

**District 16 Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 14, 2024 - Wednesday**

Roll call

- Reader for Long Form Tradition Two - Katie
- Reader for Long Form Concept Two - Michelle
- **Any New GSRs or Visitors**  
Dee new GSR for the Friday night group Just For Today.

**We are pleased to announce our District 16 Business Meeting provides ASL Interpretation from PDAC (Portland Deaf Access Committee)** *However for this meeting our Deaf members were not in attendance therefore we did not need the services of PDAD.*

- Secretary counts 15 eligible voters
- **Secretary Report:** Thank you everyone for your reports to me. I appreciate the extra effort, going forward please send your reports to my [Secretary@medfordareaaa.org](mailto:Secretary@medfordareaaa.org) only and not my mmarinucci or poohmia emails. I am trying to streamline and be more efficient on your behalf. I do have the changes some of you have sent me and as I learn to navigate the Digital Binder and GoogleDrive better I will get those issues cleared up. Should you have any difficulty reaching me please feel free to call me 541 772-1167. If you are unable to open the minutes in the google format please let me know and I will get it to you in the pdf format.  
**Meeting Minutes from January 2024 motion to approve made by Kathy and seconded by Doug Minutes were approved as written.**

**DCM -Kathleen S. -**

District 16 Monthly Business Meeting

1/10/24-2/13/24

**What's Happening**

One of the initial goals that was outlined in the beginning of my term is to create processes to assist LDCM's in tracking of groups with and without a GSR and to offer current group statistical data for our sub-districts. Created by LDCM-A, Jillian and LDCM-B, these new processes are in use and proving to be very efficient.

Another goal is to work directly with the Hispanic community to assist in their effort to work with the Jails Committee. I have had several discussions with my contact Amador about how to proceed. In addition,

the Hispanic Community is supporting District 5 in their effort to start a new Spanish speaking meeting in Roseburg. I plan to support District 16 Hispanic Community by accompanying them to this meeting as my schedule permits. In doing so, we also open up the lines of communication and begin to create mutually beneficial relationships with other Districts.

The Events sub-committee, SOSM is working on the next Quarterly Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting. Please contact Garrison if you are interested in assisting with the planning or know someone who is. ZOOM ID 456 010 1935 pswd 06 10 1935

Terry C will be offering a ZOOM training for Officers and Chairs regarding District 16 Google Drive and G-Suites program. The training will be held on February 24 from 11-12. ZOOM ID 456 010 1935 pswd 06 10 1935

PI/CPC Chair Katie has created a Committee to perform the tasks associated with this Committee. There is a scheduled, recurring meeting on the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 am at Central Office. Please drop in if you would like to be part of this committee or have questions.

We are advised that PDAC will not be attending the February District 16 Business Meeting as they are in discussion regarding how best to support the deaf community, financially and through interpretation.

### November Highlights

On 2/5/24 I attended the monthly Area Treatment ZOOM hosted by Carrie B and Rand, Area 58. The Area Guidelines were reviewed and updated. Rand will be creating guidelines for the Bridging the Gap program. Bridging the Gap is a program that links individuals coming out of incarceration to their first AA meeting. Possible events were discussed, such as workshops and a Treatment Conference.

On 2/3/24 PI/CPC Committee Chair Katie S hosted an orientation for new committee members at the Central Office at 10:30. Plans are being made to assign tasks related to getting the AA message out to Professionals in our community. Please contact Katie if you have an interest in serving on a PI/CPC committee.

On 2/3/24 I attended the Central Office Monthly Business Meeting. Discussions:  
Possible participation in local health and wellness fair in Talent/Phoenix, May 18, 2024  
Continuing conversation about white can motion.

New Events committee at MFG

Taylor offered his services for creation of flyers for Committees in need of a graphics person  
Planning the annual Central Office sponsored breakfast- \$5.00 adults, children free Sunday April 7, 9:30

1/22/2024 ZOOM status meeting with LDCM's. Still have 2 LDCM subdistrict openings-C and D. We have a member interested in the LDCM-D position. Will advise.

There are currently 103 in person and 26 Zoom meetings listed on Central Office website.

In Love, Gratitude, and Service  
Kathleen S

## **District 16 Treasurers Report**

**February 14, 2024**

	General Account	Speaker Meeting	White CanFund
Beginning Balance	4,935.51	1,696.25	619.21
Income-Contributions	761.00	368.00	
Expenses	( 317.83)	(292.00)	(36.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>5,379.26</b>	<b>1,772.25</b>	<b>583.21</b>
Less Prudent Reserve	1,250.00		
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<b>\$4,129.26</b>	<b>\$1,772.25</b>	<b>\$583.21</b>

- **Treasurer Report:** Jo B. February 2024 Financial : any corrections/additions to the report, motion to approve Katie seconded by motion David carried..

### **LDCM- A Report February 14th, 2024**

Hello My Name is Jillian and I am an Alcoholic. Here is my most recent LDCM-A Report

-I met with Kathleen and Lisa last month and we discussed the last Speaker Meeting and how we can support the other areas without LDMCs.

-I would like to make it out to more meetings in my area and I am planning to do so in the coming month.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Jillian

### **LDCM-B Lisa G (sub-district Medford) Report 02/14/24**

Hello District 16!

Kathleen, Jillian and I met virtually earlier in the month to review the information table we managed at the SOSM and how we might generate more member interest at future events.

We also discussed the cost of LDCM travel to Area 58 assemblies.

Although I put many of the meetings in my sub-district in my calendar for the first week of the month to remind me to visit and stay for business meetings, I only attended the Just for Today business meeting this month.

Their GSR is Dee, and he joined the District 16 meeting last month but was frustrated by our technical issues so did not stay.

This month I will continue my endeavors to visit meetings and/or contact GSRs. Please check to see that your information is on tonight's sign-in sheet. On that note, I wonder who is the keeper of the D16 roll call sheet? I

am wondering if everyone who has access to it can edit it (I noticed I can) and if that is the best way to keep accurate contact records.

GSRs in the Medford sub-district, please let me know if there is anything specific you would like from me in the form of district-level service.

That's all for now.

Thanks for letting me be of service,

Lisa G.

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Lisa G.

4. LDCM C-open 2024 **OPEN POSITION**

5. LDCM D-open 2025 **OPEN POSITION**

6. LDCM E- Ash (Report given by David F.)

The business we had is that PDAC is very low on funds and struggling to pay for interpretation. What is needed for the District 16 Business Meeting for 2 hours and two interpreters is \$225.00 what has been coming in from the District is \$60.00 so what they did was pass a motion to cancel the interpretation for the District Meeting and they are holding their own meeting tonight. They plan to continue doing that until they find another solution. She specifically wanted me to ask if there is room in the District 16 Budget to pay from \$195.00 to \$225.00 per month for interpretation first and that is a yes or no question. Second, if there are no funds available, is it possible to reduce the District Meeting to 1 hour or 1.25 hours so the cost would not be so high? The interpreters need to be able to take breaks that is why we need more than 1. The 3rd option is we could investigate maybe using area money for our District Interpretation. That is the end of Ash's report.

15. **GSRs and Linguistics Reports**

**Ashland Young People's Report**

**February 14th, 2024**

Hello! I'm Jillian and I'm an alcoholic and the GSR for the Ashland Young Peoples Meeting!

- Our group just had our follow up (6 and 7) from our group inventory last summer. It was great to hear about how we as a group are carrying the message and where we can improve in our goal. If you have any questions about running a group inventory please don't hesitate to ask!
- We have a new Events chair (Rain) and she is planning an event for spring! Details to come.
- We recently changed our rotating format. It is now as follows:
  - First week of the month: Big Book Study
  - Second week of the month: Step Study out of the Twelve and Twelve
  - Third week of the month: Traditions Study out of the Twelve and Twelve
  - Fourth week of the month: Speaker
  - Fifth week of the month (if there is one): Wildcard Wednesday

Come join us!

Thank you,  
Jillian

#### **GSR - Jessie 99 & Under**

I'm Jessie. I am an Alcoholic and the GSR for 99 & Under. We meet on Saturday at 7pm, in the Unity Church on Holly Street in Medford. Our meeting has been focusing on Filling service positions and conducting our regular scheduled business meetings on the last Saturday of the month. We have been making progress in these areas, and attendance at the meeting has increased.

At our last business meeting we had no old or new business to discuss, and instead focused on service reports.

#### **GSR - Sabre not present but sent report**

GSR report for both the Tuesday and Thursday night Women of Worth (Medford) meetings. Our meetings are strictly virtual. On Tuesday nights we have a Speaker/Participation meeting with a consistent attendance of 12-21 women and on Thursday night we have a book study with generally 9-12 women. We invite all women to attend our meetings.

#### **GSR- Michelle M.**

I am the GSR for the Monday Night Eagle Point Step Sisters on Zoom. We rotate between the Steps and the Traditions weekly. We have a regular turn out of about 10-12 women and we are a home group. Our business meeting is held quarterly.

**GSR-** Jane M

Eagle Point Thursday Women's Meeting on zoom

The Monday night in person meeting no longer exists. So there are online meetings on Monday and Thursday nights and I have put in for a new Group Number for the online Thursday night meeting.

**GSR-** Janis

Sunday Morning Ashland Meeting

We met at the Grange and we just had our business meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We are a chip meeting and we have chips for up to 50 years!!

**GSR-** Chris

Alcoholic representing the Phoenix Friday night meeting at 8:15. Our group would really like to host the Speaker Meeting and would like the Spring slot if it is open.

**GSR-** John F.

Representing the Crack of Dawn Meeting

I was going to make a plug for doing a group inventory as well. We did a group inventory last month and had about 12 members come out for the inventory. We are tackling the questions that we talked about in the inventory and will continue to discuss the notes we had from the inventory in our future business meetings.

**GSR-** Cathy

I am an Alcoholic and I am representing the Keep It Simple Womens Group we meet Wednesday afternoon at noon in Medford. Not much else to report. We would also like to participate in the Speaker Meeting when there is an open slot.

### **Appointed Committee Reports**

1. Access - open 2025

2. Archives - Jennifer A. 2025

Hi I am Jennifer, your Archivist, nothing to report from Archives. When you have business meetings and document them please get the minutes to me especially the Treasurer Reports people always are interested in where their money is going. Please get a hold of me Kathleen and when I get back into town we can go over to the Archives Locker. This is a 8 year commitment and I am getting ready to do some heavy traveling so keep it in mind or maybe your Sponsee's .

3. Correction Facilities M - Phil B. NOT PRESENT

4. Correction Facilities W - Lea W. NOT PRESENT

**5. Treatment Facilities - Randy - NOT PRESENT Sent Report**

**District 16 Treatment February 14 th , 2024**

1. First and foremost, I would like to reiterate my gratitude for being allowed to serve as Chair for District 16 Treatment.

We have compiled a list of what we believe to be All service providers in the area of alcohol treatment. Includes mental health, psychiatry, or any and all facilities which could or would provide any service in alcohol recovery. This list has been shared with the chair for PI/CPC as it is evident many of these facilities will be covered (taken care of) PI/CPC.

2. Saturday February 3 rd ., PI/CPC (District 16) had a committee planning meeting at our local Central Office. Volunteers were requested to gather contact information for various professionals. I will be taking on Treatment Facilities, adding to my list and acquiring contact information. This will then be used/forwarded to PI/CPC chair District 16 and of course used by myself as apropos.

3. February 5 th ., 7pm. Attended the Area 58 Treatment Committee Mtg for all districts in Oregon. Found it to be very informative and a pleasure to meet others in the Oregon AA service arena. Next month and those that follow, the meeting will be held on the first Monday, 5:30PM. Meeting ID is 8075131787 Passcode 166459

In Gratitude and Service

Randy S

District 16 Treatment Chair

6. Events - OPEN POSITION

## 7. SOSM - Garrison

Hello I'm Garrison and I am an Alcoholic for the groups interested in hosting the Speaker Meeting Spring is spoken for but Summer and Fall are available. I spoke with Shirley at the Smullen Center but did not sound hopeful. I did appoint a Speaker Meeting Co-Chair Wade C. from Just A Group of Guys. Mid April is the next Speaker Meeting, probably at the same location as the church on Crater Lake Ave. but it is kind of spendy so I am negotiating to see if we can maybe pay for a year and get a reduced cost. The next meeting I want to make sure our DCM has a chance to speak with us and answer some questions from the ask it basket and make a plug for General Service as well as the 7th Tradition. We pulled in from the 50/50 raffle about \$550.00 and only about \$100.00 in 7th Tradition. I thought that should be flip flopped and I am a little disturbed by the outcome. I am going to make some kind of a statement to make sure our fellowship is aware that these Speaker Meetings are self supporting and they are expensive to put on. I am hoping more awareness might make a difference at least I hope so. I think that is all I have to report and Yes the April speaker will be a Female.

## 8. Grapevine - NOT PRESENT

## 9. PI/CPC- Katie

### PI-CPC Committee Chair Report 2-14-24

The PI-CPC Committee met at Central Office 2-3-24 with eight AA members present; three others were unable to attend. I presented my plan for contacting professionals in our community about what AA does & doesn't do and offering access to AA resources such as pamphlets, meetings and presentations by AA members. This information will be disseminated via email. Committee members will aid in gathering email addresses. I will compose emails tailored for different professional groups and do mass e-mailings. We will put together a training for AA members interested in doing in-person AA presentations and schedule presentations as needed. GSRs, please let your home group members know they can drop off old issues of the Grapevine at Central Office; ask that they be left in the District 16 box for distribution to the Little Free Libraries in our District. The PI-CPC Committee is partnering with Central Office to man a booth with AA resources at the Phoenix-Talent School District's 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Fair on May 18. The PI-CPC Committee meets the first Saturday of the month at the Central Office in Medford at 10:30 am. Next meeting is March 2. Please attend if you want to be part of this committee. You can contact me at [picpc@medfordareaaa.org](mailto:picpc@medfordareaaa.org) for more information.



10. Telephone/Hotline - Camille J. Not Present
11. Technology -Mike B. Not Present
12. **Liaison Report** - NOT PRESENT
13. Liaison Report-YPAA- OPEN POSITION
14. Liaison Report-Alanon- OPEN POSITION

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Literature Fund Motion has been postponed indefinitely.

We have David F. who is here to talk to us about PDAC and the cost. What I have seen is District 16 stepping up and welcoming the deaf community. They have been able to participate in business meetings and the deaf members were not able to really see our principles in action as they do in the business meeting and I am afraid they will lose that.

Kathleen I am thinking we should put this on the agenda for new business next month.

Katie I have been onboard since the deaf community came onboard. I am proud that we welcomed the deaf community at a time when everyone was only meeting on zoom. I am also aware that we need to take care of our own district. We have to meet online even though we could meet in person and when we started we were not paying anything for interpreters then we volunteered to send \$60.00 a month but we never expected to pay the entire cost. I don't see us making our meeting for only an hour.

Kathleen reducing the time of our meeting is probably not a realistic solution.

Katie something to keep in mind we do now have a Virtual District and that might be another option. That might be a way to get more funding from the Area

Janice I think it is really important that we have ASL at this meeting and I would like us to Brainstorm at our next meeting about possible fund raising options.

David I can agree a lot with Katie about being able to have the ASL community and we do have to think about our District and we are not hurting but the Portland Area has a lot more money and maybe the groups further north should chip in. The Portland Metro area is huge and maybe there are options further north. I do agree everybody should be able to get the message.

Alene I really want to thank all of you old times that were here in September 2021 when we first came and it's been a fantastic learning opportunity for all of us. As you remember we don't have service literature in American Sign Language and so the opportunities like this is where we learn about service. In my deaf meeting we had our own Treasurer and then we decided to give all our donations to PDAC but if District 16 funded the interpreters we would be giving our 7th Tradition to District 16. I

am sure there are other groups doing the same thing with their funds so that is something to look at. I am hearing that folks are ready to get back to in person meetings and that is really understood and if ASL was not involved that would be easier to do. So you have had the White Can Fund down in San Diego. They have a Gold Can Fund for interpretation and the Gold Can Fund is only used for Service Type meetings not regular meetings; they don't have a PDAC down there so there are lots of ways to pursue this. One of the ways I thought of before this meeting was well the cost is just mind blowing so I thought what if the ASL members came every other month then it would be \$100.00 for interpreters and you are already giving \$60.00 per month so it would only be \$40.00 more and the GSR's from ASL would like come on the even months.to report. There is also something I thought we would like to form our own District and you could support us in doing that. You have your own needs and we do to, we looked alot before coming to District 16 and you guys were the most friendly and we knew you didn;t have a lot of money but we were welcomed here and that was important for us to grow.I would love to hear your opinion on you guys supporting us to form our own District like would you support us at area to form a motion that we could have our own District?

Katie just to clarify the ASI groups that are part of our District are all across the country.

Alene if you had all the business of the meeting of the meeting in the first hour and then the reports there are several options and there are interpreters that don;t charge \$75.00 they charge less and Sophia and Ash know them if we went that way and cut the cost Sophia and Ash would be responsible to coordinate the interpreters. There is the issue of travel for the interpreters as well. It would be a little cheaper if we got rid of PDAC entirely.

Jo I would like to make a Motion that we set up an AD HOC Committee to discuss and research this and come up with something for our next meeting

Jennifer I think this is a big issue but an AD HOC committee is good too.

Kathleen I brought this topic in because it was a late item so it was a discussion topic so if we talk about it again in the March Meeting.

David it sounds like a good plan maybe over the course of the next month.

Kathleen ok so we will carry it over to new business for next meeting

David how does that affect the ASL members

Alene I don't need interpreters but they do. I am not the leader but I rotated out of that position and I think rotation is really important.

Dave I think as of right now the same thing would happen next month Ash and the other GSRs would meet individually PDAC is trying really hard to get more funding. If they want to have the next meeting in March interpreted I bet we can fund that.

Alene it would be good to hear from the treasurer could the District afford \$100.00 per month?

Jo I am going to say yes but I think we need to make a recommendation to the District Body and see how they feel. I again think we need an AD HOC. This is too important.

Katie what is the relationship of PDAC to AA? Is it part of the AA structure?

Dave yeah that is a question we get all the time it is a stand alone AA service committee. We often refer them to the WEBSITE.

Jillian I make a motion we make an AD HOC committee to discuss the future of our ASL membership  
Was seconded and passed by majority

Jillian volunteered to lead the committee and asked Alene if she could be a resource and Alene said she would if you would like to be on the committee please send Jillian your request and she will contact you.

**Kathleen- we will look forward to hearing back from the Ad Hoc committee at the next meeting.**

15. **Motion to adjourn:** Jo made a motion to adjourn and Trusted Friend seconded the motion to adjourn.

16. **Responsibility statement**

**Closed 7:40pm**