

## **DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **Online Remote Meeting**

**Wednesday July 20, 2021**

#### **ROLL CALL**

*Becky D, Cynthia W, Debbie B, Jane M, Jennifer A, Kelly G, Kelly K, Ken J, Kristin A, Lisa S, Michael M, Nick N, Norman M, Phil B*

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

#### **Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Seven - Norman M**

*The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.*

#### **Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept VII - Kelly K**

*The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.*

#### **New GSR**

- *None*

#### **Visitors**

- *Lisa S. - Oregon Area 58 Registrar*

**7:10pm - 7:30pm Presentation - Lisa S., Area 58 Registrar / email: registrar@aa-oregon.org**

## **Registrar Duties and Responsibilities / Oregon Area Guidelines**

1. *Generally, as described in the AA Service Manual.*
2. *Assists Groups, Districts, and Area trusted servants in keeping contact and Group information current via Fellowship Connections database that is hosted by AAWS.*
3. *By custom, distributes in a secure location accessible by Oregon Area Service Committees, DCMs and Alt DCMs.*
4. *By custom, registers GSRs for voting at Area business meetings and assists Secretary with producing Roll sheets, mailings, etc.*
5. *Will make available Motion History Summary notebook at Registrar's table at each Assembly. Notebook updated and provided by Area Secretary.*

## **Service Manual / Registrar Duties**

*In many areas, registrars now develop and maintain records of all groups in the area, including group name, meeting location, time, and G.S.R. or group contact. Registrars may also be responsible for names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of the G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, district and area officers and area committee members. They may provide mailing labels for area publications such as a monthly newsletter or a mailing of minutes. S47 Area registrars also assist the G.S.O. Records Department to keep their records up-to-date.*

## **Helpful Links**

- [\*Click Here to Change District Information\*](#)
- [\*Click Here to Change Group Information\*](#)
- [\*Click Here to Create a Group\*](#)

## **COMMENTS:**

**Phil B** - *Is the GSO database working in the same way?*

**Jennifer A** - *Possible to check on Ruch 903 Group?*

**Phil B** - *For all contributions should I reference the new group number?*

**Lisa S** - *Yes, please use the nine digit reference number*

**Becky D** - *Lisa please also post my group number*

**Lisa S** - *Responded with group numbers for Becky, Phil and Jennifer*

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Secretary** - *Nick N*

**Corrections to last month minutes** - *Ken had a few and the changes have been made*

**Motion to Approve Minutes** - *Norman M*

**Second** - *Kelly K*

**Treasury's Report - Kristin A**

- *Ending Balance*            \$2,433.77
- *Income*                     \$ 117.00
- *Expenses*                 \$ 334.43
- *Prudent Reserve*        \$1,250.00
- *Available Balance*       \$1,183.70

**COMMENTS:**

**Terry C** - *Is there a budget for the Assembly for anyone that needs to apply for a scholarship?*

**Kristin A** - *Yes we do \$175 total for the scholarship*

**Terry C** - *So GSRs if you need help getting to an assembly please apply for the scholarship*

**Terry C** - *Do we have a budget for LDCMs to attend*

**Kristin A** - *Let me research that number and get back to you*

**Terry C** - *I think it was also \$175*

**Kristin A** - *I think it is \$175 total not for each individual*

**Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Jennifer A**

**Second - Kelly G**

**DCM - Terry C**

*A lot has been happening this past month. First and foremost of course the 71st Post Conference Delegates Report was hosted by D16 on June 10th. Our Delegate Amber N did an amazing job telling us about the major changes that are coming down the line for AA Literature. She also updated us all on where AA sits financially, changes to Corrections, the many innovative changes happening at Grapevine! If you missed her presentation there is still time for you and anyone else to attend. Text me or send a chat and we can send you the flyer for her upcoming presentation in August. I strongly encourage all to attend at least one of the Delegates Report during your term of service. The flyer will be put in the chat or you can simply go to [medfordareaaa.org](https://medfordareaaa.org) and click on events then go to August*

*D4 & D21 Post Conference Report*

<https://medfordareaaa.org/event/august-post-conference-report/>

- *Some pretty big stuff was discussed and approved at this last Conference and has piqued a lot of interest in some of our members in the community! That's a great thing!*

- *Changes to the Preamble - from men and women to People! How many of you have been using this new version at your meetings?*
- *Another translation of the Big Book - A Plain Language Version! I would love to get feedback from you and your groups on this Hot Button Topic*
- *Finally the 4th Edition will be translated into Spanish and a new 5th Edition will begin the publishing process!*

*I found this in our AA Newsletter Box 4-5-9 that resonated with me and I want to share it with you ...*

*“In Alcoholics Anonymous, change is a word that inspires a wide range of responses: excitement, dread, resistance, anticipation, hope. It can be seen as a challenge or an opportunity for growth. And one thing is for sure: the 71st General Service Conference, held virtually for the second time in its 71-year existence, proved that the Fellowship itself is smack in the middle of tremendous change. While A.A. 's foundational principles remain fixed — as reflected in our Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts — the “when, where and how” of Alcoholics Anonymous has taken on new expression. Spurred by the global pandemic, the Fellowship has successfully pivoted over the past year toward new and effective approaches to A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service, making clear that the message of A.A. and the lifesaving experience of our membership need not be limited by time, space or custom.”*

*On to International news!*

*Name That Theme: 2025 International Convention!! Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about a theme for the 2025 International Convention celebration of A.A.'s 90th Anniversary in Vancouver, B.C., July 3-6, 2025.*

*We are all invited to send in suggestions for a theme, which will be selected by the Trustees' International Conventions/ Regional Forums Committee or the TICRFC. The deadline is coming up fast: so if you have a suggestion for the 2025 International Conventions let them hear from you by October 15, 2021. To spark your thinking, the themes of past A.A. International Conventions have been:*

- *1965 “I Am Responsible”*
- *1975 “Let It Begin With Me”*
- *1985 “Fifty Years With Gratitude”*
- *1995 “A.A. Everywhere — Anywhere”*
- *2010 “A Vision for You”*
- *2015 “80 Years — Happy, Joyous and Free”*
- *2020 “Love and Tolerance is Our Code.”*

*Send your ideas to International Conventions Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163, or email 2025ictheme@aa.org. Deadline 10/15/21.*

*The last thing I want to talk about - We've got a lot of stuff planned for the last few month's of our journey as Trusted Servants to D16 and I'm hoping we can pull together as the amazing team we are to end this term with a bang!*

- *Sept is full of Assembly and Post Assembly Sharing Session - This is an Elections month for Area so all GSR please be on the ready to come let your voice be heard when it comes to voting for the Area Officers and Committee Chair to represent our Area and we will have another fantastic SOSM with Polly Pistol as our main speaker!*
- *Oct 16th - mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual "The More You Know Your District - Service Fair Palooza - Are You Service Curious? Please join our Events Committee and be a part of this Great Event! It's all hands on deck time!!*

*Thank you for letting me be of service*

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

- *No report*
- GSR** - Norm M / Ashland Siskiyou Group / Tuesday online and Thursday in person 8pm
- *We are doing well*
  - *Attendance for both meetings are great*

**LDCM-B** - (Medford) - Amy B (not present)

- *No report*
- GSR** - Ken J / Hole in the Wall / Monday 7pm
- *Meeting still online*
  - *At our last business meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> we picked the secretary, readers, treasurer and the 15 minute speaker for the SOSM*
- GSR** - Kelly G / Noontimers / Tuesday Noon
- *Still online*
  - *We paid the rent at the church for August and hope to return live in September*
- GSR** - Becky D / Keeping it Simple / Wednesday at noon / Women
- *We are meeting in person at our original location at the methodist church*
  - *We have doubled in size since we left the park location*
  - *The building is locked so please ring the bell to get buzzed in*

- *We will be celebrating birthdays at the end of the month*
- *At our next business meeting we will be discussing changing the format*

**GSR - Phil B / There Is A Solution / Mondays 6:30**

- *Attendance 25-30 online*
- *Returning to in person August 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- *We will also continue Zoom for the first three Mondays in August*
- *Venmo Contributions are trending down*

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

*Not much has changed since my last report. Groups are slowly reverting back to in-person as the venue allows. My home group (DOTR) will begin meeting at St. Vincent de Paul tonight and my attendance there is strongly suggested. Perhaps I'll be attending the District Meeting next month. DOTR will be having it's annual campout beginning August 19th. Flyer is on the Central Office website under "events".*

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

- *Presented delegate report to Eagle Point Thursday mtg.*
- *Continue visiting meetings in my area.*
- *Prospect meeting is struggling valiantly*
- *Gold Hill Saturday meeting??? No meeting when I went.*
- *Plan to network, assess needs of groups as pandemic precautions lift.*

**GSR - Lisa G / No Name Group / Fridays 7:30pm**

- *Central Point No Name Group of Alcoholics Anonymous continues to meet in person on Friday nights from 7:30 - 8:30 PM, inside the First Presbyterian Church at 456 W. Pine Street (in CP). We have begun serving coffee again, and have reinstated our monthly Birthday Night Potluck, held at 6:30 on the last Friday of the month.*
- *During the GSR report at our business meeting on July 2, the group expressed concern with the GSO's recent change to the AA preamble utilizing inclusive language, concern that parts of the Big Book would be changed similarly, and asked how they could express concern to GSO and/or "have it changed back.*
- *"I explained the "upside down triangle" approach to service and offered to do research on the process.*
- *I am still recruiting for a GSR to take over this position in December 2021. No one has expressed interest yet.*

- *Our group is also considering holding a group inventory.*

**GSR - Jennifer / Ruch Groups**

- *Monday Nights meeting in tent on my property*
- *Our group meeting photo made it into the most recent Grapevine*
- *I am excited to learn that the library meeting place is open again*

**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 - Open**

- *No report*

**Archives - Jennifer A**

- *All is well*
- *I am excited the roster has been updated and will secure a copy from our registrar Lisa S*
- *GSRs - Please send me any material from your group, business meeting notes, event flyers etc*

**Assembly Committee - Michael M**

- *Our Assembly Planning Committee is coasting along in planning. Our venue, Ashland Hills Inn, is working with us nicely. Our Facility Liaison Kelly did a walk-through last week, and had rave reviews on the venue, the set-up, pricing... we're especially keen on using the lovely "Champagne Suite" as a Hospitality Suite.*
- *We have not moved forward with any fundraising yet, but this won't be the case next month. I believe Jodi, our Fundraising Chair and I will be begging for your help, whether you're meeting in-person or zoom.*
- *I saw the hand of the Universe in our committee work the other day, when our cup vendor, who was referred to us by the area, had moved out of state. We reached-out to another local friend who was so kind and found she had an option for mugs with color CHEAPER than the out-of-town connection. I'm thrilled as its \$100 savings over the original mug plan.*
- *More will be revealed in our work, but I am so pleased with the Committee assembled, and the experience to serve this group is humbling and gratifying.*
- *Thank you for allowing me to be of service to the District and Area.*

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

- *No report*

#### **Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFM) - Men: (open)**

- *No report*

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

#### **Events - Lea W (not present)**

- *Saturday July 24 this Saturday we are having a safety in AA workshop on zoom from 11am to 1pm zoom info is on the district website.*
- *Thursday August 26th we are having a How to have a business meeting workshop presented by Amy B from 6:30pm to 8pm this will be super informative and we hope to get as many groups and GSRs involved in this, please help to spread the word for these events and we hope to see you all there.*
- *In October we will be having a service fair. This will be an in person event!! Service booths, raffles, food and fellowship.*
- *Also we are looking for people to join the events committee if you are interested you can contact me at [events@medfordareaaa.org](mailto:events@medfordareaaa.org)*

#### **SOSM Sub Committee - Cynthia W (not present)**

- *September 25th we have a main speaker*
- *Hole in the Wall will be hosting the meeting in September*

#### **Grapevine - (Open)**

- *NEW AA books available at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)*
- *Carry the message project is still going*
- *<https://www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project>*

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

- *All is well*
- *New flyers have been made up for senior centers*
- *Our focus is currently on the elderly*

#### **Schedules - (Open)**

- *Nothing is being printed*



**Telephones - Robin P (not present)**

- *31 calls came in and 4 of them were 12step calls all dispatched to an oncall volunteer*

**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:**

- *None*

**Planned New Business:**

- *The popular opinion among those maintaining the web sites is that we would like to print hard copy schedules again sometime in September.*
- *That being said, I would encourage all GSR's to contact their respective home groups and make a decision to remain "remote" or go back to "in – person" prior to anticipated printing.*
- *The remote meetings would most likely remain posted on the websites rather than added to the printed schedule as they take up too much space for one sheet of quad-fold.*
- *Please remember to update all meeting changes using the CO website.*
- *This is all subject to change as the Delta Variant creeps into our lives.*

**COMMENTS:**

**Jennifer** - *There is a printable link on the CO site*

**Terry** - *Perhaps we can add that link to our DI16 website*

**Becky** - *It would be great to announce to groups that we will be moving towards printing the schedules*

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

- *September Assembly is going LIVE!*
- *Virtual When: September 17 – September 19, 2021*
- *Where: Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Oregon*
- <https://area58.wufoo.com/forms/oregon-area-58-service-assembly/>

*Greetings,*

*I hope that this email finds everyone safe, healthy, and happy as you enjoy the Summer of 2021. It has been a full few weeks since we last met. I have met with the September 2021 Assembly Planning committee, Area Officers, and the Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee and it has been decided that we will host an in-person assembly at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in September! The Oregon Area 58 General Service Assembly will be held both in-person and online on Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19, 2021.*

*Safety is vitally important and it was our responsibility to make an informed decision. As our pandemic reality changed, we wanted to ensure that we intentionally implemented any plan to meet back in person in a safe way. It is important to register for the assembly so that we can communicate with you if our pandemic reality changes and we need to make changes leading up to the assembly. Part of this decision was based on the results from the survey we sent out to the membership. Here is a summary of our findings as reported by Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Joe S: Oregon Area 58 conducted an opt-in survey of 215 members. The survey participation link was distributed via email and announced broadly at district and area level meetings and was open for participation from May 6<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The survey links were made available in both English and Spanish. Over seven-in-10 (73%) of respondents indicated that they wanted Oregon Area 58 to hold a hybrid General Service Assembly in September 2021. Another 13% were unsure and 14% of respondents were opposed to holding a hybrid assembly preferring a virtual-only approach. Even after learning that the number of in-person attendees may be limited by local health restrictions over two-thirds (68%) supported holding a hybrid assembly.*

*Registration is due by midnight on Monday, September 6, 2021. Registration will still be available on site. Since this is the first assembly in more than 18 months, the host committee has not been able to hold events to make the assembly fully self-supporting. We can support this assembly by purchasing meals, buying a super awesome mug, and/or by making a voluntary contribution. You can register here: [September 2021 Registration](#)*

*Due to the changing pandemic situation, we did not reserve or obtain a hotel rate for the assembly, so please look at the hotels listed to find a suitable situation for the weekend. District 22 is also offering host families who would gladly have you stay at their house and that information is also included on the flyer.*

*Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions. Take care of each other and take care of yourself.*

*Cheers,*

*Gabriel K. Oregon Area 58 - Alt Chair*

*C: 541.525.8441*

## **COMMENTS:**

**Ken J** - *I wanted to compliment Jane for finding the Monday meeting in Gold Hill. I was able to contact the tech people and the meeting was removed from the schedule.*

**Jennifer A** - *There is a Saturday Night Gold Hill meeting*

**Call to Adjourn** - *Jane M*

**Second** - *Jennifer A*

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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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7/24/21                      [Safety In AA - Barriers, Struggles, and Successes](#)

*Hosted by D16 Saturday 11am - 1pm*

7/24/21                      [Mental Health in the Rooms of AA](#)

*Hosted by Area 27 Accessibility Panel 6pm - 8pm (CST)*

8/8/21                        [Post Conference Delegates Report](#)

*Hosted by D4 and D21 10am - 12pm*

8/18/21                      [Traditions and Concepts Study](#)

*Hosted by D16 6pm to 6:55pm*

8/18/21                      [District 16 General Service Business Meeting](#)

*Hosted by D16 7pm - 8:30pm*

- 8/26/21                    How To Have A Business Meeting Workshop  
*with Amy B., D16 LDCM-B 6:30pm - 8pm*
- 9/15/21                    [GSR Session](#)  
*Hosted by D16 6pm - 6:55pm*
- 9/15/21                    [District 16 General Service Business Meeting](#)  
*Hosted by D16 7pm - 8:30pm*
- 9/17-19/21                [General Service Assembly - To Register](#)  
*Hosted by Area 58 Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Oregon*
- 9/17-19/21                [Rogue Men's Retreat](#)  
*500 Reeves Creek Rd Lake Selmac Oregon*