

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**Smullin Health Education Center**

**February 19, 2020**

**ROLL CALL**

*Amy V., Barry D., Beverly C., Bob A., Bob S., Chrissy B., Chuck B., Clare R., Demetrius D., Drew B., Fayvor D., Garrison M., Jane F., Jennifer A., Jo B., Joel S., John D., Kelly G., Kelly K., Kenneth J., Kristen A., Laurie B., Lea W., Matt P., Marci S., Michael W., Nick N., Phil B., Rachel H., Renee H., Richard R., Robyn P., Sarha P., Scott B., Terry C., Wayne T.*

**Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C.**

**Reading of the Tradition of the month - Nick N.**

**Reading of the Concept of the month - Phil B.**

**Ask for New GSR's**

*Scott DOTR GSR and John DOTR Alternate*

**Ask for any Visitors**

*Vince, Jack, John, Chrissy and Chuck*

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**DCM - Terry C. was pleased to announce the new meeting agenda format**

**Secretary - Nick N.**

*Corrections to the January Minutes? Kenneth J. pointed out a few corrections. Jennifer A. asked for the corrected version to be sent to the body. Nick N. will be emailing them once the corrections have been made.*

***Motion to Approve the minutes as corrected, Jo B. Second, Kelly K. and all approved***

**Treasury's Report - Robert H.**

District 16 high-lights:

Income	706.67
Expense	<u>736.41</u>
Net Loss	(29.74)
Cash in Bank	2,987.09
Less Prudent	<u>(1,250.00)</u>
Available Balance	1,737.09

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting:

Income	1,179.00
Expense	<u>733.66</u>
Net Income	445.34
Available Balance	1,957.00

*The only thing to call out is the \$275 reimbursement to Jack I. for our Non-profit registration. I haven't heard from Jack but I believe we should receive the official determination letter from the Feds soon. I know there will be discussion on Scholarships. The Guidelines state that 4 scholarships are available each quarter at \$175 each, up to 30% of the available funds, which calculates to 521.13. That means we are limited to 3 full scholarships or 4 at \$131 each.*

## Motion to Approve Treasurer Report, Joel B Seconded by Bob S. and all approved

DCM - Terry C.

**Pre-Conference Sharing** is held for all members of the A.A. Fellowship to participate in the discussion of the agenda items that will be discussed & decided on at the General Service Conference (April in New York City). Our discussions will help inform our Oregon Area 58 Delegate, Jim F., of the area's group conscience, thoughts and experience, on the agenda items. These discussions will help the Delegate develop an Informed Decision (Concept 3) that he will take with him as the **Conference Delegate** at this year's conference. It is our responsibility at District level to encourage our **Right of Participation** (Concept 4) by providing a space to hear your voice.

Your input and clarifications will be vital to our Area Delegate and will provide him with understanding on the issues specific to our Area at the **70th General Service Conference**. Our Delegate will hear a full range of perspectives from other Delegates (across the USA & Canada) and committees at the Conference before those final votes are taken. So the information we can decipher and discuss will help him tremendously! Nonetheless, this does not lessen the Pre-Conference Sharing at all – it means that hearing from DCMs, Committee Chairs, GSRs and Members is very important to our Delegate and to A.A. – as a whole. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! It's a Big Tent and your input is valued!

Yours in Gratitude & Loving Service,

Terry C

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

I am continuing to visit all the meetings in Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, and a couple of Men's meetings in Jacksonville. I am encouraging each meeting to get a GSR, leaving info and flyers for our GSR schools upcoming this spring, and explaining the advantage to being more connected to the wider world of AA. I leave business cards at each meeting, hoping service-minded AAs will contact me. This is a slow process, but we are playing the long game here. The sponsorship workshop on February 15th was great, the speakers killed it, the majority of feedback I got was positive. We had 40 attendees. We made \$123.00 on the 50/50 raffle, \$61.00 after the split. We got \$70.00 from 7th tradition and food offset donations. Thank you for letting me serve, Chuck B.

### Group A GSR Reports

- **Kelly** - "Noontimers" Tuesday in Ashland - Group is active but on the older side of sobriety so not active in service. Quite a few stay for the business meeting so active at group level.
- **Evelyn** - Talent Monday night 6pm "Atheists and Agnostics" - Meeting is well attended and I continue to inform the group what's happening at District level.
- **Bob** - Phoenix Monday night "Book Study" - Currently on Page 160. The group is small, averaging 5-8 members. We need support.
- **Garrison** - Ashland "Young People's Meeting" Wednesday Night - Always well attended if you are feeling "Young at Heart" you are welcome!

**LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V.**

*So the How it Works group had a family snow day Feb 8th with a bonfire. The Dog on the Roof group is having a hockey night on Feb. 29th. A bowling night, motorcycle runs, fun fun fun at DOTR. The Tell it Like it Is group has monthly business meetings and donates to District. Hey Medfordians! Email me the news from your groups! A District motion stays in motion. It's a law of physics!*

### **Group B GSR Reports**

- **Phil** - Monday night "There is a Solution" - Average meeting about 50 members Last Monday of the month celebrate birthdays
- **Dee** - Tuesday Afternoon "Reflections As We Understand Them" - Meeting is about to die we need support
- **Richard** - Friday Night "Just for Today" Regular attendance of 50 plus, last friday celebrate birthdays and go out to eat. Well attended a business meeting. No child care but we have a space available for kids.

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

*As far as this last month. I have updated the roster a little more, and spread the word about workshops/events to the couple of meetings I met with this last month. The LDCM's have together answered questions at the service palooza for 'the more you know'. We met to do a rose, bud, and thorn discussion and found the event to be a success for the district and found a lot of enthusiasm. Also we in the future intend to add the option of people to ask us specific questions that might be on their mind about the roles of LDCM. What we as a team would like to do is find more ways to support GSRs in feeling empowered/supported in their positions. One thing that I put together is a sign-up sheet for GSR that wish to go to the assembly, so that they can get grouped together with three other GSR's to share expenses. Another thing that I just want to put out there is that as someone who has been a GSR I would love to and benefit from sharing my experience with any incoming GSR. My contact is on the sheet and district 16 website, or you can talk to me after the meeting. Looking forward to the Assembly coming up at the end of this month and sharing the experience from the pre-conference sharing session especially.*

*Thank you for letting me be of service.*

### **Group C GSR Reports**

- **Jennifer** - "Women's Meeting" Tuesday night Ruch All is well thanks for visiting Rachel!
- **Jo** - Ashland Bring Your Own Big Book" Women's Meeting. Rachel is our LDCM. Our group is growing getting young women in. We hardly ever have business meetings - talk about the importance of a GSR at the next business meeting.

**7:30pm Presentation: Chuck S (Area CTF South Chair) gave a presentation on Bridging the Gap**

*Bridging the Gap. Part of Bridging the Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition. As you know, one of the more "slippery" places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that, even though we heard of A.A. in treatment, we were too fearful to go. A.A.*

experience suggests that attending meetings regularly is critical. In order to bridge the gap, A.A. members have volunteered to be temporary contacts and introduce newcomers to Alcoholics Anonymous. The video "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous," shown to patients in treatment, emphasizes the importance of having a temporary contact as the essential link between treatment and recovery. It is suggested that the temporary contact takes the newcomer to a variety of A.A. meetings; introduce him or her to other A.A.s; ensure that he or she has the phone numbers of several A.A. members, and share the experience of sponsorship and a home group

GSO Service Manual TF Chair purpose from GSO read from manual.

Points to remember A.A. does not provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money or other welfare or social services. The professional treatment setting is in charge of its patients or clients and is responsible for them. While we cannot compromise our A.A. Traditions, we should remember that we are there as guests of the facility, and must abide by its rules. We are there to carry the A.A. message to the newcomer, and to answer any questions regarding the A.A. program of recovery and the A.A. way of life. Statements that may be interpreted as medical or psychological diagnosis or advice on medication should be avoided. We are there only to share our experience of staying away from one drink, one day at a time, through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. In many cases, months of hard work have gone into establishing a relationship which enables us to be invited into a facility. A careless action could destroy that trust and interfere with carrying the message. If problems arise, inform the local service committee. They may wish to present an A.A. informational meeting. No one speaks for A.A. as a whole. When we carry the A.A. message to those in treatment, we are just one drunk talking with another. How we look, act and talk may be all they are going to know about Alcoholics Anonymous. Since we may be seen as part of A.A., let our new friends see, hear and talk to a winner!

Back in the early days you had to know someone to find out where AA meetings were.

Bridging the Gap started with Corrections and brought into treatment facilities to coordinators, director or counselors. There is a form for people getting out info that is kept in a database for CTF and the connection is made. AA also has a flyer for the public available for people they know getting out of treatment. Bridging the Gap answers calls and requests so that an AA member is not called directly. Statistically fresh out of rehab if not attending a meeting within 24 hours they will have a 50% chance of drinking again.

Left handouts / pamphlets

## COMMENTS

- **Jane** - Asked what goes into the database - Contact info name address phone and area they live in to match up with proper fellowship
- **Renee** - Central Office has a huge stack of those forms available
- **Terry** - Pointed out 95% of those in prison are in for drugs and alcohol
- **Gary** - Lisa is a corrections chair for Oregon Area - There is a person getting out in April in need of contact in this district. It behooves us to start talking this up in our groups to let people know. "We may only get one or two of these a year" so important to get members to sign up for this very important service commitment.
- **Terry** - Got Lisa in touch with Rich and Marci to work out the details
- **Robyn** - Took a call from a woman, got her to a meeting, gave her a schedule and got her on her AA journey!

- **Marci** - I will ask my group to ask other women to be on the list
- **Garrison** - There is a group Oregon Youth Authority in Grants Pass might need help also

**7:45pm Appointed Committee Reports: Please make efforts to keep reports brief 2 minutes**

**Access Committee (AC) - Mollie O**

*They have met informally with her committee. Brail BB is at the Alano Club. Have lots of information if requested.*

**Archives - Jennifer A.**

*All good / being archived / Brail Big Book is in a file box and available if anyone wants to see. GSR's please send me your groups history and please register your group if it is not. Thanks "DOTR" and "Hole in the Wall" for submitting your group's history!*

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) Women - Marci S.**

*Wonderful new women helping in the jails. One new person with 18 months finally able to join and was thrilled. A few women have medical issues and are not available so always looking for women. Requirement is five years "Off of Paper." We also have our own room for meetings.*

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

*In a separate room like Marci and it has been great. We have 30 plus Big Books so we are not needing more at this point. The jail needs a better system for distributing the books. There are also plenty of schedules in the lobby. Always looking for people to take meetings into the jail. Area Guidelines two years clean and sober and five years off paper. Applications need to go to Rich and /or Marci. Every other Wednesday we go in.*

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B.**

*No report*

**Events - Lea W.**

*Service fair was awesome. We made a service informational board and had a sign up sheet. We had ten people signed up to be on the committee. We are always looking for event volunteers. The Mental Health Workshop location has changed to St Vincents DePaul in Medford. If you see old flyers with the Smullin Center location please throw them away and replace them with the new flyers. The Sponsor Dinner is confirmed for Saturday October 17th Ascension Lutheran. I am excited to be a part of the District and looking forward to being of service.*

**Sub Committee Speaker Meeting - Jane F.**

*SOSM Speaker Chair Report to District 16 Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The January 25 th speaker meeting was a great success due to the efforts of many. A big thank you to the Ashland Siskiyou Group for doing an excellent job hosting. Thank you again Rachel. We really had no idea how many people would show up and they stepped up beautifully. Much was learned, as we stepped into a stated goal of the creators of the Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting, when we brought in a speaker from beyond our local region. Marty J., a popular and long-term AA circuit speaker, was flown in from near Vancouver BC. He delivered an hysterical talk with a strong recovery message to an audience of at*

least 410, more than double the largest speaker meeting to date! We raised sufficient funds through the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, the 50/50 raffles and a new item raffle to add an additional \$396 to the treasury, in spite of additional costs.

Included in this report is a brief financial history of the SOSM.

Yr	Mo	Begin Bal	7th Tradition	50/50 Raffle	Item Raffle	Speaker Expense	Printing	Supplies	Grand Total
2018	Oct	997							997
	Nov		164	171		(312)	(65)	(68)	(110)
2019	Feb		182	310		(311)	(33)	(41)	106
	May		225	171		(258)	(106)	(33)	(1)
	Aug		186	183		(250)		(72)	46
	Nov		234	287			(46)		474
2020	Jan		510	556	15	(572)	(59)	(54)	395
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>997</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(1,705)</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>(269)</b>	<b>1,907</b>

I'm working to develop a Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting committee to facilitate the dissemination of information to the hosting group volunteers previous to the speaker meeting. 400 people are a lot to serve. We did well and will do even better in the future. Pairing the Speaker Meeting with the First District 16 Service Fair no doubt contributed to the attendance, as did the outstanding job everyone here did in bringing the information to their local groups. Thank you. Fliers were also posted on non-AA bulletin boards such as Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less and the Library in Medford. I encourage all of you to post future fliers around town where you can. Our goal is to reach as many alcoholics as possible, so why limit our outreach to AA meetings. Also, one Sheriff's deputy had confirmed he would attend, but was not seen on site.

I invite my fellow committee chairs, such as Access, Corrections, Cooperation with Treatment Facilities, and PI/CPC, and the Al-Anon, Central Office and OSYPAA Liaisons to utilize the speaker meeting in their outreach efforts to their communities. I would love to hear from any of you and to work together in the future to further increase attendance. Having said that, the 410 in attendance in January, was just 36 short of the 446 person capacity of this auditorium. I've spoken to Smullin Center to explore having the speaker meeting broadcast in room 102, which has a capacity of 63. As the District 16 speaker meeting has become a stable entity, with a sustaining treasury, there is a motion in new business for the Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting to operate as an independent District 16 Service Committee going forward. Making the Speaker meeting a sub-committee of the events committee made sense when it first began, but as it has grown and matured, that structure is redundant and unnecessary.

Jack I., our previous DCM and founding member of the speaker meeting, is here to offer his support for the motion and to answer any questions from this body. Speakers have been confirmed for the balance of 2020. Vera F, our past Area 58 delegate and current Area 58 Grapevine Chair will be speaking on April 25<sup>th</sup>. She will be doing a presentation on the Grapevine, previous to the speaker meeting, starting at 6pm. Our DCM, Grapevine Chair and others are working with Vera to organize the Grapevine presentation and The Medford Fellowship Group is hosting. Don Landis, from



Bellingham WA, another long term AA Circuit Speaker and friend of Marty J's, will share his experience, strength and hope with an emphasis on the fourth step and resentments on July 25th. District 16 will host another Service Fair before the speaker meeting at 6pm. The Keepin' it Simple Women's meeting from Medford will host.

Our last speaker meeting of the year will be on October 31 st , Halloween, when Rowan Byrne, an Irish born circuit speaker from San Diego will share her amazing story with us. We do not yet have a hosting group and I'm hoping a group who is excited about having fun with the Holiday will step up. There is talk of a costume contest and other shenanigans. I would also like to explore offering day care if there are others here who are interested in supporting that effort I would love to hear from you. If you are interested in hosting, please review the hosting packet on the District 16 website to learn what is involved, and give me a call to discuss the details. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to my AA community.

## COMMENTS

- **Garrison** - Posting flyers considered promotion?
- **Terry** - Promotion or Advertising? Move to next month
- **Jane** - Open to feedback and those in the group were aware of the concern
- **Kristin** - This bears more conversation
- **Gary** - Bring this question up at GSR Sharing session

## Grapevine - Gary M.

Greetings District 16, Trust all has been well for you and your Groups. The March issue of Grapevine touches on "Emotional Sobriety". My Monkey Mind, by Ed L., should give a clue for what this month's publication brings. "When No One's Watching" by Rick R., reflects on changes in thoughts and behavior, our continuing daily walk in sobriety. The articles "Lucky Me" by Marcell R., "Staying Alive", by Chuck M., and "The Best Things in Life Aren't Things", by Jim, remind us to be aware of the little things, that being sober is a precious gift, and to ask ourselves Am I satisfied with today? Decisions we have had to make and commit to are addressed by articles such as "No need to Apply ", by Bruce B., a journey through a Treatment center to the rooms of AA. "That imaginary Line" by Rosemary P., and "Choosing to Decide ", by Kyle N., bring us to that "tipping point" we must all face. Action work is addressed in words by Louis B., "Step Work", set against the backdrop of the Grand Canyon, and "Thank you Ladies" by Stephanie P., give meaning to "room to grow." "Our Own Conception" by Michael F., deals with this AA member raised in the "Bible Belt " feels that religious beliefs are better left outside of meetings". "Old Timer? Nah!" by Anonymous, make for good reads, questioning and right sizing. All the above make for a full and well rounded issue. As per usual, with every month's issue important words are printed in Letter From the Editor, Dear Grapevine, Discussion Topic, AA News and At Wits End. Do check out the new set version of the gv website, its mobile friendly, with special features for subscribers. That address is <http://www.aagrapevine.org>. The 2020 carry the message project reminds our fellowship of giving gift subscriptions to those in need and those who may come across our message through the grapevine. In La Vina this month the spotlight is How it was and why they stayed. La Vina has these deadline for topic articles, Remote Communities (Stories due April 3, 2020) The Home Group (Stories due July 17, 2020) Newcomer Issues (Stories due September 3, 2020) Grapevine has the following deadlines for article submission on these topics Young & Sober-Did you get sober at a young age? Do you attend YPAA events? (Stories due March 15, 2020) Money (Financial

*Insecurity)How has sobriety helped you? Are you a group treasurer? (Stories due April 15, 2020) RemoteCommunities – Do you live far from an AA Meeting? Do you do Remote Community service? (Stories due June 15, 2020) Thanks for keeping me around, Love our little District. Yours In Love and Service, Gary M., your Grapevine Chair*

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

*Sobriety date 11-24-82. I have done Hospitals and Institutions, PI CPC, Grapevine and involved at meeting level in service. Looking forward to being of service.*

**COMMENTS**

- **Gary** - *Currently PC South Chair for Oregon Area - Kelly please exchange numbers with me so that I am able to help you.*

**Schedules - Wayne T.**

*All is well. Updated and if more are needed Central Office has meeting schedules. Please also point out the AA Schedule App.*

**Telephones - Robin P.**

*We received 23 calls. Of those seven were 12 step calls that we distributed to volunteers. All is well*

**Technology Committee - Terry K.**

*On January 23, I activated a new code for the Events page. The old Google calendar code was requiring users to request to be added to a calendar. The new code does not. Go take a look as you have time and let me know if you experience any issues. The default view for now is List. However with the new code plugin the Month view is very usable also. Update - The Events Calendar plugin deployed a new set of code for Month and List views. I activated the update this morning.*

*Received an email from the Phoenix Grange on January 15th offering their building for rent for a meeting. I replied that I would pass the information on to the group at the next District meeting in February. Email from Joshua LaCrosse January 15, 2020*

*Hello,*

*I am a member of Phoenix Grange #779 located at 209 N. Main Street, Phoenix, OR 97535. I am writing to see if there is any interest in using our grange hall for a meeting space. Currently we have open Mondays until 2PM, Tuesdays open all day the first and third week of the month and every Tuesday open until 4PM, Thursdays are open all day. We are reaching out because we are a grassroots organization that believes in supporting our community through service. Our grange space includes a kitchen, two bathrooms, a pa system, a stage, tables, chairs and the ability to hold 80 people. Our rates are reasonable, please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to discuss using our grange hall. Kind Regards,*

*Joshua*

*LaCrosse*



Received a request from Nick N. to publish the monthly Treasurer's report on the website. This is a very simple process but I wanted to get a consensus from the group before proceeding. (Do we address this now or wait for new business?)

Received a request from Nick N to look at the SF/Marin Intergroup website, <https://aasfmarin.org/>, to see how they handle online donations. They have a very slick page set up limited to AA Groups and Individual members to send donations electronically. I contacted their webmaster for further info and found that the method they use should be compatible with our WordPress platform. If directed by a group conscious I can look further into this service.

On February 5 I received a request to add No Kids designation to the meeting below. I added a new category to the printed schedule: NK - No kids permitted and made the change to the meeting. The JCCO website already had the meeting noted as No Children. I add the No Children note to the details view of the District 16 website meeting list.

7:00 p.m. (1 hr.) K.I.S.S.S. (Keep it Simple Step Study)

Ashland

February 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 11:41 AM

7:00 p.m. (1 hr.) K.I.S.S.S. (Keep it Simple Step Study)

First United Methodist Church – 175 North Main Street

Closed meeting

Book/Step study

W/C accessible

No Children

Email box clean up

We have received emails from two individuals asking if there are Professional Closed meetings in the area. I am not aware of any. One member was from the Valley and had seen other AA members anonymity broken by clients in the profession. If they do exist please let me know.

GSO is considering a request for a "meeting finder" on [aa.org](http://aa.org) website. It would use the same data that populates the Meeting Guide app. They will inform us if the new service is adopted. I have the full email with questions and answers if anyone

## **Liaisons:**

**Central Office - Renee H.**

Brought statements about Open vs Close meetings , Safety In AA, and the upcoming Central Office breakfast. We have tickets to sell and the flyer is on the front counter looking for volunteers for breakfast all is well. Sign up at the Central Office. Tickets are available at the Central Office.

**OSYPAA Liaison** - Garrison M.

*This Saturday, SORYPAA, the Southern Oregon Region of Young People in AA are hosting their annual SNOWPOCALYPSE event. This is one of the biggest events of the year and a TON of fun. We will meet in the Ashland Bi-Mart parking lot at 9am and carpool up to Table Mountain Snow Park. We could use the help of people with four wheel or all wheel drive to help us get everyone there safely. We will have a speaker meeting around noon, followed by the chili cook off, so if you have a wicked chili recipe, come enter it! (My moms chili has won the past two years in a row so if you have a competitive spirit come participate and enter to win an awesome hand made first place trophy.) The service fair gave me an idea with the frequently asked questions. I am aware there is a lot of lack of knowledge around YPAA and it's history and I thought it could be a good idea to conclude my reports with some good information about the history of young people in AA.*

*A commonly asked question is; "Is YPAA a part of AA?"*

*(Read part from [website](#))*

*Thank you for letting me be of service and please don't hesitate to ask any questions.*

**Al-anon** - Laurie B.

*Excited to participate in the Mental Health Workshop. There are meeting lists on the table up front. I will stay in touch with Jane for future SOSM.*

### **8pm New Business: Motion**

- *Motion presented by Voting Member: Wayne T (The Motion is Attached)*
- *Terry opened the floor for discussion*
  - **Garrison** - *asked for clarification. What's the difference between a sub committee or stand alone committee?*
  - **Terry** - *the position would then have voting rights at district.*
  - **Jane** - *said Jack, Sibby and Gary were in on the initial discussion. She said their motivation was that the SOSM needed a place to land. It's grown to a place where it's doing its own thing and the events committee doesn't need to worry about it. It seems a bit redundant and that was their motivation. Jane also wants to be listed on the website. As of now she said you have to go through events to find her name.*
  - **Ken** - *asked if the guidelines would change*
  - **Terry** - *said yes*
  - **Amy** - *called the question*
  - **Terry** - *asked for a vote*
  - **Gary** - *stated whether or not its administrative or urgent*
  - **Jennifer** - *we should vote tonight the groups don't care*
  - **Terry** - *reminded the GSR's that you carry the voice of your group and can decide for them*
  - **Kelly** - *the decision administrative and urgent are done at District level.*
  - **Jane** - *point of clarification*

- **Gary** - wanted to know why it would be urgent or administrative. He said our groups may have some relevant points to make. Since we did not make up our minds yet on urgent or administrative matters we should not be discussing. When we do I have a few things to say.
- **Amy** - this did not originate in the groups it originated at District. Why involve the groups?
- **Gary** - District answers to the groups
- **Amy** - did we vote on making SOSM a subgroup of events?
- **Jack** - we set it up at District not at group level
- **Terry** - suggested the groups could learn about the process, concepts, delegated authority, informed decision. Terry asked the group since we are out of time should we continue discussion or table it until last month
- **Kelly** - if you table this we do not take the information to the groups its discussed next month
  
- *Kelly took a group conscious on hosting the November Assembly again*
  - **Gary** - suggested a verbal motion which should be considered urgent
  - **Kelly** - said it is urgent because the original group and venue fell through
  - **Terry** - Should we Host an AA Assembly in November 2020?
  - All enthusiastic about the assembly and verbally approved the November event
  - **Gary** - said we are beholden to our groups and asked all to bring this information on the November Assembly back to the groups

**END DISCUSSION**

**8:30pm Call to Adjourn**

***Garrison M. Motion to close Second Bob S. all in favor***

## **RAN OUT OF TIME TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ...**

### **New Business: GSR New Process**

- *Request from Aimee A to discuss ways of improving Access for our GSRs to attend Quarterly Assemblies.*
- *Discuss changing format quarterly or every other month to give GSR's the opportunity to participate in the process by submitting to the body Reports, Questions or Comments.*
- *Will give LDCM and GSR monthly contact to communicate what is happening in their area's groups and discuss solutions and help where needed.*

### **Suggested process as follows:**

- *LDCM and GSR's will communicate monthly, in whatever manner works for them. LDCM will act as a type of Service Sponsor to guide, train and assist as needed.*
- *GSR's will communicate with LDCM on the development of their Group Reports. Group Reports should be kept to 2 minutes.*
- *Questions or Comments shall be researched by the GSR prior to submitting it to their LDCM & DCM.*
- *GSR will need to supply to their LDCM & DCM with the Question or Comment 1 week prior to the District Meeting in order to follow the Concept that speaks to the Informed Decision.*
- *If the GSR, LDCM or DCM are unable to find the answer ok, we will research together*
- *Group Reports shall be sent to the District Secretary at least 1 day prior to the business meeting.*

### **Announcements:**

1. *Assembly Buddy Scholarships and Sign up Sheet for Carpooling*
2. *GSR forms, ask questions, turn them in, and let us know if you are having problems.*
3. *If you have flyers you wish to have printed and available for the District Meeting a file will need to be submitted to the District Secretary 1 week prior to the District Meeting. It is preferred that flyers be Black and White in the interest of saving District funds. A max of 40 copies will be set.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

*2/15/20 - Sponsorship Workshop Smullin Center Rm 102-104 1:30pm - 4pm*

*2/19/20 - Traditions/Concepts - Open to District Chairs, GSR's and the AA community 6pm-6:50pm*

*2/22/20 – SORYPAA Snowpocalypse Bi-Mart Ashland. Chili Feed and Speaker Meeting 1pm*

*2/28 - 3/1/20 - Oregon Area Pre-Conference Assembly Portland OR*

*3/5 – 3/8/20 – Nuthin Sacred Men's Retreat in Prineville*

*3/6 - 3/8/20 - PRAASA 53<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly*

*3/14/20 – Mental Health Workshop St Vincent De Paul 1pm – 4pm*

*3/18/20 – Traditions/Concepts - Open to District Chairs, GSR's and the AA community 6pm-6:50pm*