

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

September 16, 2020

ROLL CALL

Amy V, Beverly C, Chris M, Clare R, Demetrius D, Jo B, John, Jennifer A, Jim F, Kelly K, Ken J, Lisa G, Mollie O, Nick N, Phil B, Phil M, Sarah P, Robert H, Terry C, Wayne T

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Nine - Phil B

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full time secretary.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept IX - Robert H

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

New GSR's

- *None*

Visitors

- *Jim F - Oregon Area Delegate / email: delegate@aa-oregon.org*
- *Phil B - There is a Solution*

7:10pm - Presentation to District Body: Jim F - Oregon Area 58 Delegate

Thanks for having me. I love all of your service hearts and I especially love District 16. There are always so many District 16 members involved with Area 58. I am so grateful for all of you and it gives me great pleasure to meet and chat with you about AA. As a reminder, this weekend we are holding elections at our Oregon Area 58 Assembly. Please attend and get involved. You read Concept Nine tonight and it is a reminder about choosing our leaders in AA.

When I was elected GSR, I thought I had made it in AA. It was a huge responsibility. My group elected me GSR after a year of sobriety. I thought it was because I was so important. Turns out I was the only one that had a drivers license so I was the driver to all the Area Assemblies and conferences.

One of my biggest challenges as the Oregon Area Delegate is the computer. Learning how to use the online platforms and the online documents are such a challenge for me. But I have accepted the challenge and am learning to use these new platforms. I am a first year delegate. This year there was no conference because New York as it was considered a hot spot due to covid19. I was disappointed. But AA World Service stepped up to the task and they put together a successful online conference. A Virtual Experience. First one in AA history. It was a huge success. Information and the ability to watch and attend the conference is online at aa.org.

Our next Oregon Assembly will be online. It is an important one as there are a number of service positions that are available at Oregon Area. Our secretary position is available as is the alt treasurer and registrar position. These positions are incredibly important jobs that need to be filled. This weekend you will get to vote and see members stand for positions. This weekends Assembly is also where the voice of your group is heard. Please get the word out about the Assembly this weekend.

One of the things I am most grateful for is having AA in my life. The principles of this program has saved me. There are so many people that do not have an anchor that are struggling with finding their way in this new world. We have the twelve traditions and this online platform to not only stay connected but to help others by carrying the message to the newcomer and learn how to practice the principles of our program. What a blessing.

At the Assembly this weekend, if you are able to raise your hand and you are eligible for a position please stand for it. What a journey it has been. My heart is full with gratitude because of Alcoholics Anonymus. My heart is full because we have this online platform. My heart is full because of people like you that answer the phone anytime of night when someone calls and says they need help. My heart is full.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - Nick N

Corrections to last month minutes - None

Motion to Approve Minutes - Wayne T

Second - Jennifer A

Treasury's Report -

Here is a picture of what I would say are “excess funds” for possible distribution to GSO:

- All income and expenses through 8/31 have been recorded
- We assume Sep-Dec will have normal expenses, Century Link and Answer Page (\$192 per month average for the last 3 months) + the annual fee for the PO Box
- No additional 7th tradition donations (don't count your chickens before they hatch) (\$584 per month average for the last 3 months)
- We don't dip into our prudent reserve
- No additional expenses by the end of the year
- We have \$3,318 in “excess funds” that could be distributed to GSO

Ending Balance	5,522.09
Prudent Reserve	(1,250.00)
Available Balance	<u>4,272.09</u>

Sep Expenses	(200.00)
Oct Expenses	(200.00)
Nov Expenses	(200.00)
Dec Expenses	(200.00)
PO Box	<u>(154.00)</u>
Excess funds	<u><u>3,318.09</u></u>

- If we receive average 7th Tradition donations though the end of the year, we will have a little over \$2,300 built back up in excess funds which we could decide what to do at that time.
- Proposed budget - Take August actual income and divide by eight and multiply by 12
- Proposed income for 2021 should be about \$9,800
- Proposed expenses for 2021 should be \$6,800

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Wayne T

Second - Amy V

DCM - Terry C

The team at District 16 are still plugging away providing informational and educational workshops, panels, events, guest presentations and speaker meetings each month. June gave our

Access and Events Committee the opportunity to develop a remote Safety Workshop entitled “ Safety, Inclusivity and Diversity”. This workshop offered the attendees a diverse 5 panelist live discussion focused on Safety, Inclusivity and Diversity. On the panel we heard from a Native American male, a Trans woman, a Hispanic woman, an African American gay woman and a Caucasian straight woman. Shares from all panelists focused on the struggles and roadblocks they have experienced in the rooms, as well as, outside the rooms. They also shared their successes and solutions by offering examples of their path using the legacies of our program! This event was 1.5 hours and over 100 were in attendance. This workshop could have gone on for much longer!

In July a spin off of the Post Assembly Sharing Session, whose focus is the GSR, was created for our District Officers and Chairs. This new process was entitled District 16 Service Chair Sharing Session with the focus on coming together to talk about what is going well and what is not going so well in their service positions. The objective was not to offer them solutions to their roadblock and struggles but to brainstorm solutions with others and provide a safe environment to talk. Not a lot of members participated but those who did believe that this was a great 1st step towards celebrating Recovery, Service and Unity within our District body. A 2nd one will be organized and presented in January with hopes for a larger turn out.

In August our Events Committee sponsored the Quarterly Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting hosted by one of our local groups, Dog On The Roof. The practice of having a local group or meetings host the speaker meeting had been very successful back in the “in person” times and we agreed that since we have several such events and workshops under our belt, it was time to bring this practice back. It worked out beautifully! We all felt this would be a great way to exercise inclusion and unity and provide behind the scenes experience to see how non threatening and fun District Service work is!

Currently in September / October we are hard at work developing our next 4 part series Live Panel Discussion - Navigating Uncertainty (during a global pandemic) using the 12 Traditions and Ask It Basket Q&A

- *1st panel - Sept 26th from 7pm-9pm*
- *4 panelist discussing Tradition 1 “Our common welfare”*
- *2nd panel - Oct 3rd from 7pm-9pm*
- *4 panelist discussing Tradition 3 - “The only requirement for membership”*

- 3rd panel - Oct 10th from 7pm-9pm
- 4 panelist discussing Tradition 4 - "Autonomy"
- 4th panel - Oct 17th from 7pm-9pm
- 4 panelist discussing Traditions 10 / 12 - "No opinion on outside issues" and "Spiritual foundation"

We will continue to offer monthly presentations at our District Business Meetings by our amazing Area 58 Delegates - past and present - Officers and Chairs. All whom I've asked, have willingly come to offer our members education and information. Last month we had the benefit of having Joe S, Gabe K and Penny H attend our Traditions/Concepts and business meeting! It was fantastic having them there to help me navigate through Robert's Rules of Order during a motion discussion. I am truly grateful for the experience!

We are still also providing our monthly Traditions and Concepts Sessions. Each month a GSR volunteers to lead a 20 minute facilitation on the Tradition and an Officer or Chair leads a 20 minute facilitation on the Concept. The interest in leading the meeting has been a bit skeptical but I think they are coming around to realizing that these legacies are not as intimidating as they think and are beginning to warm up to the process. I've also been known to enlist our Area 58 members into leading these sessions prior to the business meeting! It really helps give a feeling of familiarity. Recovery, Service and Unity.

LDCM-A (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent) - (open)

GSR - Nick N / Crack of Dawn Group meets online Monday - Saturday 7am

- *All is well*

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V

- *The events committee has been meeting or put on a series of workshops on how to utilize the traditions to manage a global pandemic. We cancelled the last meeting due to the wildfires.*
- *There were groups meeting outside and a few hybrid meetings. Due to the smoke most of the meetings either did not meet or met inside.*
- *Feeling thankful and greatly blessed to have our fellowship.*

GSR - *Phil B / There is a Solution online Monday night 6:30pm closed meeting*

- *Our group decided to send the additional funds to GSO*

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

- *No report*

GSR - *Lisa G / No Name Group hybrid Friday Night 7:30pm*

- *Still having hybrid meeting*
- *As long as we socially distance and wear masks the church allows us to meet*
- *Working on script to inform members of safety protocols*

GSR - *Clare R / Eagle Point live and online Thursday Night Women's Group Senior Center 6pm*

- *The Senior Center in person Group and the Group held on zoom are still maintained as two separate groups.*
- *The 7th traditions contributions are also separate and are left up to each person to use their discretion as to where they send their funds.*

GSR - *Beverly C / GSR Eagle Point Step Sisters live Monday Night*

- *In person going well*
- *No longer meeting online*
- *Discussed contribution distribution no decision made tabled for next business meeting*

GSR - *Jennifer A / What We Are Like womens meeting Ruch*

- *No longer meeting*
- *703/503 meetings Ruch is meeting live*

GSR - *Ken J / Hole in the Wall Group online Monday nights at 7pm*

- *Nothing to report*

GSR - *John Alt / DOTR online Wednesday night*

- *Going well 60 members each week*

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 *(Not Present)*

- *No report*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *First let me say how sorry I am to anyone who has lost a home, property or business during the recent fires. Such a devastating time for our entire community.*
- *Archives have come to a standstill during the spring and summer due to career (farming) and family, but with the onset of winter I will be back filing, organizing and making all kinds of progress in the archive office.*

Comments:

- *Robert - Asked if we need to pay rent where we store the archives at the Alano Club*
- *Jennifer - Was not sure*
- *Jo - When I was treasurer for the Alano Club I do not recall seeing anything from District*

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

- *No report*

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

- *No report*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- *The Women's ARC, Reddy House closed down last week and will reopen soon*
- *There is a coed group that has started*
- *Meetings are also still going with the assistance of Torstein. Once the Covid Restrictions are lifted so people may come into the homes, he would like to step down from being the Chairperson of that meeting.*

Events - Lea W *(Not Present)*

- *No report*

SOSM Sub Committee

Comments:

- *Amy - Jane has not responded to my email about up and coming speakers*
- *Jennifer - I will be seeing her this weekend and will find out*
- *Terry - Need to find out if there is someone scheduled for October*

Grapevine - Gary M (Not Present)

- *No report*

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

- *No activities last month*
- *Continue to reach out to groups for volunteers to put up info flyers*
- *No confirmed dates for nursing school yet*

Schedules - Wayne T

- *Nothing is being printed*
- *Please submit changes to Jackson County Central Office*

Telephones - Robin P (Not Present)

- *17 calls*
- *2 - 12 step calls were dispatched by volunteers*

Technology Committee - Nick J (Not Present)

- *No report*

Central Office Liaison Report - (Open)

- *PayPal button to our website*
- *Final Report for conference available at Central Office*

YPAA Liaison Report - Garrison M (Not Present)

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - Laurie B (Not Present)

- *No report*

8:00pm - Business Discussion

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

Old Business:

Motion 1

- *A motion was presented to send a one time contribution to GSO - We have \$3,000 above our Prudent Reserve and after some discussion, the motion was tabled.*
- *Should this go back to the groups for approval or per Concept 4 - the Right Of Decision - shall the group trust the District decision when it comes to group contributions. (The 12 Concepts Illustrated pamphlet)*
- *Determine \$ amount*

Discussion as follows:

- *Robert - We have \$3,300 in available funds over prudent reserve*
- *Nick N - Made a motion to make a one time contribution of \$3,000 to GSO*
- *Phil B - Seconded the motion*
- *All in favor*
- *Motion passed*

Motion 2

- *A motion was presented to update the Guidelines to reflect all changes in policies and processes and add financial distributions for the future.*
 - *The DCM is responsible for updating the guidelines when the DCM rotates out of position. At that time the guidelines will be updated.*

New Business:

- [Navigating Uncertainty \(during a global pandemic\) using the 12 Traditions \(Part 1\) Saturday Sept 26th 7pm - 8:30pm](#)
- [POST Assembly Sharing Session - Wednesday Sept 30th 7pm - 9pm](#)
- [GSO Disaster Response](#)
- Area
 - Financials
 - § [Q3 Contributions Report](#)
 - § [Q3 Financial Report](#)
 - GSR School
 - § [GSR School Workbook](#)
- STUMP THE DELEGATE Ask It Basket!

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 9/16 | Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16 from 6 - 6:50pm (remote) |
| 9/16 | District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting from 7pm - 8:30pm (remote) |
| 9/18-20 | Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly hosted by Area 58 (remote) |
| 9/30 | GSR Post Assembly Sharing Session hosted by District 16 7pm - 9pm (remote) |
| 10/21 | Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16 from 6 - 6:50pm (remote) |
| 10/21 | District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting from 7pm - 8:30pm (remote) |
| 11/20-22 | Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly hosted by Area 58 (remote) |
| 2021 | |
| 3/5-7 | PRAASA - Burbank, CA |