

01-19-2022 District 16 Business Minutes

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Jan 19, 2022

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, Kristin A. Treasurer, Debbie B. GSR, Rachel W. GSR, Clare R. Treatment Facilities, Marlene Interpreter ASL, Alene R ASL Liaison , Jody C. GSR MFG, Ken J DCM, Debbie B. GSR, Jane M. LDCM-D, Jeff M. GSR, Kelly G. GSR, Sophia ASL Alt. GSR, Tracy B. GSR, Melanie ASL Interpreter

This meeting is being recorded for secretary minutes only.

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer- Ken J

Rachel W. read the Long Form of Tradition One

Clare R. read the Long Form of Concept One

Approval of December 15, 2021 minutes Motion to approve by Katie S. / second by Mike B. / passed
Virtual hand raised for vote

New GSRs Jane M., Eagle Point Women's Group online

Visitors: none

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

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Report : No secretary at this time

Treasurer Report: Kristin A./ Figures for the month of December 1-31, 2021

Income: \$ 892.00 Balance on hand: \$ 2659.30

Expenses: \$ 571.13 Prudent Reserve: \$ 1250.00

Net(+/-) : \$320.87

Motion to approve treasure report: So moved by Matt P. second by Rachel W motion passed by virtual vote

DCM Report Ken J

01-19-2022 DCM District 16 Report

Ken J DCM

December 16, 2021 to January 18, 2022

After the conclusion of the December Business meeting; I decided to write a message to our A.A. Community. A message sharing about District 16 becoming the business meeting for ASL,

American Sign Language. District 16 now has 3 ASL groups, 3 ASL GSRs and 3 ASL Alternate GSRs. They represent over 100 AAs. The group names are: ASL "Rule 62", ASL "Serenity Sisters" and ASL "ESH" Experience Strength Hope. Welcome. PDAC (Portland Deaf Access Committee) is handling the paying of the interpreters. An email from the PDAC Outreach Chair stated that PDAC could use some contributions. The email went to all DCMs in Oregon Area 58. This feels like the appropriate time to see where the District and our AA community can reach out and help. The right time; the right thing to do.

DCM worked with trusted servants to produce a set of minutes with the aid of a recording. Minutes were sent to the district body via link, for correction, additions and approval. This will take place at the January 19 business meeting. District 16 is looking for a secretary to complete the term thru November 2023. If interested contact us through the medfordareaaa.org website.

DCM put the "link" too close to the signature and tough to locate and click on. Sent out another email that contained the minutes of December 15, 2021.

After taking a couple of hits to the "chin" from my solo linking efforts; back to cut and paste. The DCM email account produced a Bridging the Gap request from Colorado to destination Medford Oregon. I received the contact information and passed the information to our Treatment Facilities Chair. She got right on it and made the contact call. Thank you Treatment Facilities. This concluded the first half of the month.

We have been continuing our conversation with ASL. Gaining a working relationship with them. January 8th Saturday, 2022 our Treasurer, LDCM-A, LDCM-B, Grapevine Chair, ASL liaison, ASL Interpreter Coordinator, PDAC Outreach Chair (prior commitment), and DCM met at 4:00pm online for questions and answers. Out of this meeting I personally take away 3 points: A. PDAC (Portland Deaf Access Committee) is about singleness of purpose for Alcoholics Anonymous and the Traditions, B. PDAC is all about being responsible to the deaf and hard of hearing alcoholics and C. PDAC is reaching out from the "grassroots" beginning; growing from the top of the upside down triangle to the bottom for awareness.

Notes were taken. DCM thanks note taker Terry C. for stepping up to take notes since DCM didn't designate one beforehand. I felt the meeting was worthwhile for the knowledge gained from ASL.

PDAC consists of these members who attended the meeting on the 8th and more. The outreach chair had a prior commitment and let me know that when I attended their business meeting January 9th at 6:30pm on zoom. She expressed in a loving manner and mentioned receiving so many emails; please send a text to let her know you sent her an email. Duly noted for the future. The meeting had an agenda and moved along smoothly. They have a meeting calendar and a precise way to break down expenses for their meeting. It is worth the effort to attend. Website pdacaa.org. This website has a lot of information on one page. Please view the website for contribution information to take back to your group and other meetings that you attend.

Webmaster helped me have a better understanding of the "remote meeting" listing on the medfordareaaa.org website. This "remote meeting" listing stands alone from the jccoaa.org listings.

Thank you for your time.

DCM

LDCM-A Report - 1-19-22

I have nothing new to report except I would like GSRs of meetings in Ashland, Talent and Phoenix to send me their GSR reports no later than one day before the next district meeting. Please note any changes or issues your group is experiencing and I will pass along to the committee at the District meeting. If any GSR in my area needs help understanding their duties as GSRs, or needs help addressing an issue in their group, etc please contact me at ldcm-a@medfordareaaa.org I plan to attend the Area Orientation on 1-22-22 to learn more about how Area 58 operates and how I can better perform my job as LDCM-A. Ken has asked me to suggest workshop topics for the coming year so if your group would like to see a workshop offered on a particular topic, please let me know. I participated in an online session with Ken, Matt, Terry and a representative from PDAC to brainstorm ideas how District 16 might be able to help PDAC financially so they can cover interpretation

expenses for more deaf and hard of hearing meetings and defray some of the cost of interpreters for our District meetings.

Katie S, LDCM-A, District 16

GSR Report - Talent/Phoenix Group - 1-19-22

We continue to meet solely on Zoom. Attendance is 15-20 attendees per meeting. The United Methodist Church is holding our Wednesday night spot for us but we may have to find a new place to meet in Talent if the church building sells next year. Any suggestions for a suitable meeting place would be appreciated. We will discuss ways we might contribute to PDAC at our next business meeting.

GSR Matt P., Mandate on masks- group looked to GSOTradition 4- their group conscience went with masks optional Church approached and had no opinion either way. Potluck on first Saturday of the month 6:00pm before 7:00pm meeting. Saturday Night Live is the meeting name. 30-50 in attendance. 2nd Saturday business meeting discussed PDAC contribution group totally behind the distribution.

GSR Rachel W., Meets at 7:10pm on Wednesday, Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 N. 2nd St. , Ashland, Ashland Young People in AA, PDAC report discussed by GSR. The group as a whole is moved by what the District is doing. - Valentine Day celebration February 16th, before the meeting and after the meeting.

GSR Kelly G., New Timers at noon, checking in, will bring up PDAC to business meeting. She feels positive about the outcome.

LDCM-B Matt P., In his meeting travels still finding a lot of apprehension from some groups about GSR and the general service concept. Still thinking GSRs mostly business people connected with "politics". Just disheartening. (Medford, DOTR, MFG)

GSR Jody G., MFG, December 1928 seats occupied, 23,381 seats for the year 2021.

MFG revising the budget looking at the financials for contributions distribution. PDAC on list.

February 12th Valentines Day -- dinner speaker dance- potluck style- two speakers -5minute and 45 minute. Long speaker will be Tana-Jody's home group Sunday 9:00am meeting. Valentine special event begins 2:00pm This is a Sunday gathering.

GSR Jeff M. DOTR, Hybrid meeting, in person at 1900 Crater Lake Avenue Medford First Christian Church, 40 in person, 36 on zoom, 7:00pm Wednesday's.

GSR Becky D., Chat room, Keepin it Simple meeting, noon meeting,(women-closed meeting), nothing new.

GSR Mike B., How it Works hybrid meeting on Friday nights at 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix PDAC response from the group was a no brainer. This is the third meeting at this location in Phoenix. News is they moved from Holly street. GSR will work with LDCM-A. 15-20 in person, 4-6 on-line to make the hybrid.

LDCM-C OPEN (Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate)

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

Both online and in person Eagle Point Women's groups are filling their service positions. Both groups are adapting to their desires in these changing times.

GSR Jane M., Eagle Point women's online meeting, receptive to PDAC contribution. Brand new service positions taking place for this meeting.

ASL GSR Alene R ESH group , established in 2013 before the pandemic. Is more of a business oriented meeting with a business meeting. 2018-2019 became a meeting where treatment centers were sending alcoholics to learn.

ASL GSR Sophia Rule 62 group, Albuquerque New Mexico, the Wednesday group has a deaf person interpreter for the deaf and blind alcoholics meeting. Breaking new ground, a new experience. Exciting to hear.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access-OPEN

Archives- not present- no report- except under the weather mentioned by fellow AA (speedy recovery)

Assembly Host Committee- not present - no report until April/May

CFW (Correctional Facilities Women) Lea W.- Compiling names , phone numbers, email addresses for AA women to take meetings into jails and transition centers. More to follow.

CFM (Correctional Facilities Men)- OPEN

TF (Treatment Facilities) Clare R.- Working on presentation letters for mailing and/ or door to door. Talked to Set Free Ministries- Left schedules and some Grapevines.- Will schedule an appointment with a lady contact person later.

Events- OPEN

SOSM (Southern Oregon Speaker meeting)- OPEN

Grapevine- Terry C.

Grapevine Report

In light of the overwhelming popularity of the book Prayer and Meditation, Grapevine is offering free shipping on all Grapevine and La Viña printed products and titles throughout February 2022.

If you're seeking literature for service committees at whatever level, now is the time to stock up! Visit the store <https://store.aagrapevine.org/>.

Did you know that ...

- You can also browse and purchase back issues of the print catalog.
- Give the gift of a Grapevine printed magazine from the month and year you got sober, or your sponsor got sober, or anyone else! What a great way to acknowledge this precious gift of sobriety!

How about starting the new year off by giving a gift to an alcoholic in need? GV and LV are wonderful 12th step tools to help reach alcoholics, whether in detoxes, rehabs, jails or even right in our own home groups,

Or join our 2022 Carry the Message initiative! Go to the link provided in the chat to see the various ways you can get involved!

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project>

Maybe you're interested in telling your story and sharing it in a GV article? Here's a baby step to think about ... GV is asking members to send in stories about the suggestions that were helpful to you in early sobriety. What were some of those suggestions? Was it literature, the slogans, Service help from a sponsor? Did you make calls or join members at the diner?

You may use this topic in a discussion meeting or send GV your story about the suggestions that help you most early on in sobriety.

In this month's magazine there are many great articles to read and includes a special section for beginners! From "Things they don't tell you" and "99 problems" to two articles on Steps and Traditions. Personal stories "Counting days in my pjs" is an article on the cover from Glasgow, Scotland and how she got sober and connected with people around the world!

One member went on a worldwide sober trip, and spent a cherished moment in the footsteps of our co-founder in the story "Here lies a Hampshire Grenadier"

Emotional Sobriety, Oldtimers, Into Action and Fun In Sobriety are other articles in the January 2022 printed edition.

As always, in every issue there is: "Dear Grapevine" where members share short stories of their journey. "If Walls Could Talk" here GV is asking for digital uploads of your meeting rooms, inside or outside. "AA News" - this year 2 countries celebrated 75 years of AA in Great Britain and South Africa. Discussion Topic of the month, At Wits End, Alcoholism at large and Twelve Steps and Traditions.

Thank you for letting me be of service to you!

Terry

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

Schedules- OPEN

Telephones-OPEN

Technology- not present- no report

Liaison ASL Alene R., just want to tell you how good it makes us feel about the outpouring of support, spirit and open mindedness; much appreciated.

Liaison AI-anon- OPEN

Liaison Central Office -OPEN

Liaison ORCYPAA- Matt P., Took on this commitment for six months - to keep fellow alcoholics informed of activities specifically centered around an upcoming campout. (In the spirit of communication thank you-Ken J) My interpretation of conversation; this is aside from YPAA , yet has many alcoholics partaking in the Oregon Regional campout. Business meeting to be held on the 23rd, 2:00pm, 456 Pine St., 1st Presbyterian Church, Central Point, Sunday.

BUSINESS DISCUSSION: Robert's Rules of Order (modified) Section E, March 2021, District 16 Guidelines and Procedures, page 28

OLD BUSINESS:

We renewed the open discussion with the District body with PDAC regarding ways of contributing. DCM sent out the PDAC brainstorming minutes held on January 8th to the body. Response was they didn't receive the minutes of the meeting. Minutes were again sent out by another attendee at the meeting. We will pick up where we left off at the February meeting. Added will be thoughts, comments, ideas from past discussions. I will include long with these minutes for transparency. Bring additional ideas or comments on clarification on the written material.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item: Report and open discussion on planning ideas for this year: Jane M., LDCM-D, brought forward 4 topics for consideration: Safety in A.A.(in the group and outside coming in), Group Inventory, How to Have a Business meeting and Sponsorship. She also is asking GSRs to find out from their groups and others they attend what they need in way of information. Ways of communication: events, panels, potluck with speaker, be creative.

There has been a nomination for the secretary position: Mike B. has been nominated, are there any other nominations. Seeing/hearing none. Nominations are closed. For the officer position requires a 2/3rds vote or better. Resume was verbal and no questions. Roll call polling by Matt P. has 12 voters eligible to vote at this time. Virtual votes all were in favor. Well done Mike. Welcome.

Announcements for your review:

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*New GSRs please be sure you have filled out a Group Change form, these can be found on the aa-oregon.org

Website or check with LDCMs Katie S., Matt P., or Jane M., (while Katie S. is away Jan. 12-Feb. 14- Terry C., Ken J.- will fill in) This form can also be downloaded, returned via email to aa-oregon.org/registrar.

*Please let your LDCMs know that you did send in the form on aa-oregon.org. Some GSRs will send direct to GSO. Your LDCMs need that knowledge for our District roster . Thank you for your service in District 16.

*Reminders send all written reports at this time to the DCM email address: dcm@medfordareaaa.org the day before the meeting . Thank you all for your service.

***For the GSR Q&A period following the 30 minute Tradition/Concept study; Service Manual, GSR workbook, District Guidelines and Procedures manual, 12 Traditions Illustrated, 12 Concepts Illustrated, Traditions and Concepts Checklists and your questions would be helpful, however, not mandatory.

Request that flyers be sent to DCM for inclusion within minutes. dcm@medfordareaaa.org

Upcoming Events:

*01/22/2022 - Service Orientation - 9:00am to 5:00pm (see flyer) virtual

*02/16/2022 - Traditions & Concepts from 6:00pm to 6:55pm-1st half T/C, 2nd half GSR Q&A/Assembly prep.

*02/16/2022 - District 16 Business Meeting from 7:00pm to 8:30pm online (see website)

*02/25-26-27/2022 - Quarterly Assembly - see website - aa-oregon.org online

*03/4-6/2022- Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) online

Motion to adjourn: Matt P., so moved -second Mike B. - virtual vote passed.

Responsibility statement