

February 16, 2022- District 16
Business Meeting Minutes 7:00pm-8:30pm
Online with ASL Interpretation

Roll call: [Attendance Sheet Here](#)

This meeting was preceded by Tradition/Concept short study and GSR questions/topic session. 6-6:55pm.
This meeting was recorded for secretary minutes only.

Serenity prayer-Ken J.

Reading the Long form of Tradition Two is: **Tracey B.**

Reading the Long form of Concept Two is: **Sabra**

Any New GSRs, please introduce yourself and group you represent: none

(Peter B. Ashland 9am group- was mentioned by LDCM-A/not present and would be attending the assembly)

Visitors: **Michelle (D16 liaison replacing Amy), John R. (ASL), Kim (ASL Interp), Penny H. (alt. Delegate)**

Approval of **Jan 19, 2022** meeting minutes-Moved to approve by: **Mike B**, second **Matt P**

motion vote: **12 of 22**

NOTE: we are pleased to announce that our District 16 Business meeting provides ASL interpreters by PDAC (Portland Deaf Access Committee)Fifteen minute presentation on the upcoming Assembly and Conference by: **Penny H.- 1) Presentation on need for/relevance of Concept 2 as described in speech by Bernard B. Smith, A non-alcoholic, at World Service Conference in 1954 and using a graphic of the General Service Structure. 2) Delegate Amber will take input to the April '22 General Assembly, then to the World Service/Grapevine Board; they have never "gone against group voices". Be at Assembly: Fri. nt. GSR school, Sat. Grapevine input from GSR's. 3) Amber (Penny), when a GSR, took notebook to Assemblies, recorded yea/nay vote from Assembly minutes to better present both sides of issue to home group(s). 4) Ask It Basket: What will stump the delegates? Issues within the group? Want some resolution? Any questions you have!**

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary- **Mike B. I'm new. Bear with me. Thanks for having me!**

Treasurer- **Kristin A. - January 1-31, 2022**

[Report for Feb. 2022](#)

Income **\$390.74** Expenses **\$186.33** = **+\$204.41**

Cash on hand **\$2553.96** Prudent reserve **\$1250.00**

Motion to approve **Katie** second **Matt P**

Simple majority needed- use the raise hand- motion vote **15 yea, none opposed**

Alternate Treasurer- **OPEN**

DCM-Ken J

[Report](#)

LDCM-A **Katie S. (Ashland, Talent, Phoenix)**

[Report](#)

LDCM-B **MattP. (Medford, MFG, DOTR)**

Report: **Super busy. Trying to get to other meetings. Saturday Night Live would like to inquire to World Service about the possibility of purchasing the Talent, OR, church that is their current meeting place. Possibly use it as an additional Alano Club?**

LDCM-C **OPEN** (Jacksonville, Applegate, Ruch) when filled will include MFG, DOTR

Reports

LDCM-D Jane M. (Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Prospect, Gold Hill)
Continuing only remote meetings. Nothing to report regarding in-person meetings in my area. Remote meetings continue the status quo.

ASL GSR Group Reports- Alene- missing meetings last 2 months. Nothing much to report.

ASL D16 PDAC report

District 16 Serenity Sisters is without a GSR at this time.

It's been a challenge for the GSRs that live in a different time zone to attend the District 16 business meeting.

Topic: Finding new GSRs. The 2.5 hour District 16 meeting is just too long for most and they are having second thoughts about if they can commit to being GSR. Especially if they don't live in the PST time zone.

The Oregon Area 58 GSR Assembly

These are the meetings that deaf GSRs requested to attend.

PDAC Interpreter coordinator has confirmed that ASL Interpreters will be there.

Friday February 25

GSR school 6:15-7:45 pm PST

Saturday February 26

1-2:30 pm PST GSR Sharing

2:45-3:45 pm PST Ask it basket

Sunday February 27

8 am - 12 pm PST Business meeting

Meeting ID: 992 9030 1144 Pass: 786258

PRAASA will have ASL interpretation for all main events and will have 2 round table options Friday & Saturday nights.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access- OPEN

Archives-Jennifer A. Trying to get organized. Stacks of stuff everywhere. Literature/materials from Holly Street down at Central Office. Matt P. said OYA may want some books. (Oregon Youth Authority)

Assembly Host Committee- TBA

Correctional Facilities Women (CFW)-Lea W.- absent

Correctional Facilities Men (CFM) - OPEN - NEW BIG STUFF!(Phil B.-stood for this position- appointed by DCM to serve until The November Appointment- Will stand again in November 2022 for November 2022-2024 Phil B. gave a brief verbal resume.

Cooperation/Treatment Facilities (CTF)- Clare R.- 1) sent [Bridging the Gap-12 Steps](#) flyer. Will get this onto website. 2) Plans to get coffee cans to groups for donations to purchase literature for institutions.

Events - OPEN

Events SOSM- OPEN

Grapevine- Terry C.

[Chair Report](#)

[Carry The Message | AA Grapevine](#)

[AA Grapevine's Podcast](#)

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Committee(PI/CPC)-OPEN

Schedules- OPEN

Telephone/Hotline- Robin P.(agreed to fill out term to November 2022 appointment period)

Telephone Report for February 2022 Business meeting-21 calls came in/ 11 were Twelve step calls. All calls were dispatched to a volunteer.

Technology-Nick J- 1) Websites getting 1,500-2,000 hits monthly! 2) If you know of a meeting that's no longer in operation but is still on the list, please let Tech know. Will update within 5 days.

Liaison ASL-Alene R.- missing meetings last 2 months. Nothing much to report.

Liaison AI-anon- OPEN

Liaison ORCYPAA/YPAA Matt P.- Flyer for [ORCYPAA event flier](#)

Liaison Jackson County Central Office - OPEN -welcome Michelle M. as the new Liaison

Business Discussion: Please refer VI. District Policies- D. Motions and E. Robert's Rules of Order (modified) These can be found in the District 16 Guidelines & Procedures March 2021 and on the website [medfordareaaa.org](#). Suggested to also have available the Oregon Area 58 guidelines and the A.A. service manual 2021-2023 if you do not have a copy. I believe they are all available online. Try their websites.

Old Business:

Final review on fact/idea gathering for helping out PDAC with contribution process.

09-15-2021 Presentation by Area Accessibilities Committee Chair Area 58 also member of the Portland Deaf Access Committee. Also in attendance ASL Rule 62 group member representing 40 home group members. Intent-hoping to join District 16 and have you help and guide us in General Service. Motion moved to accept The ASL Rule 62 group. Motion seconded. All in attendance voted in favor. Welcome ASL Rule 62.

10-20-2021 Election night for District 16. ASL in attendance with Alternate Chair from PDAC, ASL GSR Rule 62, Alt GSR Rule 62 and an interpreter.

11-15-2021 Chair appointment night. ASL group Serenity Sisters, ASL Rule 62 and ASL ESH(Experience Strength and Hope). Three ASL GSR reports and ASL Liaison for our District.

12-15-2021 December meeting. New ASL Alternate GSR from Colorado . Also in attendance 2 ASL interpreters for are two hour and thirty minutes Traditions and Concepts short study plus Business meeting. ASL GSR and two Alternates also present.

Inquiries started up on the cost for interpreters. PDAC pays the interpreters. As interest picked up and participation grew. PDAC 's Outreach Chair sent out a message to District DCMs looking for contributions.

Comments:

PDAC and VDAC merged in 2020. Established in 2001(PDAC)

Calendar interpreter meetings: <http://pdacaa.org/meetings.htm>

PDAC- we are the liaison between Deaf AA members and AA groups.

PDAC pays for interpreters by accepting contributions. Keeping within the traditions.

Our monthly treasure reports are available to those who wish to see them.

Currently provide 6-10 meetings per month.

Split up Business meeting and the hour study that preceeds business meeting.

Set apart equals a meeting of 90 minutes and 60 minutes.

Some dollar savings/less fatigue/possible more retention of information/better use of the interpreters

Consider moving Business meetings to earlier time on perhaps Sunday afternoon 3-4pm. Second Sunday

Current practice at two hours 30 minutes potentially involves 14 meetings.

Full complement of officers for business meetings.

Pay range varies on experience, knowledge and AA etiquette. 60-75 dollars an hour. Seldom over an 1.25 hr.

PDAC will take large, small or monthly contributions.

What can groups do to help with fundraising have a "can" designated for contributions.

Just like Bill W. go heavier on the "hat" once a month or what group conscience suggests.

Look at time saving measures with the Business meeting.

Business meetings - managing for the survival of Alcoholics Anonymous.

ASL experience- split the meeting and informational and earlier times

Most interpreters require a team longer than 1.25 hours

Does the District have enough available to contribute \$150.

It is mind blowing how expensive it is

Is it possible to have on separate Wednesdays(kj thought make sure check calendars)

Funds starting to deplete

*These notes accumulated since December 16, 2021.

New Business:

Election of LDCM-D- Jane voted in, 12 of 13 yea. Will continue to elections in 2023. Thank you for your service.

Announcements:

Secretary will receive event flyers.

Upcoming Events:

02-(25-27)-2022 Quarterly Area Assembly-online-see website-aa-oregon.org - agenda available at

<https://www.aa-oregon.org/upcoming-assemblies/>

02-28-2022 Post Assembly February Review

03-(4-6)-2022 Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) online <https://praasa.org/>

03-16-2022 Tradition Three/Concept Three short study and GSR questions/Topic session-6pm-6:55pm

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