

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

June 17, 2020

ROLL CALL

Aimee A, Beverly C, Chuck B, Clare R, Clair, Jo B, John, Kelly G, Kelly K, Ken J, Kristin A, Laurie B, Lea W, Lisa G, Mollie O, Nick J, Nick N, Robert H, Terry C

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Five - Clare

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept VI - Ken

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ask for New GSR's - None

Ask for any Visitors - None

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - Nick N

Motion to Approve the March minutes - Ken J

Second - Chuck B

Comments: *Ken ... Page six on HITW GSR Report ... Item Five GRS should be GSR*

Treasury's Report - Robert H

- *The June report is for the month of May*
- *Income \$135.90 for May*

- *Note the Venmo Contributions*
 - *New AA Normal \$3.00*
 - *Mental Health Workshop \$21.00*
- *Loss of \$33.52*
- *After Prudent Reserve \$3,120.94*
- *Full report is available on the District 16 website*

Comments: *(none)*

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report? Kelly K

Second - Clare

DCM - *Terry C*

Here we are ½ way through the year - safe, sane and sober - 2 outta 3 is an acceptable average!

Our 1st Virtual Area 58 Assembly has come and gone and I have to say ... I loved it! As far as firsts go ... I think they nailed it!

We had 11 from our District at our Virtual Table and I am hopeful the experience was informative, inspirational and gave you a deeper understanding of the inner working of this enormous entity called Alcoholics Anonymous! I learn something new everytime I go into the Assembly with an open mind, a willing heart and an honest desire to learn more!

What are some of the things I learned at this Assembly? Here are the highlights that 'attracted me' Theron P, Area PI North Chair gave a full presentation with some great suggestions on how to continue to reach out and follow up with the Professional Community. It was suggested that our PI/CPC committee can use online college bulletin boards, or reach out to the schools to ask to be included in their curriculum, send our PSA video and audio files to our District and Central Office sites, and send Grapevine subscriptions to prisons and youth centers. Or, if you have old Grapevines and aren't sure what to do with them, that may be one way to recycle them! Theron is very happy to help in any way he can! Joe S, Area CPC Chair presented his detailed research on the different Digital Baskets. I have the full presentation if anyone is interested in receiving the file. The one statement he made jumped out at me - that it is vital that each Treasurer understand the role and responsibility of their position and the power of the group conscious (see pamphlet [AA Group Treasurer](#))

I attended the DCM sharing and while I was saddened to hear that some Districts are struggling with transitioning to remote meetings, workshops and business meetings, it made me grateful that we have such an enthusiastic, creative and inspired team focused on making sure we are reaching the still suffering alcoholic and are willing to go to any lengths to do it! We have not been without our own struggles, however, we put our head down and keep trudging forward with purpose! For that we can all be proud of what we are accomplishing during this pandemic!

Vera gave an informative talk on the re-opening process and shared her extensive research with the groups around the country. Our Access committee, Events committee, Technology chair and myself are currently working on some "Suggested Considerations" to post on our District website for those groups who question how to proceed to "in person" meetings. Her statement "Clean our way in and clean our way out" really stuck with me when discussing this important re-opening process. Her suggestion to "look up the next phase and be proactive" so groups can be prepared for each new development also made a lot of sense!

My plan going forward from here is to continue to reach out to the surrounding Districts and invite them to our workshops and events. All Area Service Chairs and Ad Hoc Committee members are open and willing to address our District to help us develop, even more, a successful outreach structure, offer education and information more effectively and efficiently and I will be reaching out to them in the near future!

Thoughts for upcoming District Meeting Presentations:

PI/CPC with Theron P

Finance with Lisa S

Upcoming Workshops - We have currently working on

Post Assembly Workshop for GSR, Officers, Chairs and open to all AA - strongly suggested

Post Conference Event with our Delegate Jim F - Open to all and strongly suggested

Safety, Inclusivity and Diversity - with Madeleine and a Diverse Panel of Members

Service Chair Workshop - Strongly recommended!

We have a lot of stuff planned for these next few months and I hope you will plan on attending and also will help us spread the word far and wide!

One item that was mentioned in the DCM Sharing was updating Guidelines and best practices to get that done ... It seems that I'm hearing about updating Guidelines once a week! That must be a sign that we will need to begin the work to update them very soon! Please know we will be asking for your input and assistance.

And lastly,

In case you didn't receive the email I sent right after the assembly with these important links to my report, the financials, contributions and motions, I have included them here also.

[DCM Assembly Report June 2020](#)

[Proposed Budget 2020](#)

[Financial Report Q2 2020](#)

[10 Year Comparable Q2 2020](#)

[Contributions Q2 2020](#)

[Oregon Area Motions 2020](#)

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

I have been getting around to the groups in my area. I am hosting meetings online and also some district event obligations that keep me busy. I'll be able to make the rounds to online meetings more often. I will not be able to attend live meetings during the current re-opening.

Here is an update from Kristen at Ashland Siskiyou Group:

The Ashland Siskiyou group is back to in person meetings. Masks are required. We are no longer doing zoom meetings.

Here is an update from Kelly at Newtimers:

Zoom meeting has been a help to those of us with mobility issues. We are holding steady at 20 participants, and are having a meeting before and after.

Here is an update from Crack of Dawn Group:

From the Crack of Dawn: Participation with the online group is holding steady. Zoombombing has never hit us. Contributions by check and venmo keep rolling in. We are making disbursements soon, with a larger contribution percentage going to AAWS.

- *So far, all other groups in my jurisdiction have declined to report.*
- *We are planning a District 16 GSR Sharing Session on June 24, so GSRs please stay tuned.*

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V (not present)

Group B GSR Reports

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

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*

- *Safety Diversity and Inclusivity workshop is progressing well for June 27th Please spread the word*
- *Our Ad Hoc committee is working hard to gather information to share about suggested reopening protocol*
- *Also discussed outreach hard of hearing, vulnerable, spanish and how to better serve those members*
- *Sent a survey to gather information on how to better serve those in our community with access issues*

Archives - *Jennifer A (not present)*

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

- *Still in a holding pattern and nothing new to report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Men: *Richard R (Not Present)*

- *Still in a holding pattern and nothing new to report*

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

*I am preparing to send out my letters with meeting schedules to senior retirement living homes. I am looking forward to the responses I may or may not receive. I am also preparing to help Nick J., Tech Chairman, with doing "hybrid" meetings in the future; or, merging "in-person" meetings with the "virtual" world of Zoom. I find the prospects exciting. If anyone or group is need of someone doing this for the meeting, please get in touch with me so I may schedule the meeting in my calendar. I am still doing the women's ARC weekly meeting via Zoom. I am aware that Torstein has filled in the gap for Peter Smith at the men's ARC weekly meeting. I am working on meeting up with him to see if this arrangement is permanent or temporary. I have been working with Mollie from the Access team in regards to trying to get a meeting out to the Mom's Program via On Track. I will get there * one phone call at a time.*

Events - *Lea W*

- *Events committee has been busy*
- *Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting was a huge success*

- *Safety in AA June 27th please be there and spread the word*
- *How to hold a business meeting workshop is also in the works*
- *Please contact me if you have ideas for workshops*

Grapevine -

Gary M (Not Present)

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

I have contacted several senior living areas in the area. None wanted a visit but was able to give them the District web site for Info

Also would like to ask the district for funds for copying our Emergency info sheet to have when visiting schools, libraries Dr office etc. Will work on contacting Radio and TV to give them the AAWS web site for PSA and give them a info sheet also. Would like to remind everyone to talk to groups about sponsoring a Grapevine subscription for locked down facilities, Dr offices in their area, VA or where ever their group Conscience decides.

Schedules - Wayne T (not present)

My Schedule Report hasn't changes much during these Covid times. Hard copy schedules are still available at Central Office. A more comprehensive list of meetings may be found on either Web Site. If you know of any changes to meeting status, please utilize the schedule change form on the Central Office web site. A link to that is also available on the District Web Site.

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

Technology Committee - Nick J

Remote Meetings and Remote Meeting Page

An estimated 8 Meetings have reported going live and there Remote meeting links has been removed from the remote meeting Page. We have been in discussion about updating the said meetings Remote meeting "container" as an update that they have opened, as a lot of people still use the remote meeting page to get information. We have also added all the Zoom meeting Links into the meeting guide app as well as the website's main meeting page.

Please keep reminding groups that if they could, please visit the Add/Change a meeting listing page on the district website at <https://medfordareaaa.org/meeting-edits/> so we can get the online meeting schedule on both the Central office website and the District Website.

Technology Committee

Technology has begun meeting. We have been meeting on the 2nd and 4 Thursday of each month and are planning to meet on a regular basis at 4pm, with the exception of next Thursday (June 25th) at 8pm. Our particular focus has been G-suites and ways we can help each committee chair and officers use the system. We are planning to branch out to the website and begin making some changes at are particularly based on YOUR Input.

Central Office Liaison Report - Open

YPAA Liaison Report - Garrison M (not present)

Al-anon Liaison Report - Laurie B

Business Discussion

- [Link to view Robert Rules of Order](#)

Old Business

- *No Old Business*

New Business

- [New Business - GSR Process Improvement](#)
- [New Business - CTF Big Book purchase](#)
- [Assembly Tabled Motion - Oregon Area Motions](#)

District 16 Announcements

7:59pm Call to Adjourn

Motion to close the meeting - Jo B

Second - Chuck B

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 6/24 | GSR Post Assembly Sharing Session hosted by District 16 from 7pm - 9pm |
| 6/27 | Safety, Inclusivity and Diversity in AA Workshop hosted by District 16 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm |
| 7/15 | Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16 (remote) from 6 - 6:50pm |
| 7/15 | District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting (remote) from 7pm - 8:30pm |
| 9/18-20 | Oregon Area 58 Assembly (McMinnville, OR) |
| 9/30 | GSR Post Assembly Sharing Session hosted by District 16 from 7pm - 9pm |

11/20-22
Medford)

Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly hosted by District 16 (Medford, OR @ Inn at the Commons,

2021

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[PRAASA](#) - Burbank, CA