

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

April 22, 2021

ROLL CALL

Amy B, Becky D, Beverly C, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie, Jane M, Jo B, John D, Kelly G, Kelly K, Ken J, Kristin A, Laura C, Lea W, Lisa G, Michael M, Nick N, Nick J, Phil B, Sarah P, Steven S, Terry C, Wayne T

7:00pm - Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Four - Wayne T

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept IV - Nick N

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

New GSR

- *Steven S - GSR Shady Cove Tuesday 7pm*

Visitors

- *Laura C - Area 58 Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Chair - North*

Presentation to District Body - Area 58 Cooperation with Treatment Facilities North - Laura C

The position is a two-year commitment. This is a twelfth step committee using the Treatment Facilities workbook from GSO. The committee serves as a resource for district committees in coordinating the work of individual AA members and groups who carry the message to alcoholics in treatment facilities and setting up means of Bridging the Gap from treatment to AA. The committees also work to clarify what AA can and cannot do, within the traditions, to help alcoholics in treatment. There is travel to districts to put on workshops and give presentations on doing the work. A literature and travel budget is provided.

Working Within Treatment Facilities Rules

The following guidelines for carrying the A.A. message into Treatment Facilities were formulated and suggested by an area Treatment Facilities committee. Remember, non-A.A. professionals cannot be expected to be aware of A.A.'s Traditions. A.A. members are invited guests in the Facilities. Cooperation is the key to successful Twelfth Stepping Treatment Facilities.

- 1. Acquaint yourself with the following A.A. Conference-approved pamphlets: A.A-Tradition How It Developed, A.A. in Treatment Facilities, Bridging the Gap, and How A.A. Members Cooperate.*
- 2. Personal appearance is vital. Look as neat and well groomed as possible.*
- 3. Personal conduct is also important while inside these facilities. We are ladies and gentlemen, and our behavior reflects this. Be there on time or five minutes early. Refrain from using any foul language in any group situation. Be polite and respectful to the residents and staff. We are there as their guests.*
- 4. Cooperate with the facility. Although we have our own Traditions which guide us, when we are inside any facility or institution we follow their rules to the letter. The reasons for their rules may not seem to be clear to us, but it is not up to us to question them. We just cooperate fully.*

Some of these guidelines may seem to be strongly stated, and for some very good reasons. In many

cases, many months of hard work have gone into establishing the relationship which enables us to be invited into a facility. Careless action on any level by any A.A. member could destroy that trust, and we would no longer be permitted to carry the A.A. message into that facility.

When we are carrying the A.A. message into a Treatment Facilities, we are not just one drunk talking to another. In their eyes, we represent the entire Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. How we look,

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act and talk are all they are going to know about A.A. This is a very important responsibility.

Remember, we already know that the A.A. program works. They don't! Let our new friends see, hear and talk to a winner!

Temporary Contact Program to "Bridge The Gap" between Treatment Facilities and A.A. Simply put, a temporary contact, is an A.A. member who works with clients who are being discharged from Treatment Facilities and helps them bridge the gap to A.A. in the local community.

Suffering and recovery from alcoholism form our common bond. Over the past sixty-plus years, A.A. has had significant experience and success with helping alcoholics. We welcome the opportunity to share what we have to offer with anyone who wants help with a problem with alcoholism. Resources

- *The [Bridging the Gap](#) pamphlet describes the program and contains the application forms for both the Corrections volunteer and the inmate seeking a connection.*
- *[AA Guidelines for Treatment Facilities](#)*

Comments:

Phil B - Volunteered to be on the District 16 CTF Committee

Terry C - Congratulated Jo B for CTC - South position with Oregon Area 58

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month minutes - *Becky D was typed twice ... correction made*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Amy B*

Second - *Clare R*

Treasury's Report - *Kristin A*

- *Ending Balance \$2,651.24*
- *Income \$ 105.00*

- Expenses \$ 177.11
- Prudent Reserve \$1,250.00
- Available Balance \$1,401.24

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Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Wayne T

Second - John D

DCM - Terry C

- *Finishing up the Guideline Rewrite has been enlightening. Thank you Ken for your diligence and contributions to the process! Later we will vote on the color for our cover pages!*
- *Movie Night was a BLAST! Thanks Events committee! And am looking forward to this weekend's presentation of the Military and the AA message!*
- *I hope you are all announcing the Rogue RoundUp. Nick N and Nick J are working hard on helping to bring this Valleys long standing event to the remote platform and we think it will be a great success, and also an amazing learning experience for the RoundUp committee and board! Thank you Nicks for all the service you are providing to this endeavor. Most meeting formats have the spot in the opening for AA Related Announcements, this is a perfect opportunity to make your brief announcements of all the upcoming events D16 hosts, please take advantage of this to share District information with your groups just like you share what's happening with your groups during our Business meetings.*
- *Our District 16 roster is up-to-date (as best as it can be right now). I'm so grateful for this opportunity to work with Lisa S the Area 58 Registrar in getting this new process implemented. I have emailed all of you with your new Unique Group ID so I hope you have begun using this for all your contributions and literature purchases. If you haven't gotten the email or lost track of it just let me know and I will resend it!*

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

- *No report*

[LDCM-A Open Position Posting](#)

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 perhaps take online*

GSR - Kelly G / Ashland NewTimers / Tuesday at noon

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

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LDCM-B - (Medford) - Amy B

- *Not much to report all is well !*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall / Monday 7pm

- *Meeting still online zoom platform*
- *Meetings last month 30plus not counting all Women's and Men's recovery houses*
- *Business meetings on as needed basis*
- *Announcements happening.*

GSR - Debbie / Women of Worth / Tuesday 5:30pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Monday*
- *Hoping to fill some service positions*

GSR - Lea W / Just for Today / Friday 6:30pm

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

GSR - Becky D / Keeping it simple / Wednesday at noon

- *We continue to meet in "hybrid mode" both by phone and in person at Fichtner-Mainwaring Park on Wednesday at noon for 55 minutes (perfect for women working near downtown Medford who want to attend a meeting on their lunch break).*
- *Those with more flexible schedules can come early for fellowship at 11:30AM in the park. Each week we read a story from the Big Book followed by sharing. We have been meeting in the park and on the phone successfully for the past year. Those attending in person sit 6 ft. apart so*

masks are optional- there is shade and sun. Public restroom available. If you're coming to the park, bring your own chair, your phone and Big Book.

- *Service positions are available.*
- *Our group also sends out a weekly email/newsletter with a link to a PDF version of the Big Book story we are reading for that week plus lots of information about local recovery happenings, resources and celebration of monthly recovery milestones.*
- *We have seen an increase in attendance at the park this past month, but are still an intimate gathering of newcomers and old timers.*

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- *We are a closed women's meeting and encourage all women who identify as alcoholic to join us sharing experience, strength and hope!*

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

- *All in-person meetings and remote meetings appear to be going well*
- *I have left a GSR Packet for Mike Winne at the Medford Fellowship Group •*
- The Stud Muffin meeting will go back to meeting in-person on 5/7/2021*
- *Grateful to be of service*

GSR - John D / Dog on the Roof / Wednesday night 7pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Wednesday night*
- *Nice to have ARC in attendance*

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

- *Contacted via ZOOM Monday and Thursday Eagle Point women's meetings. Brief introduction of LDCM-D position. District 16 input regarding new Big Book language and other literature changes to be voted on in May was presented in conjunction with GSRs Beverly and Clare. Both meetings will continue virtually and in-person for now. I plan to continue connecting with my assigned meetings via ZOOM and in-person when pandemic restrictions ease.*

GSR - Clare R / Eagle Point / Thursday Night 6pm

- *Online only with about 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 / Monday Night 6pm

- Online and in person meeting
- We had six to nine members at both the online and live meetings
- We will be continuing to hold online meetings and are keeping our online account active

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GSR - Lisa G / GSR No Name Group / Central Point / Friday 7:30pm

- As a hybrid in-person, masked inside and virtually via Zoom
- On 4/30, we move the hybrid outside and socially distanced.
- Steps to move from Zoom or continue with hybrid will be determined by group conscience at our next business meeting, 5/7

GSR - Steven S / Shady Cove / Tuesday 7pm

- Online at this time
- Had a few visitors from the ARC
- Had a new member join us with two days sober

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

Access Open Position Posting

Archives - Jennifer A (Not Present)

- No report

Assembly Committee - Michael M (Host Committee Chair)

- Host Committee Chair. At our last meeting, we had discussed our change of venue from Inn at the

Commons in Medford, and we did not have a signed contract, but a verbal agreement with an alternate. On Tuesday last week Gabrielle, our Area 58 Assistant-Chair joined our Committee meeting (Sorry Nick, ugh), to advise that we are now booked at Ashland Hills Inn with a very similar contract that we had with the other Neumann Group property.

*• We have not changed our modest fundraising goal, and this effort is just starting. **I/We am/are going to need your help.** Terry helped me out with the District Roster earlier this week. • Our fundraising Chair Jodie Z and team are looking to start “Virtual Quarter for Quarterlies” where we can have a QR Code available to share with those who are continuing Zoom meetings. I expect Jodie will be reaching-out to you in the coming weeks. Right now, we are not taking on in-person meetings for fundraising, but this will change in the Summer and as directed by the committee, best practices, and Higher Power. More is always being revealed.*

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- In the meantime, we have a few committee positions open which we’ll look to fill closer to our event date in November. We will also be releasing a ‘Virtual Save The Date’ for our May Assembly which will be on Zoom. I plan on attending the in-person Assembly in September to drum-up support and Registration for our Assembly in November.*
- That’s enough out of me. This work is transformational, and I am very grateful for this opportunity.*

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

- No report*

[Cooperation with Correctional Facilities Open Position Posting](#)

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFM) - Men: Richard R (open)

- No report*

[Cooperation with Correctional Facilities Open Position Posting](#)

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- Thank you for your book donations at the Central Office. Mason and Reddy Houses appreciate the material. They still meet once a week. I am still TRYING to reach out to the other facilities locally. It has been a slow process.*
- I am also working with our IT people in getting a Bridging the Gap brochure and sign-up form integrated into our web page. This program helps and assists clients coming out of prison and treatment facilities get reacclimated into their local AA cities or area where they live. We could*

use some volunteers for this program.

- *I am also in need of women speakers for the Reddy House AA meeting on Wednesday at 1:00pm. If you know of someone who has the time, please let them know it is great service work. And, yes, at the moment, it is still a Zoom meeting.*

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. Our recent movie night was a success! Thank you to all that attended.*
- *Every Thursday night online meeting please join !*
 - *AA in the Military - 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*

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SOSM Sub Committee Cynthia W

- *For all those who attended the March 27th speaker meeting, we had the pleasure of listening to Jack A from the Just For Today Group and James T., from Auburn, CA both sharing a strong message of experience, strength and hope.*
- *Next Speaker meeting is June 26th, 2021. No main speaker has been chosen yet but stay tuned since we have some time in order to choose our June speaker. Next business meeting I will announce what AA group will be sponsoring the June speaker meeting.*

Grapevine - (Open)

- *NEW AA books available at www.aagrapevine.org*
[Carry The Message Challenge 2021](#)

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

Flyers have been distributed to the Jackson County Community Justice Probation Office

Schedules - (Open)

- *Nothing is being printed*

Nick J and Wayne T to collaborate to develop an online solution for individuals, groups or GSR to print schedules from the D16 website

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

- *No report*

Technology Committee - Nick J

- *Home Page - 546 Home Page Visits and almost 2000 Remote Meeting Page visits. This is a clear indication people are using history or a favorite button to jump directly to our meetings Pages.... I recommend we still keep both pages up until further notice.*

- *Home Page Visits 546*
- *Remote Meetings 1979*
- *Regular Meetings 1441*
- *Ashland168*
- *Medford 546*
- *Events 141*
- *Central Office 45*
- *SOSM 86*

- *Purchase of our hosting plan - On April 2nd we renewed our hosting plan for \$203.88. If you would like to see the receipt please contact our District 16 treasurer at*

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treasurer@medfordareaaa.org. In the past we have renewed our hosting term for three years. For record keeping purposes we decided to change our renewal cycle to once every year. This price has increased slightly due to us upgrading our hosting package. We made a motion on this and it was approved due to the increased load on our website during the pandemic.

- *Next Meeting of the Tech Committee is on Wednesday May 12th please join if you would like to get involved. We are going to discuss in further detail the changes being made to the committee pages that are currently in the works.*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius D

- *All is well*

YPAA Liaison Report - Garrison M (not present)

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - Laurie B (not present)

- *We are continuing with our Thursday group and I know the Friday group is meeting.* •

The Monday morning group has disbanded.

- *I have received 3 newcomer calls and have followed up with each of them. It is difficult when we couldn't meet in person, but now I am 1/2 vaccinated, so after April I will be able to offer to meet with newcomers for coffee. One came to my meeting, one just wanted the list because she had been in Alanon in another state, and one I am waiting to hear back from.*
- *I am sorry to say it took me a while to follow up because I misplaced her number. I am in touch now, though.*

8:00pm - Business Discussion >> [Link to view Robert's Rules of Order](#)

Ongoing Old Business: Guideline Rewrite - Ken J

- *We met on April 21, 2021*
- *The committee's last meeting was held on March 30. This was for the purpose of review, grammar, order of content and front cover ideas. Cover ideas being fine tuned through text messages. Our DCM Terry C will bring to completion.*
- *Thank you to Laurie H. and Terry C. for a new experience in being of service. I felt accountable, responsible, and committed.*

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- *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.*

Business Discussion >> [Link to view Robert's Rules of Order](#)

- *Ongoing Old Business: [Guideline Rewrite](#) - is complete! The digital file is available and was emailed to all of you last week! I hope you were able to invest some time to read it over and have sent me any mistakes, missing info or typos you found. Ken J and Laurie H were so instrumental in getting this rewrite completed so quickly! Those of you who provided your time and input during this process, thank you! Your input was vital! We're very pleased with the final product and hope that you will find this a helpful tool for processes or clarity throughout your service position. You each will be provided a hard copy by our next business meeting. They will cost approximately \$2.50 each to be printed out and the thought is that we will print up 40. So our total will be \$100. (Show two colors to get participation. Vote on the color you like best for*

the cover)

Planned New Business:

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

- [District 16 Inventory 2021](#) is here! This inventory has been designed to gather important information from each of you to share your input on a variety of subjects: your service position, communication, adherence to our Traditions and the Concepts as a “service board or committees directly responsible to those they serve” (Tradition 9) as well as give your input on ways to improve how we conduct our business and our standing in the community. Please invest some time in this Inventory process and provide feedback that will help us and future Service Members progress, not only as a District but for our personal growth in our Recovering Society. Your feedback really is vital and valuable! Deadline for this will be May 1st • May General Service Assembly May 21st - 23rd, 2021 (Details to follow)
- [PNC](#) no registration needed - [Flyer](#) for sharing. Mark your calendars!
- When Bill W. suggested the establishment of a “World Wide governing body or advisory body for A.A.”, he set in motion events that ultimately brought about the establishment of not only the Washington State Assembly of A.A., but also the Pacific Northwest Conference of A.A. The first conference session was held at Vancouver, B.C., on May 29-30, 1948.

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Purpose of PNC

- 1. The purpose of the Pacific Northwest Conference is to develop greater unity between the members, groups and Areas of the Pacific Northwest.*
- 2. To encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences and provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. Recovery, Unity and Service should always be the primary purpose for each Conference.*
- 3. The thought of how we can better serve Alcoholics Anonymous should never be compromised.*

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Wayne T

Second: Cynthia W

Closed the meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement - Terry C

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/24/21 [Carry the Message: Anonymous but not Invisible](#) 2pm - 3pm Presented by

Oregon Area 58 Public Information Committee

4/24/21 [Military and the AA Message](#) 6pm - 7:30pm

Hosted by District 16 Events Committee Presented by Roger W

5/19/21 [GSR Session](#) - 6pm - 6:55pm

5/19/21 [District 16 General Service Business Meeting](#) - 7pm - 8:30pm 5/21-23/21

Area 58 May General Service Assembly

6/26-27/21 [PNC](#) (Pacific Northwest Conference) - Hosted by WSEA 92