

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes **Approved 1/19/22**
Wednesday December 15, 2021
Online remote Meeting
7:00pm-8:30pm

Attending: **Lea W.** *Correctional Facilities-Women*, **Katie S.** *GSR/LDCM-A*, **Matt P.** *GSR/LDCM-B*
Mike B. *GSR*, **Terry C.** *Grapevine*, **Nick J.** *Webmaster*, **Jennifer A.** *Archivist*, **Kristin A.** *Treasurer*
Debbie B. *GSR*, **Becky D.** *GSR*, **Rachel W.** *GSR*, **Clare R.** *Cooperation with Treatment Facilities*
Richard U. *ASL GSR*, **Marlene** *Interpreter ASL*, **Melanie Alene R.** *ASL-Liaison*. **Beth M.** *ASL GSR*, **Laurel** ,
ASL Alt GSR, **Jody G.** *MFR GSR*, **Ken J.** *DCM*, **Patti T.** *GSR*

This meeting is being recorded for secretary minutes only.

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer- **Ken J**

Lea W. read the Long Form of Tradition Twelve
Katie S. read the Long Form of Concept Twelve

**Please use the raise hand feature

New ASL Alternate GSR Richard- Sunday afternoon meeting Colorado

Visitors - none

**We are pleased to announce that our District 16 Business meeting provides ASL interpretation by PDAC(Portland Deaf Access Committee)

Elected Officers reports

Secretary Report - no secretary at this time

Last month's minutes - Any corrections or changes? Seeing none.

Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 minutes - So moved by: **Matt P./ Second by Mike B.**

Motion carried by hand raise - simple majority- motion carried

Treasurer Report - Kristin A. (*requested - contact her first on written check do over's - \$15 fee charged*)

Figures for the month of **November 1 - 30, 2021**

Income: \$ 327.06 **Balance on hand:** \$2,338.43

Expenses: \$ 308.18 **Prudent reserve:** \$1,250.00

Net (+ -): \$ 18.88 +

Motion to approve treasurer report? **So moved by: Becky D./ second by Katie S.**

Motion carried by the majority

DCM- Ken J

These past weeks since new business in November have been... let's say moving, exciting, confusing and a new experience beyond my thought comprehension.

Having the opportunity to work with a handful of dedicated and responsible service members has been rewarding. I will do my best to be a part of it.

Remembering that we are human beings. Dealing with life's encounters. I must remember I am a human being-meeting life exactly as it is this moment in time.

A question came up during the Area Ask-it- Basket held November 20th: How do you handle conflict between individuals and/or within the group? Answer was the 1st Legacy- foundation(of A.A.)- How we treat each other is more important than what we get done.

Working with others and reaching out to the alcoholic finding a path to a solution. And those yet unknown to follow is our aim.

- Remembering a business meeting is managing for the survival of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Brief review of the Assembly held November 19-21, 2021, online.

DCM attended the following sessions;

- Concept VII hosted by the Past delegates,
- 1st DCM sharing session hosted by Penny H. (Area chair rotating to Alternate Delegate),
- Reports from Districts/Intergroup-Central offices/Liaisons/ Host Assembly Committees(so far online), facilitated by Gabriel K.(Alternate Chair to Area Chair),
- Ask-it- Basket hosted by Past Delegates,
- Area Service Committee Reports hosted by the Service Committees and Business meeting with officer rotations by Penny H.
- Delegate Amber N. was voted in Delegate at the Oregon Area General Service Assembly held on the third weekend in September after filling a remaining Delegate term.

District 16 I was informed had 11 AAs in attendance. There were 152 voting members and 192+ in attendance. Many screens had more participants than the individual signing in.

The District recognizes the continuing service at the Area: Nick N. second year as CPC South Co-Chair and will Chair the CPC Area Committee. Jo B. will Chair the Area Treatment Facilities Committee. Rotating into the Newsletter Chair will be Terry C. past DCM of District 16 and our current Grapevine Chair. Thank you all for your continuing service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Another question brought forward: Is an A.A. group to be compliant or be in compliance with state mandated COVID protocols an outside issue? Answer: Tradition 4- second half (except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole) and Concept 12 warranty 4 (service manual. Also may want to do research when in person groups are looking to start up. Other comments relating: Remember we are now citizens of this world-Policy statements need to be looked at- Landlord (rules)- in order to have and hold meetings at their venue.

Love and tolerance

DCM D16

LDCM-A Katie S.

LDCM-A Report-12/15/21

This report also includes her GSR Report

LDCM-A Report - 12/15/21

I was fortunate this past month to meet in person Terry C, our past DCM/current Grapevine Chair, Debbie B, GSR for Women of Worth and Rachel, the new GSR for Ashland YPAA group.

From looking at the current meeting schedule, there are 15 AA groups in Ashland, 3 in Talent and 2 in Phoenix.

I plan to do a spreadsheet of all meetings in my area with contact

Information for their GSRs and Alt GSRs and encourage these GSRs to use me as their Service Sponsor, to send me a monthly group report and report any issues they may need help resolving in their home group.

I have not gotten to any new meetings in my area this past month but have been doing some research about which groups are and aren't listed with Area 58. The following groups are not listed: Keeping It Real, Phoenix Rising, Beyond Belief: Atheists & Agnostics, KISS, Sticks with the Winners, Lithia Park Sunday Meeting, Women of Worth, Bring Your Own Big Book Study Group/Women and Rogue Valley Women in Recovery. I plan to visit these groups to encourage them to become part of General Service. The Ashland YPAA is listed with Area but doesn't have a group # listed. I also noticed that Area is not up-to-date with current group #s which were changed by GSO. I know I submitted the group # change for the Talent/Phoenix Group but it has not been updated on the Area 58 website.

I will not be at the next District meeting in January but will submit a report. I'll be out of the country from Jan 12 until Feb 14. I should have WiFi but there's no guarantee. If any of the GSRs in my area have questions or concerns during that time and don't hear back from me, please contact Ken J or Terry C for help. If you are a GSR/Alt GSR in Ashland/Talent/Phoenix, please send me your contact information at ldcm-a@medfordareaaa.org

Katie S, LDCM-A

GSR Report - Talent/Phoenix Group - I submitted a report from the November Assembly at our business meeting Dec 1 and included upcoming local events, etc. If anyone would like a copy of it as an example of how to report to your home group, email me at ldcm-a@medfordareaaa.org and I'd be happy to send it to you. Our group voted to remain a virtual meeting for the month of December and will revisit this issue at the January business meeting. Attendance remains approx 15-20 each meeting. Would love to have some newcomers!

Rachel W. GSR

GSR report Rachel W. from "Ashland Young People in A.A." meets at 7:10pm at Trinity Episcopal Church 44 N. 2nd. St. - attendance is picking up close to 50 attending- a lot of newcomers. Sell a lot of literature. All are welcome. We alternate the format weekly between: Traditions, Daily Reflections, Book Alcoholics Anonymous and Chairperson on the 4th week. Take anyone with room to grow and young at heart. 2:00pm, December 19th Business meeting YPAA 456 W. Pine Street, First Presbyterian Church, Central Point. Hoping to Bridge the Gap between District 16 and YPAA with a co-host event.

LDCM-B Matt P.

Working with other LDCMs, getting to know his district. Important to keep up with schedule changes. Likes the virtual format, to allow speakers to be heard without distraction.

Pre-COVID meetings didn't appeal because too many conversations were going on at once. The raised hand feature helps the flow. Also liaison for ORCYPA to help carry the message. Willing to learn and grow in service and individually in this wonderful program. As I continue to visit meetings, becoming aware of google doc changes in schedules is a priority. Commented on some general resistance from a couple of groups about having a GSR. Would like to be part of roster input as I travel to groups and get updated information.

GSR report Matt P. from the 7:00pm "Saturday Night Live" in Talent at the Talent United Methodist Church

206 West Wagner - potluck at 6:00pm 1st Saturday of the month meeting follows- attendance 25-45. Slow coming back- newcomers welcome- 2nd Saturday Business Meeting. Working to spread the message out of the book. This is a literature based meeting.

GSR report Becky D. "Keepin IT Simple" women's group meets at noon on Wednesday, Medford First United Methodist Church - 607 W. Main St.- In-person meeting - last Wednesday of month meet 30 minutes before the meeting which is also a chip, speaker, and Business meeting. Budget approved for the coming year 2022 with prudent reserve. Rent is \$40 per month.

GSR report Mike B. from the 7:00pm Friday night "How it Works" in Medford at the Unity Church of Medford 540 North Holly Street - Mike reported 7 attendees per meeting. Meeting hybrid. Thanks to Nick J. for Getting us started. Church staff mentioned that they have offered their time slot to another group non-AA. He will keep us informed. We are out of the book meeting. Shot over the bow on move.

GSR report Jody G. from the Medford Fellowship Group- meets seven days a week- 26 meetings a week Meeting times 7:30 am-12:30pm- 5:30pm- 8:00pm (Sunday 9:00am) please check the website for meeting times some days vary. Attendance for month of November 2048 attendees- book sales \$1172.00- approximately 476 seats per week- meetings are strong.

GSR report Debbie B. Women of Worth meets Tuesday and Thursday weekly online 5:30pm-6:30pm. Tuesday is a sharing meeting- Thursday is Book study meeting. Newcomers welcome women. Sabra is the Alternate GSR. Encourage women to come.

LDCM-C OPEN and no GSR report

LDCM-D Jane M. checked in no electricity for reporting.

GSR report by Temporary GSR Nick J for the Friday night No Name Group meets at 7:30pm in Central Point- First Presbyterian Church- 456 Pine W. St.- Last business meeting had a small Turnout. Few people take on multiple positions to keep the meeting active. 40 at a meeting.

Appointed Committee Reports

Access-OPEN

Archives- Jennifer had to leave early- nothing exciting was happening with archives(Terry C for J.A.)

Assembly Host Committee - no report

CFW Correctional Facilities Women- Lea W. Started gathering information from the facilities on what standards are required for entry. Lea and Marci past CFW will work on a plan to get on track with jails. Talked to Diedre at the Transition Center. She said to enter any county facilities will require being vaccinated. Next month more information.

CFM Correctional Facilities Men-OPEN

TF Treatment Facilities- Clare R. - Began reading the material sent in her committee packet. Looking forward to working with Lea and getting organized. Excited about this position.

Events - OPEN

SOSM Southern Oregon Speaker meeting - OPEN

Grapevine - Terry C. Read some history. Mentioned the Grapevine discount buy one copy regular price 2nd copy \$13.00. Written report to be included in minutes.

12/15/21 - 1st Grapevine / La Vina Report

Hello District 16! I'm grateful to have the opportunity to continue to serve D16 as your Grapevine / La Vina Chair! My name is Terry and I'm an Alcoholic

Did you know ...

- The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area — four women and two men.
- They published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA.
- A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group — about 300 at the time — and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas.
- An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AAs in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these service members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck!
- At the heart of the early Grapevines were first-person stories news and notes on current happenings at the Central Office, plus reports of the explosion of new groups in North America and around the world.
- In addition to AA news, there were book reviews and magazine reprints and pieces written by non AAs, including some well-known literary figures.
- Discussed were such burning topics of the day as the place of women in AA, returning veterans, and cross-addiction.

By the fourth issue, the magazine began printing this description of itself under the masthead:

A monthly Journal devoted to those seeking further knowledge on the problem of alcoholism, in the hope that it may prove a unifying bond to all alcoholics everywhere. Individual opinions expressed here are not, necessarily, those of AA as a whole.

The Grapevine was in fact appealing to "alcoholics everywhere" and in 1945, at the request of the groups, it became the **national** journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Four years later, when the Grapevine's readership had expanded to include members in Canada and Europe, the designation was changed. In 1986 by the General Service Conference and reaffirmed the magazine's place in AA with an advisory action that recognized it as the **international** journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Later issues of the Grapevine reported on important developments in the growth of the Fellowship, worldwide, such as the birth of the General Service Structure, World Service Meetings, and the publication of the Third and Fourth editions of the Big Book. The history of the Grapevine is the history of the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

- Bill W. introduced the Traditions to the Fellowship in a 1946 Grapevine article called "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition."
- Acting as the senior advisor of the magazine, Bill W. wrote more than 150 articles in the AA Grapevine between 1945 and 1970. His articles are collected in the book *The Language of the Heart*.
- The Preamble was written by a Grapevine editor, based on the Foreword to the first edition of the Big Book. It was first published in the Grapevine in June 1947.
- In July 1995, a special edition of the Grapevine in Spanish was published, and in July 1996, the AA Grapevine began publishing *La Viña*, a bimonthly Spanish-language magazine.
- The AA Grapevine is entirely self-supporting through the sale of the magazine and related items. It receives none of the group contributions sent to the General Service Office.

Please make sure to sign up for your Daily Quote of the Day at aagrapevine.org. Receive the magazine in your inbox or mailbox and help Carry The Message by sending a subscription. It's a perfect time of year for the perfect gift of Our Meeting in Print, available now through 12/31 the Grapevine and La Vina are offered at a deep discount of 1 subscription at full price, get the second for ONLY \$13!

Some Districts have chosen to use this as an opportunity to give to libraries, correctional facilities, or treatment centers, stretching our contributions to the max! Home groups can purchase 2, one to use within the group and the other to wherever their group conscience is moved to share.

Don't delay! 17 days and counting. [Click here](#) to share the gift of *Grapevine* today! I have put the link in chat. You can bookmark it to share with your friends and home group!

https://aag.dragonforms.com/loading.do?pk=M1CCDE1&omedasite=ag_giftspecial

Wishing you a peaceful sober season of sharing and celebrating,

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Terry C

Grapevine Chair

District 16

PI/CPC- Public Information/ Cooperation with the Professional Community- OPEN

Schedules- OPEN

Telephones - OPEN - 8 calls came in- 5 were 12 step calls-all were dispatched to a volunteer

Thank you for letting be of service - Love and Service, Robin

Technology- Nick J. / 1500 hits last month. Have been busy with new email changes with new officers, chairs. Remote meeting section getting used on a regular basis. Central Office doing the updates on the meeting guide

Helping some to adjust to the email system. Working in cooperation with Central Office to streamline the updating and availability of meeting schedules. Making more user friendly for A.A.s to update meeting changes. For online, in person and hybrid with printable copies off the website and available at the Central Office.

Liaison - Central Office - no report

Liaison - Al-Anon- no report

Liaison - ASL Alene R - written report to be included

D16 PDAC Liaison report

Very grateful to all who participated at the area assembly in November.

Working with New ASL GSRs to help confirm group registration is updated.

ASL Interpretation for District 16 meetings:

I contact ASL GSRs to confirm if they will be able to attend the Tradition/concept study or GSR sharing session and the District meeting. Also confirm with the PDAC interpreter coordinator that interpreters are scheduled.

If no ASL GSRs are available to attend we will not schedule interpretation. Will save the funds for another meeting. PDAC hires and pays the interpreters.

If District 16 has funds available we would be very grateful if D16 could make a regular monthly contribution to PDAC to help cover the cost. Any amount is helpful!

ASL Rule 62 contributes 100% of their 7th tradition to PDAC.

[PDAC Contributions](#) I plan to work with the ESH group to set up a regular contribution to PDAC.

Thank you for allowing Deaf alcoholics an opportunity to participate in the service structure.

Alene ASL D16 PDAC liaison

GSR ESH

Liaison - YPAA no report

Ad hoc committee: no report

Business Discussion: Robert's Rules of Order - Modified

Old Business: **Chair positions available -**

- **Access**
- **PI/CPC**
- **Events**
- **Events (SOSM)**
- **Schedules**
- **Telephone/Hotline**

Officers Positions Available -

- **LDCM-C**
- **Secretary**
- **Alternate Treasurer**

Liaison -

- **AI-Anon**
- **YPAA**

New Business: DCM introduced the need to help with costs for interpreters. Discussions outside the District Business meetings have been increasing. Now the discussion is here. More information at the next meeting under Old business.

***** New Budget begins January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022**

Motion to adjourn.

So moved **Becky D.**

Second **Matt P.**

Motion carried by raised virtual hands

Events

January 2022

January 19th GSR Session 6:00pm-6:55pm

January 19th Business meeting 7:00pm-8:30pm