1/18/20 - Service Orientation - Eugene 9am to 5pm
- 1/25/20 - SO Speaker Meeting - Smullin Center Hosted by Ashland Siskiyou Group 7pm-8pm
- 1/25/20 - The More You Know ... Your District! District 16 Service Fair 6pm-7pm
- 2/15/20 - Sponsorship Workshop - Smullin Center 2pm-4pm

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting closed with a motion to adjourn from Jennifer A. second by Amy V.
- Group joined hands and recited the A.A. Responsibility Statement - I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Yours in gratitude, love and service
 Nick N.

District 16 Secretary
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