

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Zoom Meeting

April 15, 2020

ROLL CALL

Aimee A, Amy V, Chase B, Chuck B, Clare R, Don B, Esther W, Fayvor D, Jennifer A, Jo B, Kelly G, Kelly K, Kelly N, Ken J, Kristen D, Kristin A, Kristy L, Lea W, Lisa C, Michael M, Mike H, Mollie O, Nick N, Richard R, Robert H, Robin P, Scott B, Terry C, Wayne T, Winslow C

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Four - Jennifer A

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept IV - Jennifer A

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Ask for New GSR's

- *Kristen D (Ashland Siskiyou Group)*

Ask for any Visitors

- *Lisa C (Corrections Facilities Chair - Area 58)*
- *Esther W (Corrections Facilities Co Chair - Area 58)*

Corrections Presentation Area 58 - Lisa C (Corrections Facilities Chair Area 58)

Thank you Terry for having us here to chat about our needs. The State of Oregon is broken up into the Northwest, Mid Valley, Eastern and Southern Regions. Ron H has stepped up to be the Southern Coordinator. I will be rotating out in November and asking for volunteers who would like to go into the facilities in the Southern Region. We are always in need of pre-release volunteers to write someone currently in prison and then help in the first 24 hours of their release. Please reach out to your corrections chair if you are interested in getting involved in this type of service.

Comments:

Kristy - is there any requirement for this type of service?

Lisa - We can certainly check it out. We currently have someone volunteering who was recently released.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - Nick N

Reminded everyone to check the District 16 Website for zoom protocols and meeting updates. Also reminded everyone to keep themselves muted when not speaking. Grateful to have been a part of keeping our Southern Oregon Fellowship connected and unified by helping setting up online meetings.

Comments: *(none)*

Motion to Approve the March minutes - Amy V

Second - Mollie O

Treasury's Report - Robert H

- [Income from group seventh tradition \\$673.79](#)
- *Expenses this month mostly from last month Quarterly Assembly and PNC \$1,975.83*
- *Net Income loss of about \$1,300 (but the budget is there for travel)*
- *Beginning bank balance \$5,561.63*
- *Prudent reserve \$3,250.00*
- *No expenses for SOSM*
- *Budgets are all in order*
- *Treasury Reports are on the District 16 Website and attached to the meeting minute email*

Comments: *(none)*

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report? Kelly K

Second - Wayne T

DCM - Terry C

Where to begin! What an adaptable group of humans we are! The adjustments we have adopted and adapted to are phenomenal and admirable! With that said ... We are in a new and pioneering time and much like our founders and the many past generations of explorers who came before us, we, now, are being called upon to find the best paths, and be a part of a generation journeying into the scary vastness of the internet! To be a part of discovering the solutions, to help create the map into this amazing new world. This journey will likely cause anxiety, excitement, exhilaration and panic! But we are being tasked with finding new ground breaking solutions using this new unfamiliar frontier.

Ad-Hoc and GSR School

An Ad Hoc committee was created to take the pulse of our community and find out where the District can offer help during this COVID crisis and Zoom Boom. With our Primary Focus on our Primary Purpose, the committee created a questionnaire and it was emailed to everyone in the District body and also to a few of the groups. We received back 20% or 10 responses out of 52 (which according to Terry K is a great return!). Our purpose is to develop relationships and encourage involvement. To develop an efficient and flowing conduit of information that the GSR position and the upside down triangle business model was created to provide to the AA community.

The takeaway, for me, from this experiment turns out that the community seems to be adjusting and adapting well enough on their own. However, it may be that we need to take a closer look at how we can provide more support and information to our GSR, Chairs and Officers. We found that some GSR are active, some are not, some are more sure of their role and some are not. The same applies to our Chairs and Officers. This was a good opportunity to inventory our District and see where we can make fresh attempts to develop training and provide ongoing support for growth at all levels within the District body.

Two priority topics came to the top - GSR outreach and Zoom

*[A Zoom GSR Orientation has been scheduled and is open to **Any One, Any Where!**](#) This will be organized by District 16 and our Presenter will be our **Area 58 Alt Delegate Amber N.** Please share this during announcements at your meetings. **I hope that every GSR will attend this workshop.** We are investing time and energies towards creating these opportunities to offer guidance and direction to help raise confidence and awareness, and our Area Officers are willing to invest their time and energies ... we need your investment also! We understand that the skills of a GSR are only as good as the tools we are providing along with the instructions on how to use them. This is our investment in your confidence and success. Please mark your calendars and commit to attend. Please know this isn't JUST for GSR... It is an **Open House** to the community and your sponces! I created a shorter questionnaire asking for your input on what topics you feel are most important to cover, results are trickling in. Please check your email for this survey if you haven't filled it out already. If you would like to be a part of the ad hoc committee meetings please contact Aimee and she will add you to the invite.*

Having to cancel all our events and workshops for the Common Welfare back in February, we became a bit unsure on how to proceed - since then we have gotten our feet back under us and will be making strides toward creating and developing workshops and events despite what is happening! We have begun coordinating and organizing all the

workshops and events we had planned before this pandemic hit - watch your emails and our facebook page for updates and details!

Pre Conference Sharing

We were able to put together some material for our Area 58 Delegate Jim and I emailed Amber N (Alt Delegate) the assembled input.

Non Profit Status

*I want to recognize Jack I for all the time, effort and work he put into getting our **GSuites Non Profit status** started and confirmed! We now are listed as a 501(c)3 and will enjoy the benefits of that in so much of our day to day District business. Terry K did a lot of the heavy lifting when it comes to figuring out the details for setting up the email portion of the process and he and I are developing a process for assigning your new title specific email. Terry is also creating a **"Best Practices For Writing and Sending Email"** workshop for everyone in the very near future! **Please keep an eye on your email for this notification.** Title specific email will give us much more ownership when it comes to anonymity, and when reaching out to the public and it will simplify the process of assigning emails during rotation in and out of District positions. I'm truly grateful for the hard work and dedication Jack and Terry gave to this project.*

Online Workshops and Safety

*One aspect of the GSuites is **Google Meets or Hangouts**. Chuck C and I spent about an hour with our Area IT guy, Mark, looking at the functionality of this platform and found it very inferior to Zoom. It was disappointing. I was hoping that we could use this service for free and the current rash of Zoom Bombing prompted me to look into alternatives. Turns out, it just doesn't have the simple usability that Zoom does.*

Zoom Settings and Safety Workshop

*That prompted me to contact Mark N, Area 58 assistant IT guy. He was generous with his time and expertise and provided a very informative Zoom Tutorial on basic uses of Zoom and how to safeguard your meeting in **Settings**. We had many attendees and many that we hope went away from the tutorial more informed and capable to continue making it possible for us to keep our Primary Purpose our Primary Focus. (Tutorial files will be sent with the minutes as well as a Zoom manual created by our very own Nick N, District Secretary). The manual is also posted on our District 16 website. Nick J has been extremely helpful one on one with several groups and his time is very much appreciated. **(We're going to find a position for him!)** Terry K will have more information in his report and will also provide some helpful information on using Zoom.*

Website

The pace of changes to our 'status quo' has kept our Webmaster on his toes!

Looking towards the future; these first couple of workshops being as successful as they were gives us the confidence to follow through with the other event, workshops and classes we had planned before the world turned upside down!

It has certainly been trying times and we have been forced to look within ... but through it all I am confident that we will find our true center and get back to the business of providing information and education.

Outreach to the Spanish Speaking Community

Attempts have been ongoing for a few months to reach out to the Spanish Speaking Community via the Alano Club and John S. He in turn provided me with a phone number for Rolando and Teresa. After a few months of sending pertinent AA information via text, I received a call from Rolando! Our discussion ranged from how many active meetings there are in the valley to attendance at Assemblies. I am so pleased to say Welcome Rolando and Teresa! We are all so glad you are here!! I am hopeful that we can find a way to get this community actively participating in our District events and workshops! Ivania from Area Translation has also been so instrumental in this process. Thank you!

From Our Great Responsibility - Dr Bob's Farewell

"My good friends in AA and of AA I get quite a thrill when I think that we all have the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five for the last seven months and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

But there are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis. One is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind but have very little to do without actual AA work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the work of love and service. We understand what ;pve os. And we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member, the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance. And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little

kind and thoughtful acts on our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers".

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

As have most of you, this Pandemic has put a real crimp in the amount of LDCM work I've been able to do. I am hoping the upcoming GSR School Event impacts our connectedness positively and I will be able to more effectively reach out to groups in my area.

Group A GSR Reports

- *Tuesday New Timers - Kelly G*
 - *We, the Newtimers, are meeting regularly on Zoom, Tuesdays at noon. We are rotating the Secretary-ship and mailing chips, if the recipient wants. I lost out on the vote to somehow collect money, as I'm afraid AA is going to suffer. There's a feeling that since we don't have rent and coffee and the usual expenses, we don't need to collect any money, that "we'll catch up when this is all over." I want to come up with a way to get money to AAWS, Area 58, District 16 and Central Office that doesn't require a bunch of older people to learn Venmo or PayPal, etc. Other than that, we're doing good and LOVE that we can see each others' faces and share!!!*
- *Ashland Sunday Morning - Kristen D*
 - *The Ashland Siskiyou group has transitioned to a zoom meeting format. This format seems to be working well for current members. The prudent reserve was decreased to increase contributions to area, district and GSO. Primary current concern is how to reach newcomers.*

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V

In the past month, many groups have started to Zoom meetings. One of the larger meetings created an online "basket" so members could continue to contribute. Others have rejected this idea on the basis that since they are not meeting in person, drinking coffee and eating cookies, printing phone lists, etc., that there is no need to financially support the meeting. My home group created a new agenda for the Zoom meeting format. Some other meetings created a new position to take care of the technical necessities of online meetings such as muting/unmuting members, letting people into the meeting from the waiting room, and monitoring security. I will be contacting the GSRs in my local area to encourage them to attend the GSR school on April 25 th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. As a reminder to everyone, if you are experiencing any technical difficulties, please contact Aimee A. at 541-708-1164. She has offered her expertise to anyone needing help in this area or you can email aimee.a.arnold@gmail.com. In other news,

Dog on the Roof meeting reported over 60 people attending their Wednesday night Zoom meetings, several of whom live in Australia! Below you will find a report from Ken J., GSR for Hole in the Wall. This concludes my report for March. Looking forward to seeing you in person soon!

Group B GSR Reports

- *Hole in the Wall - Ken J*
 - *March 9 thru April 14, 2020 Business meeting March 9th at 8:40pm*
 - *Secretaries called meeting to order*
 - *Asked anyone looking for a service position?*
 - *Service positions filled for next meeting*
 - *Treasurer report- distributions to be to District 16, Area 58, GSO, Central Office*
 - *Treasurer reported this is last meeting. New Treasurer stepped up and approved.*
 - *Old Business: Still looking for Alternate GSR*
 - *New Business: None*
 - *GSR report: Recapped Area 58 pre-conference assembly*
 - *Roundtable discussion- District 16 along with District 13 and 17*
 - *Agenda items for Conference Committee on Public Information- Items A thru L for review and input. Then taken back group for review and gather for workshop.*
 - *Question from HITW business meeting: status of the 5th edition of the Big Book?*
 - *Literature Round table had that item - GSR will inquire on status*
 - *Central Office met March 7th , 9:00am Saturday. Looking forward and planning the Annual breakfast*
 - *Website, District 16 Liaison good reports. Contact Central Office if need expanded information.*
 - *After March 9th Business meeting to now. March 14 Mental health workshop delayed TBA later*
 - *HITW meeting space closed to outside activities until further notice. We were Informed about noon on the 16th.*
 - *District 16 Wednesday March 18 Zoom virtual for business.*
 - *GSR HITW held out for more information on group reports more clear now on working with LDCMB. Questions answers, information and group information.*
 - *March 21 pre-conference sharing for Area Delegate information input to New York. March 23 HITW posted flyer on St. Vincent De Paul door. Staying we working o creating a solution. Please reach out to our 24 hotline: (541) 732-1850.*

- *March 30 with Group pulling together had our first phone meeting. Flyer posted at St.Vincent De Paul door. I cleared the posting on door with St. Vincent staff member. Informed by Central Office Business meeting cancelled until further notice (April 4th).*
- *Information on pre-conference will Trust the process. Submittal date to Area 58 April 3.*
- *Group met by phone April 6.*
- *Heard 63 in attendance via phone*
- *Next meeting scheduled for April 13*

Group B GSR Reports

- *"Keepin' It Simple" - Aimee A*
 - *Greetings from Aimee A, GSR for "Keepin' It Simple" Women's Closed Meeting in Medford. Yes, we are still meeting on Wednesdays and at noon, like clockwork....but we're meeting remotely! I'd like to take this opportunity to share with the District and other GSRs present today some of the things we have done to make this happen. My Home Group hope's that this info can be shared to give you more info to share with other AA individuals and groups out there who have not been meeting or are looking for new ways to meet to help keep AA safe and accessible.*
 - *We feel like our meeting has been a successful and has made a shockingly smooth transition and we've totally kept Tradition 5 at the forefront of all of our meeting's decisions: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose -- that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We are delighted that we have had at least one woman identifying as a newcomer at each meeting, and we have been averaging anywhere between 20-30 women per meeting as we've gone remote, which is actually a little bit higher than our average meeting attendance in the last year.*
 - *Our technology platform choice to support our remote meeting appears to be different than many meetings around the valley. Our group conscience decided to keep access as simple and safe as possible, so we chose to make our meeting a "phone meeting" only. We're using the free services of FreeConferenceCall.com. We felt that using a video conferencing centric technology, like zoom, would deter many of our current members from joining because of their fear of being on video, their fear/avoidance of embracing a more complex technology, and the possibility that members would be concerned about data charges that can happen when users used their phone and don't have access to wifi. We understand that a technology like Zoom has the capacity for dial in by phone, but our group felt that it was very important for us to create a meeting environment that was accessible to all and*

that all members were "equal" in a meeting of alcoholics anonymous. (not some on video and others on phone).

- *Here are some of the changes we've made as our meeting has gone "remote":*
- *(1) We made announcements: When we changed to "remote meeting" we immediately put a flyer on the door of the church that says "Here for the Women's Meeting? Yes, we are still meeting, but just not here. Here is how you can meet with us." (and the flyer has the dial in phone number and access code AND a phone number to the 24 hour hotline to central office). We also asked the webmaster to add our meeting listing to the "remote meetings" page. We purposefully chose to not submit to the webmaster to place a "temporarily closed" notification on the main website meeting directory because we didn't want any local women who were new to AA to feel like AA was closed and feel abandoned -- if they go to the church looking for a meeting, they will see the flyer on the door, and we hope that instead of being discouraged or disappointed, they'd tactually be more motivated to take the next step to join us on the phone. We also made calls and sent text messages to women who have been on our phone list and who are in our address books to notify them of the*
- *(2) We adjusted the meeting format a bit: Of course we have had to make adjustments to our meeting format in order for the meeting to flow smoothly and to keep it safe and to embody the traditions. In moving to a remote meeting, we have created a new commitment, a Tech Liaison to run the technology behind the scenes. The Secretary still runs the meeting -- like usual she finds a speaker in advance, and finds readers in advance of the meeting. She simply lets the Tech Liaison know the morning of the meeting the phone number of the speaker and readers, so the Tech Liaison can properly manage the "conference line" dashboard. We mute all lines during the entire call, with the exception of the speaker, the secretary, the readers and the tech liaison. We are a closed women's meeting, so after we read the preamble we go "around the conference line" and unmute each phone line, one by one, and ask the caller to state her name and disease. In the rare case that someone on the other line doesn't say something or if it is not clear to us that it is a woman on the other end, we drop that caller. This has only happened one time. As a closed meeting, we felt that this is not violating our traditions. After the speaker shares her experience strength and hope, if a member would like to share, we ask her to press *6. In other cases the speaker has chosen after she speaks to go around the conference line "in a circle" and the tech liaison manages the lines one by one. We have received 7th tradition funds from membersthey send it to the GSRs address thru the US mail. This is announced during the 7th tradition announcement. We also still make our literature announcement -- we announce that the*

central office downtown is still open 5 days a week selling literature, and we also share that the big book is available to be viewed online for free on AA.org.

- *(3) We still directly connect one alcoholic to another: In order to connect directly with the alcoholic who still suffers, we open the line to all callers at the END of the meeting. The secretary makes this clear throughout the meeting to encourage the newcomer to stay on the line and to also inform other members to stay on the line to be of service to those who need it. And finally, we still host our regularly scheduled "Monthly Women's Coffee & Fellowship" the last Wednesday of the month. We have the line open for 30 minutes before we start the meeting at noon, and we ask members tongue in cheek to bring their own coffee. We did this in March, and plan to do it again in two weeks for the last week of April. The members love it!*
- *In closing.....As a GSR during this unique time in our fellowship, I am so freaking grateful for the opportunity to be of service to my Home Group and to the greater whole of AA. And I am so grateful to be sober.*

LDCM-C - (Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, White City, Central Point, Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate) - Rachel H (not present)

Group C GSR Reports (none)

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 (AC) - Mollie O

- *Shortly after the quarantine started, an ad hoc committee to look at issues of access to AA. Members include Chuck B, Terry C, Nick N, Nick J, Aimee A, Sarah H, Ken J, and Mollie O.*
- *At the first meeting the discussion centered on how to assess and assist how groups were doing meeting virtually and keeping the traditions. We sent out a questionnaire to GSR and got about a 20% response. It was enough information, along with questions to Terry and Nick about the website, that we could offer some assistance.*
- *Terry and Nick did some training, put resources on the website, and came up with a way to offer and list remote meetings and keep members informed of what is available.*
- *A lot of discussion revolved around how to serve the groups, how to use the GSR's as conduits back and forth and how the District could understand and serve that need.*

- *On-line trainings on online meetings and a handbook came from covering Canned script, How to do chips, How to launch, How to use Zoom (settings, etc) to follow Traditions, How to use PayPal, Venmo, Safety in AA, Zoom Bombers, Tutorial on how to have a 2nd Host, discussion on hosts, moderators, how to use them to manage an online meeting.*
- *Next will be a GSR school online on April 25 3:30 till 5, focusing on ways to be involved and be of service at the next level. Everyone is invited to attend - bring your sponsor and sponsors, as well as your friends. Terry is reaching out to District 7 to invite them to join with District 16 for that training.*
- *Next steps are to offer a format for a business meeting online, continue to offer some meetings online once the quarantine is lifted, look at how to support face to face meetings while the quarantine is in effect, how to support groups to get the 7th tradition going in remote meetings, and other issues as they are identified.*
- *We are trying to pay attention to members in meetings, on Facebook, and other contacts to continue to identify ways we can encourage and promote access, especially to the newcomer, as well as to those who might experience a variety of barriers.*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *I received 3 boxes of archive material from Nick M. which I will be adding to our files as soon as I can get back into the archive office. I do have some questions about how to archive anything from this weirdest of times. I will be asking my fellow district members about this during our upcoming monthly meeting. Other than that, I have been happily enjoying this wonderful spring sunshine, connecting with my fellow AA's during this time and looking forward to seeing you all in person.*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Women: Marci S (Not Present)

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

- *We are currently not going into the jails and uncertain as to when we will be going back in*
- *However still keeping the schedule up to date and a new schedule will be coming out later this week*
- *I will also be emailing Lisa C - emailing to chat about some things tomorrow*

Comments:

- *Terry C - Asked Richard to reach out to Marci*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- *Not allowed to go into the facilities*

- *We need a volunteer to take meetings into the Men's Mason House residential house for Peter Smith who passed*
- *Wednesday 1:15 for residential Men's Ready House*

Comments:

- *Lisa C - Two meetings at correctional facilities Deer Ridge and Albany using skype led by the people inside and trusted servants in those facilities. All across the State of Oregon alcoholics are asking for web based meetings.*

Events - Lea W

- *We are working on a Mental health workshop online*

Sub Committee Speaker Meeting - Jane F (Not Present)

[Feb Motion on the table - to operate as a separate District 16 service committee](#)

Grapevine - Gary M (Not Present)

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

- *The Covid19 Ad-hoc committee created an informational flyer announcing how to find meetings.*
- *Flyer went out to law enforcement, hospitals and emergency managers, fire department, churches and jails*
- *The flyer is available on our District 16 website*
- *Thank you Winslow for creating the flyer*
- [PR flyer](#) - option 1
- [PR flyer](#) - option 2
- [contact Flyer](#) - option 3

Schedules - Wayne T

- *Unfortunately there are 1000 hard copies that are no longer up to date due to closures*

Telephones - Robin P

- *Info on remote meetings & misc questions - 20*
- *Phones are busy*
- *26 calls came in*
- *6 dispatched out for 12 step calls*
- *The rest were misc zoom related and password inquiries*
- *Thank you Terry K for patience, tolerance and love*

- *Anyone meeting not have a password please let me know*

Technology Committee - Terry K

- *The majority of the work on the website this month was dedicated to issues created by the COVID-19 crisis.*
- *There are now 51 remote meetings a week listed on the website Remote Meetings page.*
- *Just about the time the Remote Meeting listings was basically complete, Zoom, without advance notice, implemented a policy of requiring passwords for the account type most common among our groups. After a couple of days of confusion on what happened and how to best handle the change, we are posting meeting passwords as text only on a meeting listing if requested by the group.*
- *Meetings with passwords listed: 41*
- *Emails were sent to all meetings that had contact info on file alerting them to the new password requirement and providing them options on handling the new challenge.*
- *If your group would like your meeting listing updated please email Dist16Webmaster@gmail.com.*
- *Groups may choose to not post the password on the Remote Meetings page and find a different method to deploy it to members. One group asked us to post the following message in their listing:*
 - *This meeting is password protected, if you would like to join this meeting but do not have the password please call Bill W. @ (541) 929-8376 before the meeting starts.*
 - *(Member's name and phone number have been modified here to protect anonymity once the report is posted to the District website)*
- *I would strongly discourage any group posting a link on social media that contains the password in the link. This type of link can be easily found and exploited by Zoom Bombers.*
- *Link containing a password - the meeting ID is followed by ?pwd=<and long string of test> This type of link is very vulnerable to abuse by Zoom Bombers! DO NOT POST on websites or social media.*
- *Link without password - much more secure for sharing. The password can be included as text only.*
- *Hackers may still be able to exploit the information but it will be much more difficult.*
 - *<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/175023482>*
 - *Password: 123654*
- *A simplified list of suggested Zoom settings and a much more complete District 16 Online Zoom manual was created by Nick N. were posted to the Remote Meetings page.*
- *Meeting day headings and a "Scroll to Day" navigation menu were added to assist users more easily find meetings as the list grew.*

- *GSO has updated coding used on our Meeting page and the Meeting Guide app to include a new type "Online meeting" Link information can be included in the meeting details so users can from within the listing.*
- *I tested including the information at the Friday 6:30 PM Just For Today meeting to evaluate the usefulness of the new feature. Currently I feel this is a duplication of effort for a temporary (hopefully) closure of physical meetings. Changing to a different method to find remote meetings would have little value at this time and could be more vulnerable to Zoom Bombers. However if directed by a group consensus I can get this done. I would prefer to use either the current Remote Meetings page method or the new Meeting List method but not both. This would greatly reduce the work needed to keep two sets of data in sync.*
- *I just wanted to include this info for the group's information. I do not plan to make any changes unless directed by a group consensus to do so.*
- *Finally - KUDOS to the AA Community in the Rogue Valley. I am very impressed with the resourcefulness of our membership in reacting so quickly and effectively to continue to provide access to meetings during this highly unique period.*

Liaisons: *(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.)*

- **Central Office** - Renee H *(Not Present)*
- **OSYPAA Liaison** - Garrison M *(Not Present)*
- **Al-anon** - Laurie B *(Not Present)*

8:00pm - Business Discussion

Old Business:

- *Tabled - Speaker Meeting Motion*
 - *Wayne Retracted the Motion*
 - *Kelly K seconded to Retract the Motion*
 - *The motion can be brought forward at another time*

New Business:

Discussion and Vote to create a paid District Zoom subscription

- *\$14.95/mo - 100 participants, unlimited meeting per month*
- *\$19.90/mo - 300 participants, unlimited meetings per month*
- *Perhaps an option for the Speaker Meeting and a one time purchase*

Comments:

- *Jennifer - What zoom account are we doing our district business meeting on*
- *Terry - We are using Nick N's Zoom account*
- *Nick - This will help for those that need to follow future social distancing guidelines*
- *Mollie - I'm also in favor of the idea as I will need to follow the social distancing guidelines for the next 12 months. This will be incredibly helpful to me and others in the fellowship.*
- *Jennifer - Which account do we need 100 or 300 participants?*
- *Terry - Mark Area 58 Webmaster has purchased the smaller one and when they know they're going to have a larger event they purchase the 300 participants for the month.*
- *Terry - Show of hands to vote on this tonight*
- *Nick - 17 hands raised to vote yes for 100 participants*
- *Nick - Scott B has his hand down Scott will you unmute yourself and explain your minority opinion*
- *Scott - I'm looking at five people that I know of that have Zoom accounts. Let's keep doing what we're doing right now for a few more months until we start meeting face-to-face.*
- *Terry - we should be self supporting through our own contributions and not using members of the fellowship's zoom accounts*
- *Scott - I submit that any group member can offer up their zoom account. Why spend the money? it is as if the member is contributing to the seventh tradition.*
- *Amy - How many people can be on a private persons account*
- *Scott - I believe the number is 100*
- *Mollie - it seems to me it's the same as saying why don't we all have our meetings in someone's living room. We should be self supporting through our own contributions*
- *Clare - Are we also going to use it for other functions*
- *Terry - Yes it is for having larger workshops and speaker meetings on Zoom and incorporating both Zoom and live meetings*
- *Terry - Any other discussion if not let's vote. Who is in favor of purchasing a 100 participant Zoom account for district 16.*
- *Nick - 14 hands raised from 21 voting members Kelly K abstained*
- *Terry - The vote passed*

*Discussion and Vote to create a District Venmo account***Comments:**

- Nick - The Venmo account is free and will be an opportunity to the fellowship when making contributions to the district.
- Jennifer - Do we need contribution button on the website
- Nick - We would not need a contribution button if we have a Venmo link
- Clare - For those that want to contribute to the Venmo account do you need a Venmo Account
- Nick - No just a credit card
- Aimee - Venmo is easy to use and can just be linked to the chat window during an online meeting
- Robert - My home group created a Venmo account for contributions so that we can get contributions from our members. It was really easy.
- Jennifer - do we need a motion
- Terry - Kelly N what should we do here
- Kelly N - You can either get a sense from the body and vote or make a motion
- Chuck - Let's seize the screen sharing so that we can vote. And Robert's Rules of Order will not really help us right now. Do we have the ability to raise our hands for a vote?
- Nick - Yes we can just count hands as they're raised in the video screen
- Kelly K - Is this a formal motion or vote?
- Terry - Are we ready to vote? There is no motion - it's a discussion and a decision
- Kelly N - It's up to the body it can be a motion or just a vote
- Terry - Can we do show of hands who wants to vote for the Venmo account
- Nick - 18 hands raised to vote on the Venmo Account
- Nick - 17 Voted yes for the Venmo Account
- Jennifer - Because this doesn't involve money we should make it a formal motion
- Robert - Venmo is free so not necessary

District Announcements:

- NonProfit status complete - We secured a subscription to Google Suite
- Officers and Chairs will have a new unique email address using our website domain
 - XXX@medfordareaaa.org (xxx = the name of each position, not proper name of person)
- An Orientation on Google Suite Best Practices will be held with Tech Terry K. in the near future.
- Stay Tuned Officers & Chairs!
- Why Google Suite was chosen:
 - District Ownership of email addresses when commitments turn over
 - Ease of retrieval and resetting of passwords by Tech Admin

- Anonymity for all users
- Ability to create all documents (Wordprocessing, Forms, Spreadsheets, Presentations, Surveys) - this saves money by replacing the need to purchase Word, Excel or other Windows products.
- All documents are automatically saved to our Google Drive - this allows us to make sure things don't get lost and we're able to more effectively share things and collaborate together remotely
- Saves money by not having to replace / maintain the District laptop - everything is cloud based and any service member can access with their own personal device.
- GSR Survey - thank you all in advance for your input
 - [click here to complete - by May 1st](#)

GSR SCHOOL

- **GSR School** - Saturday, April 25th - All Are Welcome!
- We're meeting remotely from 3:30pm to 5pm
- Hosted by District 16 Presented by Oregon Area Alt Delegate Amber N. and Past Delegate Vera F.
- Please mark your calendar to attend & spread the word for this great event - all are welcome!
- Here is a [link to GSR School in PDF form](#) (for sharing via email + text + FB messenger)
- Here is a [link to GSR School in JPG form](#) (for posting on facebook posts)
- Feeling like it's time to be a part of the Greater World of AA during this exciting new time in our Society? Come learn more about being of service as a General Service Representative in Southern Oregon.
- GSR Open House: Saturday, April 25th 3:30-5pm Bring a sponsee! Bring a friend!
- Presented by Oregon Area Alt Delegate Amber N. and Past Delegate Vera F. Sponsored by District 16
- Two ways to join the workshop

Video Conferencing

<https://zoom.us/j/95235663757>

Meeting ID: 952 3566 3757

Password: 043714

Audio Conferencing

(669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 952 3566

3757

Password: 043714

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

4/25 [GSR School \(remote meeting\) - 3:30pm - 5pm](#)

5/16-22 General Service Conference in NY

- 5/20 [Traditions/Concepts Class \(remote meeting\) - 6pm - 6:50pm](#)
- 5/20 *District 16 Business Meeting - 7pm - 8:30pm*
- 5/02 *Mental Health Workshop - 1pm - 4pm*
- 5/23 *Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting - Vera F - 7pm - 8pm*
- 5/14-17 *36th Annual Tri-State Roundup - Laughlin, NV - CANCELLED*
- 5/15-17 *May 2020 Oregon Area Assembly - The Dalles,OR - CANCELLED*
- 6/6-7 *Area 58 Assembly (remote meeting)*
- 6/?? *How to develop and hold a business meeting - Amy V - TBD*
- 7/2-4 *International Convention- Detroit - CANCELLED*
- 8/21-23 *Pacific Regional Forum - Las Vegas, NV*

UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

- 3/5-7 *PRAASA - Burbank, CA*
- 8:30 - *Motion to close the meeting Jennifer A second Amy V*