

## DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Smullen Health Education Center

January 15, 2020

### **ROLL CALL:**

*Aimee A., Amy V., Beverly C., Bob A., Bob S., Chuck B., Demetrius D., Drew B., Fayvor D., Garrison M., Jane F., Jennifer A., Jo B., Joel S., Kenneth J., Kristen A., Lea W., Marci S., Matt P., Michael W., Mollie O., Patty T., Phil B., Rachel H., Renee H., Robert H., Terry C., Wayne T., Clare R., Lisa G., Kris L., Sarah P., Laurie B., Nick N.*

**DCM:** Terry C.

*The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer*

*Reading of the Tradition of the month - Amy V.*

*Tradition One: Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.*

*Reading of the Concept of the month - Beverly C.*

*Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.*

### **Ask for New GSR's**

- *Lisa - No Name Group Central Point*
- *Sarah - No Name Group Central Point*
- *Claire - Women's Group Eagle Point*
- *Kristen - Sunday Morning 9am Ashland*
- *Lea - Just For Today Medford*
- *Fayvor - COD Ashland*

**Ask for any Visitors - None present**

### **Approval of last month's meeting minutes**

- *Renee H. had a few corrections*
  - **CORRECTION:** *CO is not buying a new computer. We had to upgrade Windows 7 operating system to Windows 10 after losing Microsoft support for Windows 7. Terry K has installed and continues to work out the minor kinks in the new Windows 10 upgrade. Thank you, Terry K. !*

**Minutes approved by Jennifer A., Second Wayne T.**

## **Committee Reports:**

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

- *Access Committee is moving along. We have 4 members and are still recruiting. We hope to have more after the Know Your District workshop. We are collecting materials, looking at Accessibility surveys, and starting to look at a workshop this summer.*

### **Archives - Jennifer A.**

- *We would like to keep all archives together. If a group has any information please forward.*
- *New Group History Form now available*
- *Service Fair - We will set up Archives and have someone to answer questions*
- *We have a District 16 storage - Jennifer happy to store archives from groups*

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

- *All is well*
- *Still having issues with submitting applications on the District 16 website downloading the PDF*

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

- *I will be at the service fair and have organized some applications and pamphlets to have on hand with Marci and I. Things are running smoothly on the men's side of things. I will be on vacation for a couple weeks but will return in time to make the service fair.*

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

- *January has started out with a "bang". I have been working on acquiring printed information from GSO in order to learn more about my position, as well as the Bridging the Gap Program. It is a slow process – but, I have done my foot work. Now, I am just waiting for answers to filter back to me.*
- *I have also been reaching out to the various organizations in the Rogue Valley about how AA can be of service to them*
- *Bridging the Gap Program, as well as working with them in trying to raise awareness of the upcoming Speaker Meeting. I have been in touch with the Veterans Administration, On Track (Mom and Dad's Programs), and both the Men's and Women's Divisions of the Addictions Recovery Center. I am still waiting for a reply from these groups about the upcoming Speaker Meeting, as well as how AA can be of service to their organizations.*
- *I am in the process of reaching out to these groups, secured a meeting time on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm to do a presentation on the Bridging the Gap Program at the Reddy House (women's treatment facility). It is a start.*
- *Yes, I plan to be at the Service Fair with whatever information I can garnish from GSO by then. Hopefully, I will have a better understanding of what I am doing with my position.*

## Events - OPEN (Nick N.)

- *Mental Health Committee has started to discuss the details of the workshop on email*
- *Dates for Sponsor Dinner booked on May 2nd but just notified of the Rogue Roundup May 2nd ... so changing the date.*
- *Founder's Day June 10 confirmed at the Ascension Church*
  - **SO Speaker Meeting** - Jane F.
    - *Hosting packet has been created for groups to use as a guideline*
    - *Medford Fellowship sponsoring April*
    - *Keep it Simple Group sponsoring July*
    - *Spreading the word in Coos Bay, Bandon and Grants Pass*
    - *Looking for drivers and vans to transport members at the meetings*
    - *Speaker staying at Inn At The Commons*
    - *Dinner at 5:45pm room for more to join*
    - *Transportation arrangements made for Speaker*
    - *Lodging \$89*
    - *Travel \$200*

## Grapevine - Gary M.

- *I am out of town once again, off to some Area CPC work, wishing all of you a good meeting tonight. Area orientation is this weekend, and trust will see some of you there .*
- *Here is my GV report for January 2020. The Jan. issue primarily, to me at least, dealt with the 1st and 2nd steps of our recovery program. A story by Sean C., from Altadena,CA, had a quote which made me pay attention-“walk by faith , not by sight” . Sometimes its words put together by another that reinforces what I know and deepens a walk in recovery. M. L., from Placitas, NM penned an article titled “Borrow Mine” . You know where this is going. David M,from Denver, Co wrote of being of an analytical mind, a scientist, deep thinker who found that came to believe moment. Two articles dealt with new understanding of literature after years of sobriety. Fred M., from Hamilton,NJ wrote of attending a meeting that read the book “Coming to Believe” , and gaining a new understanding of step 2. Carrie B., from Bend,OR wrote of Tradition 1 needing to go from her head to her heart, and therefore becoming a better group member.*
- *In AA news, there is an article on the making of Grapevines newest offering, **One book’s journey** -The making of the book *Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks (1951-1970)*. I have this publication and it is well with having and reading. Articles by an Old timer and on Sponsorship and Emotional Sobriety help round out the issue. And as always, the humor of at wits end reminds me to have fun, live by rule 62. My most favorite thing about Grapevine is the pics of different meeting rooms in our worldwide fellowship.*

- *La Vina continues to grow within Latin speaking communities and members. Of particular importance is that subscriptions are made to local correctional facilities, which I have heard many stories of folks finding recovery reading La Vina while incarcerated. La Vina was deemed by the fellowship to be of such great importance to future members that publication is funded no matter the lack of profit. Inclusivity at work by members and GSO.*
- *Grapevine has daily quotes that can be sent to your phone, be sure to let newcomers in your group know, these helped me early on and was the first thing I read off my phone in the morning. Every little bit helps. Online subscriptions are available and save paper. That being said, it is good for groups to have a subscription for their group and also consider in the interest of inclusivity to also have La Vina available to Spanish speaking members. My group benefited from having both, and drove home the word inclusive as part of our legacy of Unity.*
- *This position will help me grow with our fellowship at large.*
- *Thanks for letting me stick around in a small way.*

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

- *The position is open*
- *We are always looking for more committee members*
- *Nick N., Kenneth J., and Patty T. are current committee members*

**Secretary - Nick N.**

- *Please email reports if possible to ensure the expediency of getting our business meeting notes back to our groups.*
- *Please sign in if you would like to receive a copy of the minutes*
- *Minutes are now also on the website*

**Schedules - Wayne T.**

- *We have schedules on the table in front of us. There is still only one appropriate way to add/delete/change a meeting .....and that is on The Central Office website. That site, as well as District 16 site may be found on the front of the meeting schedule.*
- *As always, please encourage membership to use these sites for meeting locations, as they are more up to date than the hard copy....and more cost effective.*

**Telephones - Robin P.**

- *We received 13 calls for information and 1 call was a 12step call which was taken care of.*
- *Arranged for 3 rides to meetings.*

## **Treasurer's Report - Robert H.**

- *Attached*
- *Thanks Jennifer for finding Monopoly Man !*
- *Goes to the end of December 2019*
- *Same report as last month with a few more donations that rolled in at end of the month*
- *Final 2019 Report*
- *SO Speaker Meeting expenses will be reflected in the January expense report*
- *Total Income \$1,093.63*
- *Total Expenses \$1,221.34*
- *Profit / Loss (\$127.71)*
- *Ending Balance \$ 3,016.83*
- *Prudent Reserve (1,250.00)*
- *Available Balance \$1,766.83*
- *Total Income (\$193.27)*
- *Groups please write legibly when making donations and please please add your group number*

***Motion to approve Garrison M., Second Joel S. All in Favor - None opposed***

***Jane F. - Started a discussion on seventh tradition money - which was moved and discussed under new business***

## **Technology Committee - OPEN (Terry K. / Nick N.)**

- *Terry K. stepped up to help maintain the website. Not as a Chair Person but as a temporary set of hands*
- *Terry K. and Nick N. will be maintaining the website with schedule and event updates until we have a proper CTO*

## **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.*
- *The roster is slowly getting updated, although there are still a surprising number of meetings with no GSR and some without group numbers. I know it takes some time for groups to evolve to this point, but sometimes the best we can do is offer a hand and be patient.*
- *The sponsorship workshop on February 15th continues to take shape, the speakers are lined up, flyers are out and posted, and I could still use some free-floating volunteers.*
- *More will be revealed.*

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

- *The DCM and LDCMs and I met at the end of December to discuss projects.*
- *As a result of some input from the four of us and some members of the fellowship we decided to nix the Group Donation Challenge.*
- *We discussed the Traditions and Concepts “class” being held from 6 pm to 6:50 right before the District business meeting.*
- *I will be teaching Tradition and Concept 2 in February. I know nothing about the second Concept so I have some studying to do.*
- *We have been reviewing some expertly done flyers and looking forward to the Sponsorship Workshop Chuck is presenting in February. I really like the angle he is taking that there are many different styles of sponsorship. Sounds like it will be really fun and interesting.*
- *Some of us are going to the Oregon Area Orientation this Saturday in Eugene. It promises to cover topics such as Effective Motion Writing, DCM Training, and an overview of Assembly Agendas.*
- *I reached out to the six committee chairs for whom I am responsible to make sure that they have the resources they need to present a nice table for the Service Palooza on the 25 th .*
- *Looks like the LDCMs and the Treasurer will share a table. I have some quiz questions for anyone who would like to show how much they know about the District. Should be interesting.*
- *That about wraps it up for this month!*

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

- *Hi, I'm Rachel LDCMC. This month I've been continuing to update the roster, and started spreading the word about the sponsor workshop this week. A couple of more groups signed in with G.S.O.*

**Liaisons**

**Central Office - Renee H.**

- *Supply of the new book “Our Great Responsibility” (\$10) is now in stock.*
- *Website activity is trending lower over the last quarter of the year due to a new Meeting Guide app. We think. Probably more folks are using it than coming to the website.*
- *CO will have a table at Smullin Center on the 25<sup>th</sup> to show off some literature, Newsletter, volunteering info, sign up list for 12 step calls & rides, and more!*
- *Feels a bit too early to be talking this up but just an FYI: Central Office fundraiser breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. A flyer & tickets are available at CO. Speaker will be Rachel W. Still \$10 at St Vincent de Paul at 9:30am.*

## **OSYPAA Liaison - Garrison M.**

- *To start, I'd like to fill the district in on things happening around the state, local area, and western area in general.*
- ***ORCYPAA** (Oregon regional campout of young people in AA) is hosting a super bowl potluck and speaker meeting February 2nd in Corvallis at the Dixon lodge starting an hour before the game.*
- ***SAYPAA** (Salem area YPAA) is having a white elephant gift exchange and speaker meeting this Saturday the 18th at 3522 Fairview Industrial Dr. starting at 6pm in Salem. Potluck to follow.*
- ***EASYPAA** (Eugene and Springfield YPAA) will be having a st. Paddy's day event with more details to follow.*
- ***SORYPAA** (southern Oregon region YPAA) will be holding its annual SNOWPOCALYPSE event feb 22nd at 10 at table mountain snow park with speaker meeting and chili cook off.*
- ***OSYPAA** (Oregon state YPAA) has a karaoke event planned for Jan 25th at the first Presbyterian church in bend OR. They are also making progress on booking their hotel and getting the program figured out.*
- ***ACYPAA** 48 the all California roundup is feb 28- mar 1 and is one of the longest running conferences around regularly having thousands of people in attendance from all over the world. It is going to be in Sacramento this year.*
- *I understand all the different areas and acronyms can be confusing so thank you for your patience and please don't hesitate to talk to me after the meeting with any questions.*
- *I will be attending the Oregon area 58 general service assembly with several other young people from all over the state attending as well.*
- *I have been working closely with SORYPAA (our local YPAA committee) urging them to reform as a service committee. After having the state conference here it is my personal opinion that it did a good job of raising awareness of YPAA in our area, unified a lot of young people and people young at heart. And brought relations closer between YPAA and general AA locally. I think that our local YPAA focusing on services such as H&I and corrections, bringing young people out of those facilities and showing them that their lives are not over and that they can still have fun in recovery as well as finding lasting and meaningful recovery at a young age is indispensable.*
- *Also urging them to work more closely with the districts in southern Oregon co hosting events and being of service as the districts here see fit will be something to help everyone involved.*
- *It is my hope and goal to eventually have a YPAA liaison at area level. Washington area finally has one after 6 years of trying and many areas in California have an area YPAA liaison.*
- *It is my hope that this will help foster the relationships between YPAA and AA even though they are NOT separate.*
- *I recently met a man named Claudio B. Who has a ton of general service experience as well as a long running history in YPAA and he said that YPAA is not the future of AA, it is now. The actions and decisions we make now will affect the future. The people I have met, the spiritual experiences I've had and watched others have, the recovery, and presence of our creator I've personally witnessed in YPAA gives me great*

*confidence that AA isn't going anywhere. As Bill W said at the 12th international conference of young people in Alcoholics Anonymous "I want every one of you to know that in recent years I have found nothing for greater inspiration than the knowledge that AA of tomorrow will be safe, and certainly magnificent, in the keeping of you who are the younger generation of AA today."*

#### **Al-anon - Laurie B.**

- *Happy to provide speakers for SO SPeaker Meeting*
- *Will bring Al-anon schedules to the next business meeting*

#### **Group Reports - GSR's**

- **Aimee A.** - *Keep it Simple Wednesday at noon. Last Wednesday of the month we do chips and fellowship. Please come 30 minutes before the meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.*
- **Bob S.** - *Ashland Morning Fellowship is having a PotLuck and Speaker Meeting February 15th at 6pm*
- **Kenneth J.** - *Hole in the Wall average attendance was 128 members for December 2019. Attendance at the December 30th Anniversary celebration was 152. Looking for ideas for fellowship format to increase seventh traditions.*

#### **DCM Report - Terry C.**

*Hello District!*

- *It's been a whirlwind month of district activity. Meetings with Amy, Chuck, Nick and Rachel to discuss district events, workshops, calendars, and websites.*
- *Also, working with Jane and Jennifer to work out the details for our upcoming SOSM and our coinciding big project, the 1st (and hopefully many more to come) **The More You Know Your District Service Fair Palooza (that's for Garrison)**, as well as, working out the details of our new monthly **Traditions/Concepts Class**.*
- *It has all been productive and smooth working with this team of worker bees!*
- *Thank you all for your willingness and enthusiasm, I can't wait to see how it all comes together!*
- *A couple of shout outs*
- *Chuck has done an amazing job on flyers,*
- *Amy for reaching out to offer help to committee chairs,*
- *Rachel for continuing her outreach to meetings,*
- *Jennifer for keeping me focused*
- *Nick for keeping up with it all and monitoring the website!*
- *Thank you! It is the confidence I have in your abilities that makes me believe that this will be a huge success! Also, I want to thank Ken, Mollie and Jo for your proactive measures in asking the hard question "I don't know what I'm doing, can you help me?"*
- *We have an amazing team! I'm very grateful to be working with all of you!*



- *Thank you Kristin for creating a template for Treasury to use. We're still in the development stages but I hope to get this up and running by the next assembly.*
- *The LDCM's, PI/CPC Chair, Patty and Archives Chair Jennifer and myself are driving up to Eugene for the Orientation on Saturday the 18th and I am looking forward to learning more about this position and the opportunities that are available to us. Praying for no snow on the passes!*
- *I have reserved my hotel and registered for PRAASA in March with the intent to bring back with me the experience and knowledge of others in order to transform that experience into practical application for us here and better be of service to you and our community.*
- *We will continue to be diligent as servants to the Common Welfare.*
- *Thank you all for choosing to spend this time in your sobriety keeping our Primary Purpose first priority so that AA as a whole will continue to thrive!*
- *Grateful to be of service, Terry C DCM District 16*

### **Old Business:**

*The More You Know Your District. District 16 Service Fair. Flyers are out and announcements are being made! I hope everyone who is participating is getting excited! If you have purchased flyers, make sure to turn your receipts into Robert. Do you have your "Did You Know ...?" Questions about your committee?*

- *1 question earns a ticket for a District Raffle ticket for the "Take Your Sponsor to Dinner" Event in May*
- *1 question per customer*
- *District will provide: Tablecloths, snack and table tents for each committee table.*
- *Set up from 5-5:30pm to put your display and table together*
- *Clean up - please stay and help*
- *Baskets provided*
- *Questions and answers provided*
- *LDCM Table will have the flyer and will keep track of the tickets*
- *Name Tags provided with lanyards*
- *GSR come help, greet, direct and have fun*
- *Snacks provided at each table*
- *Hosting group will be responsible for snacks, water and coffee*

### **New Business:**

- *New "We've Got A Solution" District 16 handbook. It was attached to the emailed agenda. Thoughts? Have 10 samples with me. We will print and have available for the Service Fair.*
- *Amiee A. asked what it would be used for - Terry C. will make it available as a supplement to the Guidelines.*
- *Jennifer A. suggested 5-10 at every table*

## **Discussion:**

- *Terry K. is willing to help out as our Temporary District webmaster. He has been working with Nick to get the website updated with our monthly minutes. Nick has done an amazing job updating the website with current Chair positions and contact information, our guidelines are current and all upcoming event flyers are on the calendar. Thank you Nick*
- *Jane F. In reference to the treasures report last month there seems to be a bit of confusion with bringing up money at meeting level. Seems to be backlash and competition between groups. I wanted to clear up whether or not there was a motion last month or not.*
- *Terry C. said the motion was that we had it available to the body as informative for the GSR's to be aware of to share at their business meeting.*
- *Bob D. GSR Phoenix Monday meeting was concerned because his group is really small and feels they can't contribute hardly anything all year. Suggested we put them in random order. It is not a competition.*
- *Matt P. Suggested the group contribution information be available on a quarterly basis*
- *Kristin A. It was my impression the report is not used to compare or compete with other groups just to inform my home group as to the amount we contribute. It looks to me that my group might be using the wrong allocation table because were higher on the list that we have been we actually should be based on how many times we meet. It's not about the biggest meeting or who contributes the most money - it's a tool to be used as informative.*
- *Aimee A. The treasures report shows income but the group contribution. The report is useful. Informational. Not competitive.*
- *Mollie O. I thought that we decided to do this because our income was down and we are talking about ways to get the groups to contribute. It was discussed that this would be more informative not a competition.*
- *Jane F. Suggested that Jennifer A. change the flyer verbiage to more invitational rather than competition.*
- *Dee - How about the people that don't have any money. We're not a religious organization.*
- *Kristin A. At our Sunday meeting the rent is high when we raised the issue it is always couched this way ultimately it is more important that you're in the meeting rather than putting money into the basket. If you cannot contribute we encourage you to keep coming back. If you are able to please increase your donation.*
- *Garrison M. Having been on the host committee it's been my experience when there's money there is always fear involved. It's very easy to let personalities take over principles when it comes to money. It's important to have these discussions but not let them be run by fear. Our common welfare should come first. Use discernment and balance when discussing at your business meeting.*

## **Announcements:**

- *GSR forms, ask questions, turn them in, and let us know if you are having problems.*
- *Chuck S (Area CTF South Chair) will be joining us next month with a presentation on Bridging the Gap*

**Upcoming Events:**

**1/18/20** - Service Orientation - Eugene 9am to 5pm (see flyer)

**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 Smullin Center 6pm-7pm

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

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

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

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

**Meeting Adjourn - Garrison M.**

**Matt P. - Second**

**Meeting ended 8:30pm**