

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

December 16, 2020

ROLL CALL

Aimee A, Amy V, Alex, Beverly C, Chrissy B, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie, Ken J, Kristin A, Lea W, Lisa G, Mark N, Nick N, Patty T, Sarah P, Wayne T

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Twelve - Clare R

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept XII - Lisa G

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

New GSR's

- *None*

Visitors

- *None*

7:10pm - Presentation to District Body - Mark N Area 58 IT Chair

G-Suites / Work Spaces

- *The purpose of Google Suites is to create email, word documents, spreadsheets, slides and communications with your group.*
- *To better communicate, share and connect with your group.*
- *Another feature is adding information to Google Drive items like flyers, notes, folders and documents which can then be retained over time for those who rotate in and out of their service positions*
- *Google Apps Menu is also helpful to organize and reorganize how you interact with the storage area of your Google Drive.*
- *Google Apps menu also has a feature for Documents, Spreadsheets and Slides when opened you can create original documents or utilize the standard templates provided in the app.*
- *It is also a powerful word editor and can be accessed from any device or location you might be in.*
- *Also a great tool for group editing from multiple devices*
- *Also a great tool for storage of files and information*

Comments

- *Chrissy - How do you know when you are being recorded in Zoom*
- *Mark - A red button on the left hand side of the Zoom platform that says “recording”*
- *Kristen - How do you set up Venmo for a group and take it off your personal account*
- *Mark - Anyone at district level check your phone accounts to secure a free line for Venmo accounts.*

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 - Wayne T

Second - Clare R

Treasury's Report - Kristin A

- *Ending Balance* \$2,639.16
- *Income* \$190.00
- *Expenses* \$141.36
- *Prudent Reserve* \$1,250.00
- *Available Balance* \$1,437.80

Comments

- *Kristin - There was an expense to the Alano Club for the storage of archives. I have not found any evidence as to past payments made for this storage.*
- *Terry - Suggested we make a \$100 payment to the Alano Club*
- *Kristin - Agreed on the idea to make this payment*
- *Ken - Suggested we stipulate \$50 for 2020 and \$50 for 2021*
- *Nick - Suggested our Treasurer Kristin make the payments and add them to next months report*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Amy V

Second - *Wayne T*

DCM - Terry C

Well, here we are at our service commitment milestone! It was one year ago that we came to the District meeting in our new service roles! Hopeful, excited, a little scared ... we had big ideas and big plans! We have accomplished so many phenomenal things, DESPITE setbacks and pandemics! We adapted and overcame! And it almost feels like it's time to take a break and rest! But that's just not my style! The time we have left has been on my mind a lot ...

So, now it's time to take off my cheerleader hat and put on the administrator hat and get to work on the not so glamorous and fun side of service work!

1. *An ad hoc committee is being set up that will focus on the possible Redistricting of our Sub-Districts and begin talks of possibly adding a 4th Sub-District to make the position more attractive and reasonable for the person who may want to accept the service position.*
2. *Our District 16 Roster is very outdated and I'm looking forward to working with our new Area Registrar on getting it up to date. Getting GSR their packets and developing a system that simplifies the process and adds efficiently. Ken J and Amy V have offered to help me with this*

task and I appreciate their time and efforts. We have begun reaching out to many of you to set up a time to visit your meetings to gather information for the roster.

- 3. Another ad hoc committee will begin the Guidelines rewrite that will need to happen before this term is up. Lots of stuff that needs to be organized and implemented! I also need to figure out how to actually do this ...*

Given that our roster is so outdated and the fact that much of our Redistricting efforts will rely on it, it feels like we have an amazing opportunity to hammer out a new process for gathering and maintaining information and I'm looking forward to seeing what amazing possibilities are in front of us!

Our Post Assembly Sharing Sessions have provided us with an understanding of where the flow of information can be improved and ways that we can implement procedures that may continue on after this term of service is done. I feel strongly that the focus on the GSR is very important as it is our GSR who will move throughout the Service Structure and the more informed and confident our GSR are the more likely they will want to continue being of service and stand for other positions at District when their term of service is done.

Not all of us hear the "music of service" as Chuck B says, it's just not for everyone, and that is ok, but for those who do find a depth and a reward that comes from service, I want to make sure we cultivate that desire, nurture it, and feed it with as much knowledge as possible! It is our desire to leave this district with a stronger, more vibrant and enthusiastic body than when we got here. That is how progress works!

So, starting at our next business meeting in January and every ODD numbered month after, we will be replacing the Traditions and Concepts Study and implement a GSR Session in that 6pm hour. Then every EVEN numbered month we will study 2 Traditions and 2 Concepts. There will be a wealth of information that will serve you in your position as GSR but it is NOT just for the GSR ... if you are interested in learning more about Recovery (the Steps) Unity (the Traditions) and Service (the Concepts) these studies will fill in the gaps and provide necessary information to move you through the service structure more confidently and competently.

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

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

- Online and very healthy - please join us*

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V

Hard to believe that such a strange year has almost come to an end! Not much to report, again. Terry will probably have already told you that Ken J. and I facilitated a Post Assembly Sharing session last week. Thank you to those who attended. Next time we would like to spend a little more time on the motions that were tabled and passed, as that is where you see AA principles come alive. The process is just as fascinating as the discussions.

The next Assembly is in February, on Zoom again. Not sure if anyone mentioned this, but the last live Assembly that was held in Portland had about 400 attendees, many of who complained about the cost of attending, the time and energy expenditure, and the difficulty getting GSRs to attend. Well, the Zoom Assembly cost nothing, you could pop in and out if you wanted, and anyone from anywhere could attend and there were only a little over 100 attendees....makes you wonder.

Coming up I will be making pop-ins, or visitations (sounds like something a ghost would do) to many of the meetings in Medford. The purpose will be to introduce myself and offer my help to answer questions or provide feedback to District. Hopefully I will be able to attend a future business meeting to talk about "Linking Your Home Group with the Whole of AA," and talk about the role of a GSR and what we do at District. I will talk a little about Area 58 as well. That is all for now! Looking forward to seeing y'all on Zoom or in person real soon.

Hoping to put together GSR packets with the help of Central Office.

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall

- *Online only averaging 25 - 28*
- *Modified for online Monday nights at 7pm*

GSR - Chrissy B / 99 and under Saturday night 7pm

- *Still hybrid meeting*
- *All of our service positions are full*
- *Always have newcomers*

GSR - Debbie / Tuesday / Thursday Women of Worth

- *Back online and doing well*
- *Usually 36 members*

GSR - Aimee GSR Keeping it Simple Group

- *Rotating out and into Treasurer position*
- *Business meeting on the last Wednesday of the month*
- *Meet outside but also dial in to a conference / hybrid*

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 Thursday Night Women's Group Senior Center 6pm

- *Elected a new secretary*
- *Monthly rent is paid through February*

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

- *Back online*

GSR - Lisa G / No Name Group Friday Night in Central Point

- *Back online*
- *Solid home group members supporting our efforts*

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 (Not Present)

- *No report*

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 (Not Present)

Events - Lea W

- *We are working on events for our upcoming year*
- *Please contact me if you have any ideas or want to get involved pon our committee*

SOSM Sub Committee (open)

- *No report*

Grapevine - (Open)

- *No report*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Kelly K (Not Present)

- *No report*

Schedules - Wayne T

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

Telephones - Robin P (Not Present)

- *21 calls*
- *9 - 12 step calls were dispatched by volunteers*

Technology Committee - Nick J

- *We have a few agenda items and misc tasks on the website to update*
- *Thanks Wayne T and Terry K for helping with schedule changes*
- *Stats on our website use*
 - *Remote meetings page in 28 days 2,316 views*
 - *Regular meetings page 819 views*
 - *Home page views 577*
 - *Events page 110 views*
- *Nice to see our website being used*
- *Please join our technology committee once a month*
- *I encourage everyone to use the meeting update and change form on the website*

Central Office Liaison Report - Amy V

- *The doors are open!*
- *Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.*
- *Checking:*
 - *Income: \$1015.98*
 - *Expenses: -\$1519.95*
 - *Net: -\$503.97*
 - *Checking: \$6,000.00*
 - *Savings: \$5,306.80*
- *Positions are changing at the first of the year:*
 - *Joel S. will be Chair*
 - *Amy V. Co-Chair*
- *Events: We haven't had one, but the former co-chair will take the position.*
- *New Business:*
 - *Phil B. asked Amy why Central Office doesn't sell coins. We have reviewed this request several times over the years. Basically, we don't want to be in competition with the Alano Club and*
 - *Fran. Also, it's a big investment.*

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:

- *None*

New Business:

- *Aimee thanks for GSR sharing in 2021*
- *Clare - How GSR can promote the concepts and traditions*
- *Terry - The new GSR packets are very informative with all of that information including a service manual*
- *Chrissy - Thank you Terry and everyone who has been of service in 2020*

Planned New Business:

- ***Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee** - Wayne T, Patty T, Jennifer A, Amy V, Terry C, and Richard R*
- ***Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee** - Looking for volunteers to help us update our guidelines to reflect new processes and policies.*
- ******NEW*** GSR Session Process** - Starting in January GSR will be given the opportunity to get a deeper understanding of the Duties and Responsibilities of the GSR position.*

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

- *<https://store.aagrapevine.org/> Grapevine is offering FREE SHIPPING until the 31st of this month! This is the perfect time to help AA remain self supporting and also send the gift of Experience, Strength, Hope and Humor!! Check out the Grapevine Store for more information!*
- *Also go to the [Get Involved](#) tab on the Grapevine site and find a variety of ways to become part of the Grapevine community! Check out i-Poll, the 2020 Carry The Message Project and the Grapevine factoid sections, just to name a few of the interesting and informational things you'll find. These are just some of the small ways we can give back what has been so freely given!*

COMMENTS

- *Chrissy - Please share what the open positions at District are and their requirements*
- *Wayne - If anyone is interested in the November 2021 Assembly please contact me*

8:10pm - Call to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn - Wayne T

Second - Cynthia W

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

12/19/2021

[Pacific Regional Forum](#)

1/16/2021

[GSR Session](#) from 6pm - 6:55pm

1/16/2021

[District 16 Business Meeting](#) from 7pm - 8:30pm

2021

3/5-7

[PRAASA](#) - Burbank, CA (remote)