

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

November 18, 2020

ROLL CALL

Amy V, Alex, Beverly C, Chrissy B, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie, Jennifer A, Jo B, Kelly K, Ken J, Kristin A, Lisa G, Michael M, Nick N, Phil B, Robert H, Scott B, Terry C, Steven S

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Eleven - Chrissy B

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept XI - Cynthia W

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

New GSR's

- *Steve - Shady Cove*

Visitors

- *None*

7:10pm - Presentation to District Body - Jennifer A / Amy V

Amy V - We could all use a little enthusiasm and motivation so hope to see you at the online Assembly this weekend! We were the hosts of this years November Assembly as we were last year, but unfortunetely it is online. Oregon Area 58 meets four times a year to carry the message

from the groups to Oregon Area so that it can be shared at the General Service Conference. Anyone can attend the Assembly. But only GSRs and DCMs are able to vote.

Jennifer A - I am excited as this is the first year I will be a voting member. There will be a number of breakout rooms and lots of educational and informative sessions. The Assembly provides informative and interactive opportunities to get involved in service. I appreciate the GSR sharing sessions as there are always ideas, challenges and solutions that are shared in and around Oregon. Please try to attend regardless if you are a GSR or just a member of the fellowship.

Assemblies are usually an opportunity to vote on motions. The process is fascinating and should not be missed. Remember that you do not have to stay you can pop in and out. There are also a number of speaker meetings that should not be missed!

7:30pm - Elected 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.)*

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month minutes - *Ken J had a few - corrections were made*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Jennifer A*

Second - *Amy V*

Treasury's Report - *Kristin A*

- *Ending Balance* \$2,695.09
- *Income* \$172.00
- *Expenses* **\$227.93**
- *Prudent Reserve* **\$1,250.00**
- *Available Balance* \$1,389.16

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - *Steven S*

Second - *Chrissy B*

DCM - Terry C

“A District is a geographical unit containing the right number of groups -- right in terms of committee member’s ability to keep in frequent touch with them, to learn their problems, and to find ways to contribute to their growth and well-being” (Service Manual S31). That is what a District is and how it conducts its business within the groups. Our focus and function is to provide information and education. To pay attention to the needs of the groups and community.

To offer ongoing opportunities to “grow in understanding and effectiveness” (bb pg 84)

Just how do we do that ...

Our hard working Events Committee provided a thoughtful stroll through the Traditions and how to apply them as we Navigated the Uncertainty affecting our community. We invited local members to share in a 4 part Panel Discussion entitled Navigating Uncertainty using the Traditions. It was a great example of what Unity, Service and Recovery looks like to the struggling community. A hearty round of applause to the Events Committee and all who participated in making this event such a great success! If you missed this series, don’t worry the Events Committee is currently brainstorming on the next series of workshops. And the website will have all 4 parts posted on the website!

For the past 3 Assemblies we have provided PRE-Assembly Presentations in an attempt to encourage more enthusiasm and attendance, from our GSR and District members, to Assemblies and other activities. These 15 minute presentations are designed to provide information and education with the hope that they help to make these assemblies seem less intimidating and more interesting. We hope they are succeeding in the mission. Any and all feedback on whether these are helpful is appreciated or if we need to move on to something else that may enlist curiosity and interest, let me know that too!

The next POST-Assembly Sharing Session is another way District is trying to fulfill our obligation to you, the most important person at District - The GSR and all District members! This 3rd Sharing Session is scheduled for Wednesday the 2nd of December and it is our hope that you will make the necessary arrangements to attend and participate in this casual gathering of other members with the common interest in Service.

The Objective for these Sessions are to:

- *To ensure that any District 16 member who was unable to attend the Assembly can be kept up to date.*

- *To help our GSRs feel confident in bringing motions and other information back to their Home Groups to discuss.*
- *To give the District 16 Officers more opportunity to effectively support the GSR and their groups.*
- *To give our GSRs a space to feel heard, supported & connected with other GSRs and AA as a whole.*
- *Attendance has been sparse but the excitement of the few that did attend was encouraging and gives us hope for this to catch on and become part of our District 16 Service Structure.*
- *Any one who wishes to attend are welcomed! Our POST-Assembly Sharing Session is scheduled for Dec 2nd from 7pm - 9pm. New Covid 2 wk restrictions - actual data is available for you to read and share with your groups. <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>*

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

GSR - Nick N / Crack of Dawn Monday through Saturday 7am

- *Online and very healthy - please join us*

GSR - Nick N / Tuesday and Thursday Ashland Siskiyou Group 8pm

- *No longer meeting live*
- *Back online*

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V

- *Working with Events Committee*
- *Not much new most all remaining online through 2020*
- *Alano Club in Medford still meeting in person*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall

- *Online only averaging 15-25 Monday nights at 7pm*

GSR - Steven / Shady A's in Shady Cove

- *Setting up a zoom link for our group*

GSR - *Phil B / Monday There is a Solution closed*

- *Still online 30-35 members*

GSR - *Chrissy B / 99 and under*

- *Still hybrid meeting*

GSR - *Chrissy B / Jacksonville Sunday night no longer meeting*

GSR - *Debbie / Tuesday / Thursday meetings*

- *Back online*

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

- *No report*

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

- *Back online*

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

- *Back online*

GSR - *Lisa G / No Name Group Friday Night*

- *Back online*

GSR - *Jennifer / 903 Ruch*

- *Hybrid meeting*

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)

- *This last month we began work on updating the Access Page on the District webpage.*
- *We continue to reach out to anyone who needs help accessing meetings. As the state institutes more restrictions we are reminding groups that if your group or members of your group need help either setting up meetings or accessing those meetings, please contact one of us at the district and we will get you to the best resource. My phone number is on the District list. Please call me if you have questions.*
- *As of today the State is officially requiring that social gatherings be limited to 6 people from no more than 2 families, inside or out and "limited faith based" category which restricts at 25 indoors or 50 outdoors - with masks and distancing still required for the next 2 weeks, in an effort to comply with the Governor's mandate to slow the growth of COVID19 infections.*
- *More information about the Governor's shutdown can be found at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>.*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *GSRs please send me your business meeting notes*
- *Nothing is happening in Archives ... all is well*

Comments

- *Chrissy - Are you able to capture some of the history that is happening around online with Covid and our District*
- *Jennifer - I have not but will try to capture the history of our current affairs*
- *Chrissy - Perhaps we should start a history writing and gathering of happenings in and around our District*
- *Clare - Please clarify what you meant by sending you business notes*
- *Jennifer - Please send any record of minutes that are kept*

Assembly Committee - Michael M

Greetings District 16 and Greetings Area 58, I am Michael M., the Chair of the November '20 Host Assembly. Great thanks to the Area Committee who agreed to postpone our original in-person assembly a year to Nov. '21. I am also grateful to District 16 for their support of this decision. I'm so pleased we made the tough, but clearly the right decision. Go Team!

After our three month hiatus, our Committee met earlier this week. We can boast that our venue Inn at The Commons is a great local gem, and worked with us moving our dates and deposits with ease. I am so grateful to report that our committee is strong with experienced members, and we're actively recruiting new friends to join us.

Not too much more to report, other than we are in good position with 12 months to prepare and plan an awesome and safe event for the Area. We look forward to seeing your lovely faces in person here in Medford, November of next year. We'll report our progress in Feb at our next Assembly meeting. Until then, thank you to Alcoholics Anonymous, District 16, and Area 58 for a beautiful life and service.

COMMENTS

- *Ken J - Be sure to update your account to be a Zoom Client*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Women: (Open)

- *No report*

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

- *No report*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- *Still on a holding pattern taking meetings into the ARC*
- *The Women's ARC is happening online every Wednesday at 1:15pm*
- *We could use female speakers if you are interested please let me know*
- *I have not been in touch with Torsten on the men's side.*

Events - Lea W (not present)

- *No report*

SOSM Sub Committee (open)

- *We are all set for this months SOSM with speaker Brian P from Dallas Texas*
- *Host Women of Worth group*

Grapevine - Gary M (Not Present)

- *No report*

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

- *With the new guidelines not much happening*

COMMENTS

- *Ken J - I have heard quite a few PSA ... well done*

Schedules - Wayne T (not present)

- *Nothing is being printed*
- *Most up to date info posted on the website*

Telephones - Robin P (Not Present)

- *12 calls*
- *3 - 12 step calls were dispatched by volunteers*

Technology Committee - Nick J (Not Present)

- *No report*

Central Office Liaison Report - Amy V

- *Looking good financially \$11,000 in bank account*
- *Open and books are for sale*

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's Rules of Order](#)

Old Business: Hybridizing District Meeting

- *Due to the new statewide restrictions, discussion on developing a hybrid General Service Business Meeting will be tabled.*

New Business:

- *As of now the CCF-F position has opened up and since there isn't much that can be done, it's not urgent that we fill it, unless you know of someone who is interested and has ideas for bringing AA to the jails in our current climate.*

8:25pm - District 16 Announcements / What's happening next month:

- *Nick N has taken an Area 58 Committee Chair Position in addition to his full commitment plate here as District 16 Secretary, Events Committee member and just all around nice guy ... I want to say Thank you Nick for all your time, efforts and service to AA, District and now Area!!*
- *AAWS has put out a [Call for Stories - AA for the Older Alcoholic 2020 <<click link>>](#) announcement request for stories to update the Pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic". Please share this with your groups and meetings.*
- *November General Service Assembly is this weekend! Please check out the [Assembly Agenda](#) and make a plan to attend a few of the scheduled events!*
- *Dec 2nd is the 3rd [Post Assembly Sharing Session](#) from 7pm to 9pm! Be there or be square!*

COMMENTS

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn - Cynthia W

Second - Steven S

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

11/20 - 22 [Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly](#) hosted by Area 58 (remote)

12/2 [POST Assembly Sharing Session](#) from 7pm - 9pm

12/16 [Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16](#) from 6 - 6:50pm (remote)

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3/5-7 [PRAASA](#) - Burbank, CA (remote)

