

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

March 17, 2021

ROLL CALL

Amy B, Becky D, Beverly C, Chrissy B, Clare R, Cynthia W, Jennifer A, Jane M, Jason K, John D, Kelly G, Kelly K, Ken J, Kristin A, Lea W, Nick N, Phil B, Sarah P, Terry C, Tim C, Wayne T

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Three - Heather

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depends upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept III - Cynthia

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

New GSR

- *Heather - Her Story Wednesday 6:30pm*

Visitors

- *Tim C A58 Corrections Chair*
- *Jason B Area 17 Registrar from Connecticut*

7:10pm - Presentation to District Body - Tim C Area 58 Corrections Chair

Correctional Facilities of Alcoholics Anonymous members participate in carrying the A.A. message into corrections facilities as part of their own sobriety and to give individuals within correctional facilities an opportunity to find sobriety and the A.A. way of living sober.

Correctional Facilities invite A.A. to bring meetings to inside members who may be problem drinkers in correctional facilities. An A.A. volunteer or A.A. Group becomes the Outside Sponsor for an Inside Meeting. Volunteers are scheduled to take meetings into facilities on a weekly or monthly basis. Team Leaders escort volunteers into scheduled meetings in facilities.

Outside Sponsors and/or Team Leaders attend the Facility Orientation, so as to know and abide with the facility rules and regulations. Outside Sponsors coordinate the Team Leader schedules for a six month to a one year term.

Corrections Chair and Alternate Chair serve a continuous term of two years each with the Alternate then becoming the Chair at the end of his/her term. The purpose is to facilitate AA meetings inside the state and federal correctional facilities. This is done by organizing outside AA members to attend inside meetings on a regular basis. Volunteers are identified through workshops and roundtables presented by the committee and through literature disseminated at districts and groups publicizing the available service opportunities.

The committee works closely with designated correctional-facility officials to assist outside volunteers in obtaining clearance to enter various facilities, to ensure that inside meetings are occurring at the desired intervals, and to assist in starting new meetings when requested. A literature and travel budget is provided

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - Nick N

Corrections to last month minutes - None

Motion to Approve Minutes - Cynthia W

Second - Jennifer A

Treasury's Report - Kristin A

- *Ending Balance* \$2,723.35
- *Income* \$ 235.00
- *Expenses* **\$ 178.86**
- *Prudent Reserve* **\$1,250.00**
- *Available Balance* \$1,473.35

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Cynthia W

Second - Wayne T

DCM - Terry C

So March ... good lord has been busy! And filled with opportunities for personal growth, expansion of understanding, comprehension of the work - the Cause and Effect of the Movement known as Alcoholics Anonymous.

*The **February Assembly** kicked off with a great gathering of Experience, Strength and Hope from our New Delegate Amber and the Past Delegates who shared their Conference **Experience** and walked us through what a **Pre-Conference** is, it's inclusion of all AA member to have a voice and input and the responsibility we have to the future of our Movement. The **Strength** of our voices throughout the US & CN and the voices of generations that guide us. The contribution to the whole process and continuation of this amazing Movement. The **Hope** that comes from the communication of our voices and participation in the process. Bill wrote "When you think about it, AA is a unique means of communication: our lives have depended on communication; our unity depends on communication; our function depends on communication." The Conference is a great network of communication, resting on a base composed literally of thousands of interested people -- trusted servants working at the business of function worldwide - thousands of GSR, hundred and hundred of committeemen (and women) and delegates". We can not afford to become complacent and rely on 'someone else' to take up this mantle for it is our Great Responsibility in this Era of Change.*

*Our **Post Assembly Sharing Session** with Amber and Vera offered a presentation on March 3rd on how this opportunity to participate in the functioning of AA is an obligation that requires willingness and sacrifice to give back what is so freely given. Time and thought, courage and humility - open us up deeper into the Service part of our Legacies in order to keep the other two legacies, Recovery and Unity, strengthened and vital! This was the first time that the Post Assembly Sharing Session was opened up to other Districts in Area 58. While attendance was so-so ... these Sharing Sessions continue to grow in popularity and there is hope that they will continue to be vital learning opportunities for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of their role in Carrying the Message.*

The Pre-Conference Sharing Session on March 13th was another opportunity and space that was provided, not just for District members but for AA members and groups to bring their voices and opinions to the floor and engage in some very thoughtful and thought provoking conversation. Thank you to all who attended and participated! And Thank you to our Facilitators, Amy B, Jane M and Kristin A and Co-Facilitators, Phil and Jennifer who sacrificed your amazing sunny Saturday to spend it inside, talking program! And a special Thank you to Nick for always being the MVP of our Events and Workshops and knowing just what is needed and when! Your skill and timing are invaluable! If your groups or meetings would still like to participate in this Movement wide discussion, please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with the Agenda Items and Background Materials for members to read and give their opinion on. We have until April 9th to gather all feedback.

*A new LDCM-D has been assigned to fill the remainder of the year - This Sub-District is Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls and Prospect and will now be available for help and support to all GSR and meetings in these cities. Please say Hi and Welcome to our new **LDCM-D Jane M!!** She will share her report and service resume in just a few minutes.*

Come October, if she wants to continue in the position it will be required that she states to the body she is available and able to serve. At that time, the body will be given the opportunity to hear her service resume and vote her in for another 2 years in the position of LDCM. So GSR from these areas, please begin sending your monthly reports to her. Also any questions or concerns you or your groups may have. The link in the Agenda [GSR Reports - Click here to learn the process {UPDATED 3/14/21}](#) has been updated with current and correct contact information for our 3 LDCM. The hope is that unless you already have a Service Sponsor, your LDCM can act as a temporary service sponsor to “try on” as it were! We are all here to pass along our Experience at this level of service. So put us to work!

Thank you for your time and attention!

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

- No report

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

- Online and very healthy - please join us
- We are currently formatting a group inventory survey to take online

GSR - Kelly G / Ashland Noon Timers

- *Online please join us*
- *12-14 members*

LDCM-B - (Medford) - Amy V

- *All is well*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall 7pm

- *Attendance is picking up*
- *About 40 in attendance*
- *Arch Angels and Mason House in attendance*
- *Seems like members are getting used to being online*

GSR - Chrissy B / 99 and Under

- *Meeting online*
- *We always have lots of newcomers*

GSR - Phil B / There is a Solution Monday 6:30pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Monday*
- *Had three newcomers this week*

GSR - Heather / Her Story Wednesday 6:30pm

- *Meeting Live*
- *Nice to have newcomers and women that join from the ARC*

GSR - John / Dog on the Roof

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Wednesday night*

GSR - Becky / Keeping it simple

- *Still hybrid meeting (teleconference)*
- *Always have newcomers*
- *We are still meeting in the park*

LDCM-C Report (Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, MFG, DOTR) - Wayne T

- *I attended three online meetings and three in person meetings*
- *Encouraged a few members to join the Pre Conference sharing*
- *Most meetings I attended are holding their business meetings as necessary*
- *I am seeing new members with 30, 60 or 90 days ... I am encouraged that online meetings seem to be working*
- *Grateful to be of service*

GSR - Jennifer / Tent revival Monday and Saturday night book study / Campfire

- *Meeting Live*
- *Meeting info is on our D16 website*

LDCM-D Report (Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Prospect, Gold Hill) - Jane M

- *Grateful to be here*
- *I am excited to bring my 30 plus years of AA experience and my career as a nurse and contribute that to my position.*

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

- *Online only*
- *19 members*
- *Grateful to have the ARC Angels in attendance*
- *Also found the Pre Conference session to be super informative on the AA structure and I felt privileged to be able to attend and participate in the process*

GSR - Beverly C / GSR Eagle Point Step Sisters live Monday Night 6pm

- *Online only*
- *We had eight members at both the online and live meetings*
- *We will be continuing to hold online meetings and are keeping our online account active*

GSR - Sarah P / GSR No Name Group Central Point Friday 7:30

- *Online only*
- *We had eight members at both the online and live meetings*

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 - Mollie O (Not Present)

- *No report*

Archives - Jennifer A

- *Please submit your business meeting notes so that I can add them to the archives*
- *If you know someone who has gotten sober on zoom please have them contact me at archives@medfordareaaa.org so that I can archive their experience strength and hope*

Assembly Committee - Michael M (not present)

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFW) - Women: (open)

- *No report*

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

- *Nothing new to report. Position is open. I'll be completely stepping away after this month. Thank you all for the opportunity to improve and give back in sobriety. Best, Richard R.*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B (not present)

- *I am aware I have not been attending the district meeting the past few months. Mostly because of Covid 19 restrictions, I have done little on this front.*
- *I have been active with the Addictions Recovery Center Reddy House (women's treatment facility). I still provide them a weekly AA meeting via Zoom, with speakers. I have also been building a "library" of AA and Grapeview Books for the patients to get a full understanding of the AA Program. I have also supplied them with the pamphlet "Answers on Sponsorship", plus a few others that are appropriate for newcomers and/or beginners. There were plenty of duplicate publications, I have found out, at the Reddy house. These were gathered up and taken to the Mason House (men's treatment facility). They were excited to get the materials. They are now starting a "library" as well. They also have several pamphlets on "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship". They are looking for*

other pamphlets as well. Again, I am working with Reddy House to shuffle some of their extra unwanted pamphlets over to the Mason House.

- *I am still in touch with Torsten who is still working with the guys every Wednesday doing a Big Book Study in lieu of a regular AA Meeting. He is waiting for the Covid restrictions to be lifted to bring someone in to head up that meeting.*
- *This next month I will try to reach out to On Track once again. It is my understanding that the Mom's Program would like something similar to what I am doing with the Reddy House. It has been hard to find someone there that will talk to me about setting this type of program up.*
- *As far as the VA is concerned, they do not want to talk with anyone outside in the AA program. Yet, they have weekly meetings scheduled out there for their patients. I will keep trying to reach out to them.*

Events - Lea W

- *The Committee is formalizing a workshop to help groups complete a Group Inventory as well as a workshop on the history of staying connected in AA. We also are planning a movie night as well. And, come and enjoy an ice cream social in June!*
- *Every Thursday night online meeting please join !*
 - *SOSM - 3/27/2021*
 - *AA History Workshop - 4/10/2021*
 - *Movie Night - 4/24/2021*
 - *Area Assembly - 5/21-23/21*
 - *Founder's Day - 6/10/2021 Hopefully Live for Ice Cream Social !!*
 - *SOSM 6/26/2021*

SOSM Sub Committee Cynthia W

- *There is a scheduled Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting on March 27th and every last Saturday of the remaining quarters assigned and scheduled for District 16 SOSM Events.*

Grapevine - (Open)

- *NEW AA books available at www.aagrapevine.org*

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

- *Working on getting flyers to the local communities like the Southern Oregon Wellness Center and Medford and surrounding area school districts supervisors*

Schedules - (Open)

- *Nothing is being printed*

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

- *17 step calls were dispatched by volunteers*
- *5 were twelve step calls*

Technology Committee - Nick J (not present)

- *No Report*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius (not present)

- *No report*

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](#)

Ongoing Old Business: Guideline Rewrite - Ken J

- *The Ad Hoc Committee has been meeting weekly since January 5, 2021.*
- *Treatment facilities added input to the process*
- *March 9th after review of pages 12 and 13 of the District 16 Guidelines to general business was discussed*
- *March 16 upon review we have repositioned robert's rules of order*
- *We also discussed financial policy and budgetary line item procedures*

As a reminder: committee chairs if you have some input or more that may have been overlooked now is a good time to forward information to Terry Cantwell dcm@medfordareaaa.org.

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

- *Planned New Business: District 16 Inventory! An Inventory is being developed and will land in your inbox in the next week. Please take part in this process as it is only through your help that we can make improvements and enact effective changes.*

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

Call to Adjourn - *Amy B*

Second - *Sarah P*

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/20/21 [Spring Fling Speaker Meeting](#) *hosted by District 9*

3/25/21 ["Mrs. Marty Mann,"](#) for Women's History Month *hosted by Stepping Stones*

3/27/21 [Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting](#) *hosted by Just for Today Group*

4/10/21 [Step 1, 2 and 3 Panel Discussion](#) *hosted by District 15*

4/21/21 [Traditions and Concepts Session](#) *from 6pm - 6:55pm*

4/21/21 District 16 Business Meeting *from 7pm - 8:30pm*

5/7-9/21 [45th Rogue Roundup 2021 - Relieve Me Of The Bondage Of Self](#)

6/26-27/21 [Pacific Northwest Conference 2021](#)