

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

Wednesday September 15, 2021

ROLL CALL

Alene, Becky D, Beverly C, Clare R, Cynthia W, Debbie B, J Lo, Jane M, Jeff M, John D, Jo B, Katie S, Ken J, Kristin A, Lea W, Lisa G, Mike B, Nick J, Nick N, Phil B, Sandra B, Theron

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

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Nine - John D

Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept IX - Clare R

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

New GSR

- *J Lo / No Name Group*
- *Katie S / Talent Phoenix Group*
- *Mike B / How it Works Group*
- *Jeff M / Dog on the Roof*
- *Sabra B / Women of Worth*

Visitors

- *Theron*
- *Alene*

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7:10pm - 7:30pm - *Presentation Theron B - Area 58 Access Chair / Alene - PDAC Member ASL Coordinator for PRASSA*

Theron - *I am grateful to be a member of Portland Deaf Access Group - PDAC supports deaf AA members in helping them find ASL Interpretation for AA meetings and General Service events.*

In order for the ASL Rule 62 to be involved in General Service they need a District to join. We are hoping the Deaf online ASL Rule 62 group might become a part of District 16.

Alene - *I am completely deaf but am able to speak clearly. ASL and English are different. Sign language is in signs so it is extremely challenging to grasp the concept of how meetings run. Which makes it difficult for deaf people to start a meeting and keep it running. It is an even bigger challenge to keep it a traditional AA meeting.*

Our hope is to join District 16. There are currently 14 ASL AA meetings online. The biggest group is ASL Rule 62. We currently have 40 home group members. We are hoping to join you and have you help and guide us in General Service.

Theron - We use professional interpreters in AA at our Assemblies. It is hard work. The translators are not AA members but understand AA and anonymity. This is not only a great opportunity to help a deaf AA group but also help guide its members.

Katie S - Thank you Alene. When my old home group went online we decided to stay online and now have members from around the world.

Theron - PDAC will support the group financially. For your business meeting, we would have a translator for the deaf GSR members. PDAC will also be at the GSR School this weekend at the Assembly.

Beverly C - What if we go back to totally meeting in person?

Theron - That would not work for the group. We would need online access.

Terry - If there are no further questions

Becky - Motion to accept the Rule 62 group so that they are part of our District.

John D - Second

John D - Does this need to go to the groups

Beverly - Other groups might be affected

Mike - If we do need to take it back to the groups we should table it. It seems like very little impact.

Katie - I suggest we table this until after our elections

Nick - Call the question

Terry - Time to vote - all present were in favor of accepting ASL Rule 62 Group !!

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month minutes - *Ken had one on Page 11*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Cynthia W*

Second - *Jo B*

Treasury's Report - *Kristin A (Not Present)*

- *Ending Balance \$3,924.53*
- *Income \$162.75*
- *Expenses **\$169.26***
- *Prudent Reserve **\$1,250.00***
- *Available Balance \$2,674.53*

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - *Katie S*

Second - *Beverly C*

DCM - *Terry C*

Our elections are upon us. Hoping you have been chatting up at your meetings. Please talk to your home groups and get them involved in District 16 service. Go to our website and click on the [SERVICE](#) link for a summary of all positions.

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

- *No report*

GSR - *Katie S / Talent Phoenix Group / Wednesday*

- *We have 15-20 people attend online*
- *We have never set up our online seventh tradition but have a PO Box. We will be*

sending out contributions soon.

- *Our business meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month*

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

GSR - Phil B / There is a Solution / Monday 7pm

- *Our group is healthy between 20 - 30 members*
- *It was suggested we resume masks, socially distance ourselves, not holding hands and a few more protocols*

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

- *Business meeting on the second monday of the month*
- *We went over the motions from the May assembly*
- *Have the treasury report and getting ready to make our contributions*
- *The September Assembly is this weekend*
- *The GSR is rotating out this month*
- *We are looking forward to hosting the SOSM*

GSR - Becky D / Keeping it Simple / Wednesday at noon / Women

- *Meeting in person*
- *Our business meeting is the last Wednesday of the month*
- *I have been attending the business meeting from my phone as I am currently not going to live meetings*

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

- *Meeting online 15-20 members*
- *Our business meeting is the first Friday of the month*

GSR - Debbie B / Women of Worth / Tuesday speaker / Thursday book study

- *We are online*

- *We had 15 members for our Tuesday speaker meeting and 24 for our book study*

GSR - Mike B / How it Works / Friday 7pm

- *Meeting online 15-20 members*
- *Our Tuesday book study is on hold as we do not have a secretary*
- *We are about to make contributions*
- *We have newcomers showing up*

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

- *No report*

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

- *We are having a small drop off of members went from averaging 60 to about 40 members*
- *We always have newcomers and the Mason House men from the ARC*
- *I will bring the open positions to the attention of the group*

GSR - John D / Candle Light Gold Hill / Saturday 6:30pm

- *Currently in person at Dardanelles*

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

I have only attended online meetings since the last business meeting because Covid precautions intensified. There seems to be interest in more formal business meetings; and some groups are looking to create more service positions within their meetings. I plan to assist with this process as well as continuing my interest in safety in AA as we reopen. Thank you John D for the information on the Gold Hill meeting.

GSR - Clare R / Thursday night 6pm / Women's / Eagle Point Senior Center

- *We are still meeting online and in person*

- *It was suggested we resume masks, socially distance ourselves, not holding hands and a few more protocols*
- *At our next business meeting we will discuss making it two separate meetings*

GSR - Beverly C / Women's Step Sisters / Monday 7pm

- *We are still meeting in person wearing masks averaging 15 members*
- *Just made our contributions*
- *Our business meeting is on the last Monday of the month*
- *Wondering if anyone is using the new edited version of the 12 and 12 as we are unable to afford new books.*

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

- *The No Name Group of Alcoholics Anonymous is still meeting in person on Friday nights at 7:30 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church on 456 W. Pine Street in Central Point.*
- *Our group follows current state guidelines in response to COVID-19.*
- *We elected JLo as our incoming GSR, who is here with us tonight. Woo hoo!! I am grateful for her willingness to be of service and honored to mentor her into the position.*
- *At our last business meeting, we rotated other service positions as well, and had newcomers serving in our coins and literature positions. I have been "featuring" an open district service position during announcements during each of our meetings, though no one has expressed interest yet.*

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 (not present)

- *No report*

Assembly Committee - Michael M (not present)

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

I have continued to work with the Addictions Recovery Center – Women’s Division. The Reddy House has been moved back to the men’s division on Peach Street (Mason House), it looks like until the end of the year. They are citing Covid as being the cause for the move.

As of the moment, they are still keeping the men separated from the women as far as our weekly AA meeting goes. I have not heard from any other treatment facility in the area. As always, we could use Big Books for the ARC facility, as well as any of the new Grapevine books that have come out for a library. I have started with the facilities. If you have any Grapevine magazines you would like to recycle, the ARC could use those as well. They can be obtained or left off at the Central Office for pickup and distribution.

I have been given an opportunity to reach out to the Senior Living Facilities here locally. I am working with another lady to see if we can reach those that have been isolated by the Covid restrictions. I will update you next month on the progress and response we will be getting.

Events - Lea W

- *Last month we had a super informative and successful “How to Have a Business Meeting” workshop. If you missed it, it was recorded on the District 16 website.*

SOSM Sub Committee - Cynthia W

- [Southern Oregon Quarterly Speaker Meeting](#) - Featuring Polly P from Jacksonville, FL.
- *Hosted by The Hole In The Wall Group with opening speaker Mitch S*
- *We will be having a run through on Wednesday night 5pm*
- *Share with your groups, friends, newcomers and sponces! Load up the Virtual Van, create the fellowship you crave - organize a watch party, break out the popcorn and snacks and make a Great Event out of it!*

Grapevine - OPEN

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

- *No report*

Schedules - OPEN

- *Nothing is being printed*

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

- *No report*

Technology Committee - Nick J

- *Meetings page had 1,000 hits a month*
- *Remote page had 1,100*
- *Regular meeting page had 1,300*
- *Lots of folks using our District 16 website as a resource for online meetings*
- *Join us for a tech meeting to discuss needs of the fellowship email*

webmaster@medfordareaaa.org for upcoming Tech Committee meetings day & time

- *We are doing our best to stay current with the meeting changes. I encourage you to communicate with the meeting change form on the meetings page on D16 and Central office. We are working on a new and improved meeting change form stay tuned.*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius (not present)

They have a well-staffed and knowledgeable office to help you with your AA needs. It is much to their credit that they have a small selection of Hazelden Books for you to purchase at cost as well. They are even discussing getting coins into the office for your purchase. The Central Office is now accepting credit/debit cards for your brochure/book purchases or donations. So, if you have a need for literature, please come on in. The coffee pot is always on....

YPAA Liaison Report - OPEN

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - OPEN

- *No report*

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

Old Business:

Planned New Business:

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

- *September Assembly has moved to Virtual Only! Let's talk about what that's going to look like, what the Election process is going to look like*
 - *ALL GSR - you are the most important person in the room when it comes to Area and District Elections and now is no different! I hope you have and will make the investment to sign on, show up and be counted!*
 - [*Assembly Business Meeting Agenda - English >>CLICK HERE<<*](#)
 - [*Assembly Business Meeting Agenda - Spanish >>CLICK HERE<<*](#)
 - [*Assembly Schedule - English >>CLICK HERE<<*](#)
 - [*Assembly Schedule - Spanish >>CLICK HERE<<*](#)
 - *Lets not forget about the [Ask It Basket link to "Stump the Delegates"](#) - All questions are important! Please use this form to pose a question! This is my favorite part of the Assembly! You won't want to miss it and there is a lot of amazing information to be gathered from this session!*
- [*Post Assembly Sharing Session - 9/22/21*](#)
 - *This is the platform for you to bring more questions about what happened at the Assembly*
 - *I will need **one GSR** to volunteer to share "**What You Heard, What You Saw and What You Felt**" from your attendance at the Assembly. This will be excellent practice for the report you will share with your group and any other interesting take aways you will want to share with the GSR Team*
 - *I will also need **one Officer or Committee Chair** to volunteer to help facilitate*
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8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Cynthia W

Second - Lisa G

Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/17-19/21 [Area 58 General Service Assembly](#)

9/22/2021 [Post Assembly Sharing Session](#)

- *Hosted by D16, Sept 22nd 7pm to 8:30pm*

9/25/2021 [Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting \(SOSM\) -](#)

- **Main Speaker - Polly P., Jacksonville FL. *Sponsored by D16 SOSM***
- **Committee - *Hosted by Hole In The Wall Group 7pm to 8pm***

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