

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024- Wednesday

Roll call

Reader for Long Form Tradition Four

Reader for Long Form Concept Four

Any New GSRs or Visitors

Kelly Keller new GSR for Eagle Point Women's Meeting Face to Face

Beverly Copeland Talent/Phoenix Group

We are pleased to announce our District 16 Business Meeting provides ASL Interpretation from PDAC(*Portland Deaf Access Committee*)

Secretary counts 21 eligible voters

Secretary Report:

Hello To All,

I have put the Roll Call Sheet in the chat. Please make sure you are in the correct month by going down to the bottom and clicking on April. At the top of the sheet you will notice a line colored in red ink asking if you have registered with the area as a GSR? If you have not and you click in the blue area you will go directly to the Area Website where you can register yourself and your meeting. As always after you have put your X after your name, if you need anything you can leave me a message in the cell just to the right of your X. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Secretary Report motion to approve made by Katie and seconded by James

Corrections/approval of November 8, 2023 meeting minutes: motion/second/vote simple majority

Treasurer Report: Jo B. March 2024 Financial : any corrections/additions to the report, motion to approve Michelle seconded by Jane .

District 16 Treasurer's Report

for: April 10, 2024 Meeting

	<i>General Account</i>	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>	<i>White Can Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Beginning Balance	4,346.67	1,772.25	439.21	\$6,558.13
Income - Contributions	337.50		0.00	\$939.50
Expenses	(182.25)		(176.00)	\$1,339.13
Void - Duplicate Entries	317.26		55.40	\$372.66
Ending Balance	\$3,345.04	1,772.25	439.21	\$6,186.04
Less: Prudent Reserve	(1,250.00)			\$1,250.00
Total Cash Available	\$2,095.04	\$1,772.25	\$439.21	\$4,936.50

New Business

1. DCM -Kathleen S.

This has been a busy month.

On May 22-24, I attended the Quarterly Assembly in Klamath Falls. This was the Pre Conference Assembly, and I have attached my report regarding my attendance at the Assembly to this Agenda. Please take a look. It was great fellowshiping, learning about, and discussing the General Service Conference-particularly what will be discussed at this upcoming Conference. Because there were breakout sessions where we were randomly assigned, I was able to meet so many people from other Districts and share ideas.

On April 1, 2024 I attended the Area 58 Monthly Treatment Committee Meeting, by ZOOM, accompanied by District 16 Treatment Chair Randy S. A Motion to approve Bridging The Gap Guidelines for Area 58 was approved. Discussion has been ongoing regarding an Online Treatment Conference on October 19, 2024. That motion was also approved.

April 6, 2024 I attended the Events Development Meeting. I will be on the volunteer committee for the upcoming events.

On April 7, I attended the Central Office Breakfast which proved to be as entertaining and well attended as previous years. The breakfast was great and the Speaker Randy was really entertaining. He spoke about the Steps in his Chair. At the Central Office Breakfast I was approached by a member of Al-Anon - she is

interested in getting an Ala-Teen meeting going in our District. I will meet with her during the month to see if we can be of assistance.

We have been asked by our Area Secretary to be sure we are using the meeting group number assigned by Area on all contributions and correspondence to Area. If we are not using this assigned number on correspondence and correspondence your contribution cannot be documented as coming from your group.

In Gratitude, Love, and Service,
Kathleen S
District 16 DCM

Post Assembly Report

District 16
3/28/24
Kathleen S

My trip to Klamath Falls for the Oregon 58 Quarterly Assembly, March 22-24, was anything but boring! From the moment I arrived at the beautiful venue things were happening.

Marathon Meetings were of particular interest because I arrived at 4pm on Friday and started my weekend by dropping in on one. I met some great AAer's from different places, and of course although we had not met prior, it felt very familiar.

I attended the Area Service Committee Sharing Session facilitated by Joe S. I loved the "kitten ears" that some folks were wearing that indicated that they will be very conscious of LISTENING, rather than speaking. The "ears" were worn all weekend and provided for some good jokes.

During Treatment Chair Carrie B's sharing, I took note as she was discussing an alternative approach to serving communities - by asking "how they would like to be presented to" rather than assume that our method of offering services is the most effective. I think that discussions along these lines could very possibly be useful in other Committees.

The Delegate's Pre Conference Presentation by Penny H., and the Conference Committee breakouts were informational and interesting. After Penny's presentation, assembly participants were given numbers randomly that indicated which breakout session we were assigned to. This meant we were not with our buddies but we would have an opportunity to share with attendees from different districts. Each numbered session had different Conference topics. Each group was to discuss these topics and provide feedback. A subsequent session reviewed the discussions of each group. These exercises provided me with so much more detail and understanding about the upcoming GSO Conference.

So much information was shared in the Oregon 58 Business Meeting too. Each Committee Chair reported on the news regarding their Committee since last assembly. I enjoyed hearing about what is happening at Area level.

The weekend was full of fellowship and fun, and it was an experience you must not miss!

In Love, Gratitude, and Service,
Kathleen S

2. LDCM A-Jillian S

Jillian Alcoholic,

I also attended the area assembly IN Klamath I was in a different Breakout Room dealing with Treatment and Accessabilities. We had some free time so I brought up the Literature coming through the pipeline, the 5th Edition Plain Language Big Book. If anyone wants more information on that I'm happy to talk that;s all I have.

3. LDCM-B OPEN POSITION

4. LDCM-C Patty T Not Present

5. LDCM D-open 2025 OPEN POSITION

6. LDCM E- Ash

Hey Everyone my report is I visited 5 deaf groups ASL Rule 62, Night Owls some difficulties replacing their GSR and I am working with and I think that is about it thanks everyone.

1. Access - OPEN POSITION

2. Archives - Jennifer A. 2025

3. Correction Facilities M - Phil B. Not Present

4. Correction Facilities W - Lea W. Not Present

5. PI/CPC Chair Report Dist 16 Katie

PI-CPC Committee meeting was held at the Central Office on April 6 with three members present. In the future, committee meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held on Zoom, not in person. The consensus is that trying to contact professionals via email would not be effective due to spam filters. New approach is to make person-to-person contacts by attending local coalitions that deal with homelessness, addiction and mental/physical health and offering AA services/presentations there. If you know of any of these kinds of coalitions, please let me know. We are in the process of creating a postcard-sized handout for professionals with a QR code to an app developed by former Area 58 CPC-S chair, Nick N. The app is specific to Oregon and contains links to aa.org materials designed for professionals. These cards can be handed out or mailed for \$.53 each. Katie will also develop a tri-fold hand-out for professionals with more information than the postcard. Russ S is going to assist in creating a training manual for AA members that want to speak about AA at non-AA gatherings.

Please help find AA members that want to participate in PI-CPC work by printing out the flier I'll put in chat and taking to meetings you attend. Remind meetings to drop off old copies of the Grapevine at Central Office; copes to go in the District 16 box and will be distributed to the Little Free Libraries in the county along with postcard with local meeting schedule app and local Hotline #. Also in chat is a flyer for an Area 58 PI-CPC workshop on April 21. I will be one of the presenters; all interested AA members are welcome to attend.

In gratitude and service,
Katie S, PI-CPC Chair

5. Treatment Facilities - Randy

Hi my name is Randy I'm an alcoholic I have been working on a list of 34 Treatment Facilities and I am finding not many of them have actual in-patient treatment but they are helping Alcoholics. I am working closely with PI/CPC. I have sent letters but there have not been many responses. 1 I did hear from more Corrections so I gave that to Phil B. The Area 58 Treatment Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. I have the login information if anyone is interested in attending. ARC womens and mens Jo B is the coordinator for the women and Todd J is the coordinator for the men. On the men's side we have a lot more leniency we can bring in Big Books and Todd has a secretary for Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I am going to ask your permission. I don't know if I have to but I am anyway. The White Cans that were in service are back at the Central Office and I would like to relaunch that whole program but I'm not gonna just jump in. I am going to put together a committee and see how we can best proceed. Clare gave some history about the White Can Project and she is with Randy S on whatever he decides. Katie reports we pulled the cans because when we had too much money she doesn't think we need to make a big issue about it.

Another member asked about changing the intention of the White Cans so other committees can use the funds for literature purchases.

Jillian said she would like to know the history of the White Can Project.

This will be new business at our next meeting and Michelle volunteered to look into the old minutes and bring back her findings.

6. Events - Terry

Hello District 16 Officers, Chairs and GSR!!

Here are the Events and Workshops your Events Committee, Co-Chair SOSM Garrison and others are working on to fulfill our humble obligation in bringing **Information and Education** to "those we serve"! We hope we can rely on your attendance and participation to help make these events successful!

1. [God Gave Us Noodles to Use!](#) (Click link for flier)

Hosted by: Ashland YPAA, D16 and D7 in Grants Pass.

Location: Medford Fellowship Group - Alano Club

When: April 27th

Time: 2pm

What: Spaghetti Feed and AA Group Pamphlet Study Workshop!

- a. Ashland YPAA providing Spaghetti
- b. D16 will be bring Salad
- c. D7 will bring Bread

2. **[Southern Oregon Quarterly Speaker Meeting](#)** (Click Link for flyer)

Hosted by: District 16 SOSM Chair - Garrison M and the KIS Group

Location: St Vincent DePaul

When: April 27th

Time: 6pm - 9pm

What: Speaker Meeting - Sandra S from Reno NV

Additional Information: Hybrid

3. **Take Your Sponsor To Dinner and Sponsor Panel** (Flyer to come)

Hosted by: District 16 Events

Location: Ascension Church

675 Black Oak Dr Medford OR

When: May 25th

Time: 5pm - 9pm

What: Lasagna Dinner and Dessert with Sponsor/Sponsee Panel

Cost: \$15 per person

Additional Information: Sponsor Panel will be Hybrid

4. **Safety and Inclusion Panel**

Hosted by: D16 in cooperation with Area 58 Safety and Inclusion Chair Bonnie R

Location: TBD

When: August 24th

Time: TBD

What: Safety and Inclusion Panel

Additional Information: Hybrid

Panelist: Hispanic Woman, POC, Deaf or Hard of Hearing (HoH), Male and Female who have experienced predatory or harassing behavior

Our panel will consist of 5 people to share their experience finding acceptance and sobriety here in the Rogue Valley to help shine the light on possible barriers or struggles they have had on their journey trudging the Road of Happy Destiny. It's not always easy or pleasant. Safety in AA has been a topic that I find complex and important. I am grateful to be part of a generation of people working to bring safety in the rooms of AA.

There is much in our history that shows that the old-timers, Bill included, were aware of the barriers that many people faced. Women, Gay and Lesbians, POC. While it has improved there is still much work that can be done to make sure that the spiritual principles of our Traditions are followed and that we continue to utilize the Anvil of Experience our founders used to Hammer out the Structure of our Society - Each generation has a humble obligation to ensure our Society reforms, recreates and regenerates its Structure to remain available the alcoholic stumbling one block from here or born tonight into alcoholism.

I am also willing to hear any other ideas you may have for a Workshop (*to educate and inform the fellowship we serve*) for the AA Community or maybe a workshop focused on the Service Structure.

I look forward to serving you and D16 for these next two years!

Terry C

events@medfordareaaa.org

541-690-2360

7. SOSM - Garrison

Good evening guys my name is Garrison I am so happy there are so many groups out there doing Inventories. So for the Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting we have moved to St Vincent DePaul it is much less money. The Speaker meeting will always be the last weekend of the first month of the quarter. Our speaker will be Sandra S. from Reno. She has a great story and I hope to see you all there.

8. Grapevine - OPEN POSITION

9. Technology - Mike B.

Hi Mike Alcoholic I finally had the opportunity to meet with the outgoing Technology person and I have the logins and I was just shown everything briefly, I would like to buy the web certificate and it is \$100.00 per year or \$210.00 for 3 years I think that is a motion I need to bring to the next meeting but when we have our certificate we can get the PayPal site that Jo mentioned and the better I get at this I want to have up to date Events and up to date Minutes on the website. I am going to get hundreds of them. I have never had Technology in front or behind my name so there is a big learning curve but I will get this. So let me know how I can help and let me know how you can help that is all.

10. Telephone/Hotline - OPEN POSITION

11. Liaison Report - District 16 Dee D

12. Liaison Report-YPAA- OPEN POSITION

13. Liaison Report-Alanon- OPEN POSITION

14. Liaison Report-ASL- Ash ASL already left meeting

GSR Reports

99 and Under

I'm Jessie, an Alcoholic and the GSR for 99 & Under. We meet on Saturday from 7pm to 8:15pm 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 currently filled all service positions (except an alternate GSR!) and have been able to maintain a consistent business meeting.

The meeting attendance has increased significantly, and we are looking into getting a larger coffee maker! We have a large number of newcomers and those in treatment, so it's a great place to get a sponsee or to just support with strong sobriety.

As the GSR of the group, I attended the pre-conference assembly virtually. I will be presenting the motions to the group at this month's business meeting (4/27/24) to receive the group's conscious and carry that vote back to the next quarterly assembly, May 17th-19th

No Name Group

Hi I'm Clare and I am the GSR for the No Name Group Friday night 7:00 at the First Presbyterian Church, we are averaging 30 to 40 people per week we fill our Service Positions within a week and that's all.

Ashland Young Peoples

Jillian alcoholic we are having an event called God Gave Us Noodles we are studying the Group Pamphlet we are doing this with District 7 and District 16 we are going to serve pasta at 2:00 then the workshop starts at 3:00.

Ashland/Talent Group

Beverly I went to the Assembly virtually and participated in the breakout sessions. My group had a business meeting and passed on all the information I had from the Delegate and Assembly. I feel my group is really connected and knows what is going on in New Your.

Stick With the Winners

I;m Laura. We are at a Tuesday women's meeting in Ashland. We meet at 5;30. Just very excited we are doing a group inventory and it will be facilitated by Jillian. It's going to be May 11. We usually have about 25 women so join us it's a fun group

ASL Rule 62

Hello everyone I am Sophia I'm an Alcoholic that is my homegroup as well. We meet Monday through Friday. We have great attendance Monday through Thursday but Fridays seem to be much smaller. Last week there were only 2 of us and the week before only 6. Serenity Sisters meet at the very same time on Fridays and many women go there. We are going to have a business meeting to decide if we should change times on Friday so the meetings don;t happen at the same time and that would make yet another meeting for deaf folks.

So we have Serenity Sisters, Rule 62 and Night Owls all meet at the same time and we are going to see if we can adjust those meetings so everyone so deaf folks can attend all of them.

How It Works Group

Hi Im Chris Alcoholic we meet Friday we are planning our Annual Cookout last year it was at Cantrall Buckley Park. We are doing good financially. We just donated \$100.00 to GSO and we donated a \$100.00 gift card to the Central Office Breakfast so we are pretty flush.

Eagle Point Women's Online Group

Hello my name is Jane and I am an Alcoholic all 3 of our women's meetings are now separate. I attend the Assembly on Zoom and there was so much to bring back to my group and discuss. We have volunteered to assist the KISS Women's group with the Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting. Our Thursday meeting is not showing up on the meeting at the chair app. There was a meeting at the Assembly where I learned about these apps and we definitely want to be on the Chair app but we are discussing if we want to be on the Everything AA app. A Lot of talk about the International Assembly is going to be quite exciting and pretty expensive but it may be hybrid. I am pretty excited that we can reach so many people around the world.

Ashland 9:00 Sunday Meeting

Hi Im Janice we are planning a group inventory and we are planning to talk about moving the day of our Business Meeting. We will also talk this next Monday about how we want to donate our funds we have been giving to PDAC but now we might be sending that to the District.

Just A Group Of Guys

Hi Im David and we have moved we have much better parking lot and much better seating we are now at the Our attendance is great. I think we had 60 at our last meeting. You are all welcome.

Crack of Dawn Meeting

Hi Im John Alcoholic we meet Monday thru Saturday at 7:00 Monday wednesday and Friday are Literature Meeting then Tuesday and Thursday are open discussion and Speaker on Saturday morning. We are doing good financially. We just got a new Treasurer and set up a new bank account so we have some disbursements to make. We did have a Group Inventory a couple of months ago so we continue to talk about the 5 questions that came out of the inventory. We are big fans of the inventory process.

Serenity Sisters

My name is Roxy. We meet at 5:00 Pacific time. I was supposed to be the Alt GSR but I'm the GSR. We have been discussing changing meeting times and discussing 12 Steps 12 Traditions, Big Book Studies and Open Discussion Meeting. Our new format is working well. We have had a surge in numbers. We love having different speakers and soooo many Women are showing up. We can empathize with each other. It is a very safe space for us. It is so nice to share the load and get everyone involved in keeping the meeting going. It is so lovely to see people who were shy now getting involved so it's just so good. We have a good Speaker Seeker and the process has been wonderful. If you ever come across an Alcoholic woman that needs our help please reach out to Sophia or Ash.

Keep it Simple Women's Meeting

Hi I'm Kathy. We are preparing for help at the Speaker Meeting. I think things are going pretty well there.

Eagle Point Women's Group Face to Face

I am Kelly. I'm new to this zoom but I will learn. The meeting is going well. It is a Big Book Study.

Old Business:

Is just the open positions

New Business:

Just a discussion about how we feel about hosting the November Assembly discussion went on about the time available to host an Assembly. Kathleen is going to just ask the questions and talk to Nick or Joe and bring them back to the next meeting. We do have a committee of people that have done this before but it would be nice to include new people as well.

13. Motion to adjourn: Michelle Seconded by Doug

14. Responsibility statement

Closed 7:15pm