

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024- Wednesday

Roll call

Reader for Long Form Tradition Five -Cathy

Reader for Long Form Concept Five - Terry

Any New GSRs or Visitors

Melissa new GSR for Thursday Night Book Study on zoom.

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

Secretary counts 19 eligible voters

Secretary Report:

Hello District Body,

The Roll Call Sheet has been updated, the District 16 ASL Roster has been updated on the Roll Call Sheet, and in the Secretary's Distribution List. I am not sure why some of you are having difficulty with the minutes I am sending out. I am so sorry and I know it is frustrating but please don't stop letting me know you are having problems. I don't mind at all and I want to get it seamless.

I am really hoping more of you take advantage of the option to send me your reports. If you do choose to send me your reports they certainly don't have to be long but they can reflect markers your group finds important. Please send me an email to Secretary@medfordareaa.org, then on the subject line so I see your report right away please make it look like this

GSR REPORT Group Name and the date May 8,2024

Then just write a short paragraph with what your group feels is important for your reference and what you want others to know then attach that short paragraph to that email and send it to me. You can just write the paragraph one time then go back monthly and change what needs to be updated. You are important to me and this is my way of showing you.

In Service,

Michelle M

541 772-1167

True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the Grace of God

12x12 pigs. 124-125

May 8, 2024 Minutes motion to approve made by Sabre and seconded by Janice Passed

Treasurer Report: Jo B. June 2024 Financial : any corrections/additions to the report, motion to approve Beverly seconded by Motion Passed

District 16 Treasurers Report					
for: <u>June 12, 2024 Meeting</u>					
	<i>General Account</i>	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>	<i>White Can Fund</i>	<i>ASL Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Beginning Balance	3,185.82	1,625.26	367.21	630.00	\$5,808.29
Income - Contributions	759.17	407.00	120.00	170.00	\$1,166.56
Expenses	(220.90)	(146.99)	(500.00)	0.00	(\$840.90)
Ending Balance	\$3,724.09	\$1,532.26	\$247.21	\$730.00	\$6,133.56
Less: Prudent Reserve	(1,250.00)				
Total Cash Available	\$2,474.09	\$1,532.26	\$247.21	\$730.00	4,883.56

1. DCM -Kathleen S.

Last Business Meeting in May 2024, I mentioned that research is ongoing regarding District 16 possibly hosting an upcoming Assembly. I am hoping that you all have given the topic some prayerful thought and will be willing to consider forming an ad hoc committee to determine this possibility. This will be brought up as Old Business at our June 12 Monthly Business Meeting.

An Inventory was done on May 11, for Stick With the Winners, Ashland Monday night meeting and facilitated by Jillian S. She will share regarding the outcome of this inventory at our June Business Meeting. Information such as, what doing an Inventory entails, who participates, gathering measurable outcomes, etc., will be shared. GSRs - if your Home Group is interested in completing an Inventory for your Home Group, please contact LDCM-a Jillian S or myself for information on how to proceed. A Group Inventory can be very valuable to your Home Group, as you assess your Group's relationship to the Principles of AA, Traditions and Concepts. Group members have an opportunity to ask questions and have their voices heard on a number of these discussion topics.

Jillian S, LDCM-A represented District 16 at the Post Conference Assembly in Seaside on the weekend of May 17-19. Her report will be presented at the June 12 District 16 Monthly Business Meeting. Way to go Jillian, and thank you for your service

On May 25, District 16 Events Committee hosted a Take Your Sponsor to Dinner event. The event was a great success and our District 16 Events Chair Terry C will report on the event at our D16 Monthly Business Meeting. Thank you to all Volunteers - you certainly made the facilitation of this Event seamless and very organized. On June 2, a wrap up meeting for this event was hosted by Terry C and discussions about the event agreed with what we had been hearing... that the event was a success and attendees had a great time. Upcoming Events will be announced by Events Chair and are listed at the bottom of this month's Agenda.

Thank you all for the work you did and time contributed to our District 16 this Month! Many hands make light work! Which reminds me - we have several District 16 Committee Chairs and Committee positions currently open. They will be mentioned during "Reports" at the District 16 Monthly Business Meeting. If you may be or think you may be interested in one of the positions, please feel free to contact me, and we can discuss. There's a lid for every pot!!

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

2. LDCM-A

Hi District 16,

In the last month I attended the Oregon Area 58 assembly. I also had the opportunity to participate in a group inventory with the "Sticks with the Winners" group in Ashland. There were approximately 11 people in attendance. We used a group inventory pamphlet which my group (AYP) used last year for our group inventory. It was a great experience and I feel honored that the Sticks group trusted me with this awesome responsibility. It's amazing to see groups who are committed to this program and serving the still suffering alcoholics. The next step will be going over the individual members' comments and giving suggestions to the group based on our 12 traditions

I am planning on attending more meetings in my district (Ashland, Talent, Phoenix) over the summer and offering support in whatever ways I can be of service.

In service,

Jillian S.

3. LDCM-B OPEN POSITION

4. LDCM-C OPEN POSITION

5. LDCM D Patti Absent but text nothing to report

6. LDCM E- Ash Absent

- 1. Access - OPEN POSITION**
- 2. Archives - Jennifer A. 2025 Not Present**
- 3. Correction Facilities M - Phil B. Not Present**
- 4. Correction Facilities W - Lea W. Not Present**

5. PI/CPC Chair Report Dist 16 Katie

On May 18, 2024 I shared a booth with JC Central Office at the Health & Wellness Fair held at Phoenix Elementary School. I passed out a lot of AA information and gathered contact information from other agencies/organizations in attendance. I handed out a postcard for professionals with a contact phone number and QR code that links to an informational app about AA for professionals developed by our own Nick N.

I will be stepping down from my position as PI-CPC chair September 1 as I will be moving out of District 16. If you're interested in standing for this position, contact our DCM. I'd be happy to share with you what knowledge/materials I've gathered since taking this position.

In fellowship and service,
Katie S

Treatment Facilities - Randy , Treatment Chair

6.Area 58 Treatment Committee meets on the first Monday of the month, 5:30PM. Meeting ID is 8075131787 Passcode 166459. All are welcome, please join us. Oregon Area 58 has recently approved new guidelines. To access please go to ctf-n@aa-oregon.org Contact Treatment Chair with questions. October 19, 2024, 10am-3pm will be an online Oregon Area 58 Treatment Conference, save the date. More information to follow. District 16 Treatment has now started taking panels into "Fresh Start Withdrawal Treatment", located in Medford. Fridays from 3-4 and if interested, please contact the Treatment Committee. Transition Center is no longer returning calls. The ARC, Women's and Men's Facility continues to provide AA Panels at their facilities. Both are held on Wednesday at 1pm, both are closed. Jo B., is the coordinator for women and Todd J is the coordinator for men. 40 First Edition First Printing Reproductions have been bought for the Treatment Committee.

In Gratitude and Service,
ctf@medfordareaaa.org
District 16 Treatment Chair
Randy S
408-500-5902

7. Events - Terry

Hello District 16 Officers, Chairs and GSR's!!

I am so happy to announce that Sonja N has joined our District family as the Co-Chair for Events! The help she provided along with Kathleen and so many volunteers helped to create an exciting, enthusiastic, smooth and amazing event. Thank you to all who helped out and to all who attended!

The following Sunday we organized a wrap up BBQ at which we gathered feedback on **“what went well and what areas need improvement”** and we are very grateful to all those who attended and provided vital feedback. *It is likely that this may become an annual event hosted by District 16!*

While we hoped to bring in some revenue for District 16 to help with ASL interpretation costs, travel expenses for GSR and Officers to Assemblies we didn't make a lot towards that end - however - we did fulfill our obligation of providing **information and education** about what District is and what District does to the 102 people we served. For example - many were unaware of our ASL family or the history of when and why they joined District 16 as the flagship online District to help them participate and understand the service structure nor were they aware that District 16 has a scholarship fund to help send GSR to Assemblies when their home groups aren't able to fully fund them. If you too were unaware, the links below (and those I just put in the chat) will take you to the documents and forms to learn more about it!

[Buddy Scholarship Fund](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K8CP6m98_zxghyr5QfpGmSuCWyTMz-AWIHz2A_FPTzY/edit?usp=sharing

[Buddy Scholarship Form](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdN3aInjXXTUKbLQ81Rj_N9AfQPoEaDCeiYfTdPh6xoSuljkg/viewform?usp=sharing

It helps to understand what District 16 does with the contributions we get from your groups so that you can be informed about where the money is going and why. Your groups are relying on you to be informed and your District relies on that too!

And we're not stopping there! Here are the Events and Workshops being developed and worked on right now to fulfill our humble obligation of 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. [Founders Appreciation Ice Cream Social](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u5uNPZ2RpVkJHf7rjKv4YgralSZJs5n1/view?usp=sharing>

Hosted by: District 16 Events

Location: Ascension Church

675 Black Oak Dr Medford OR

When: June 15th

Time: 2pm - 4pm

What: Build your own Sundae - Saturday

Suggestion Contribution: \$5 per person

Additional Information: *Available toppings for Sundae building: Chocolate Sauce, Caramel Sauce, Fresh Strawberries, Pineapple, Banana, Brownie Crumbles, Sprinkles, Cake Cone Crumbles, Walnuts, Maraschino cherries and whipped cream.*

2. [Safety and Inclusion Panel](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wLJvnF0G69X-PhaYZQM5aea0df7XZdrU/view?usp=sharing>

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

Location: Ascension Church

675 Black Oak Dr Medford Or

When: August 24th

Time: 10am - 12pm (workshop) 12pm - 2pm (TACOS)

Additional Information: Hybrid workshop to include one Deaf or Hard of Hearing (HoH) AA member with ASL interpretation.

Panelist: will also consist of male and female members who have experienced barriers or roadblocks to sobriety within the rooms of AA. Our panel will consist of people sharing their experience finding sobriety here in the Rogue Valley and to help shine the light on possible barriers or struggles they have had on their journey.

Lunch of Carnitas tacos or nachos will begin after the workshop.

2 FREE Tacos will be given to all who attended the workshop.

However, there is no requirement for attending the workshop to purchase tacos at \$2.00 per after 12pm.

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. The Area 58 S&I Chair will not just talk about the **Problems** that occur but she will also provide **Solutions** that can be taken back to your groups to begin implementing a **Program of Action** whenever problems arise.

Please begin announcing these events during AA Related Announcements.

I hope we can generate a large turnout to show our support for this important topic and to our Area 58 S&I Chair who is traveling down here from the Portland Area with our Area 58 Corrections Chair Annalee.

I look forward to serving you and D16 for these next two years! Call, text or email me with any questions or ideas you may have or if you are interested in volunteering at our upcoming events!

Does anyone have any questions?

Terry C

events@medfordareaaa.org

541-690-2360

8. SOSM - Garrison Not Present

9. Grapevine - OPEN POSITION

10. Technology - Mike B

Hello District 16 I am continuing to learn my position and it's slowly coming together. Please send me your event fliers. I am able to put them on the District Website now. Thanks to Jo I recently found out we have a 3 year GoDaddy Host this will help in not having a site failure every 3 months. Thank you for letting me be of service.

11. Telephone/Hotline - OPEN POSITION

12. Liaison Report - District 16 Central Office report by Michelle gave address and reports an open slot for Volunteers Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00. We have every book in Spanish that is available and coins all the way up to 66 years sobriety. We are negotiating flooring replacement since fellowship member volunteered to do all the labor Wayne is talking with Landlord.

13. Liaison Report-YPAA- OPEN POSITION

14. Liaison Report-Alanon- OPEN POSITION

15. Liaison Report-ASL-OPEN POSITION

GSR Reports Secretary overlooked turning on Recorder the only GSR Reports available are those I received written reports from,

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.

I was honored to be able to attend the Area 58 assembly in Seaside last month, it was my first time attending an assembly in person and what an amazing opportunity that was. The level of connection to AA as a whole was unlike anything else I have experienced before, and really inspired me in so many ways. I was able to share that experience with my group and generate some interest in the alternate GSR position (though it still has not been filled). It was a beautiful way to mark the halfway point of my term as GSR for my group, and a great time to reflect on how far we've come as a group.

Speaking of which, our meeting has continued to be overflowing more times than not. We occasionally still have an evening with lower attendance, but most often we are beyond capacity with standing room only. This has led our group to open discussion about moving our meeting location, with much to be said pro and con about doing so. If anyone has any experience, strength and hope to share about the process of moving to a group location we would love for you to come share with us at our monthly business meeting on the last Saturday of the month.

Which leads us to our business meeting report. I'm grateful to say that we have grown in business meeting attendance as well, and that over the last year we have progressed from 4 members struggling

to keep the meeting running to having 12 people attend our last business meeting and all of the service positions filled. Most of these service positions have been filled by members with 18 months of sobriety and under, and it fills my heart with gratitude to see people who have gotten sober being of service and the 3 legacies of AA at work in their lives.

Lastly, I have cleaned out our meeting binder and am organizing it as best I can. I will take everything in it to the next business meeting to let the group conscious decide together on what should be thrown away and what should be archived. We are also trying to implement some more organized processes around tracking time in service commitments and home group members. It's a work in progress and again, any ESH is welcome to attend our business meeting on the last Saturday of the month.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Jessica

Talent Phoenix Group

Hi Im Beverly Alcoholic the meeting size has dwindled but getting some newcomers and I will be attending the Assembly virtually.

No Name Group

Hi my name is Clare and I'm an Alcoholic. We have a healthy group getting newcomers every week.

Ashland Young Peoples

Jillian reports good attendance at her group meets on Wednesdays at 7:01 cause they like to keep it funky. Jillian will be rotating out of her GSR position.

Ashland/Talent Group

No Report

Stick With the Winners

No Report

ASL Rule 62

No report

How It Works Group

Eagle Point Women's Online Group

Group report women's eagle point group, had our inventory this past Friday, good discussions on how to reach out to the community and let them know about our meeting. Format changes we are now doing chips every week all month s and then years too

Ashland 9:00 Sunday Meeting

Hi Im Janice I am an Alcoholic and GSR for the Ashland Sunday Morning Meeting at the Grange our attendance continues to grow. We are beginning to start a group inventory and I have asked Jillian for her assistance.

Just A Group Of Guys

No Report

Crack of Dawn Meeting

No Report

Serenity Sisters

No Report

Keep it Simple Women's Meeting

No Report

Eagle Point Women's Group Face to Face

No Report

ESH District 16

Hi I am Dan Alcoholic there has not been much to report the meeting is good but not much discussion outside the regular meeting.

Old Business:

1. Open positions
2. The White Cans are still at the Central Office Randy Treatment Chair and continue to work on a plan to relaunch the movement. For information please contact Randy.
3. Creation of Ad Hoc Committee to research the possibility of hosting a 2025 Assembly.

Motion was made to create the AdHoc committee to explore the November Assembly by Janice seconded by Dave, motion was passed by majority vote of 16. Terry C. volunteered to be on the committee, Jo B. volunteered to be Chairperson on the committee. Michelle M. volunteered to be Secretary for the committee provided the meetings could take place on zoom or at her home. Terry made a recommendation to include Ken J. since he was DCM last time we hosted the Assembly.

New Business:

Post Assembly Report from Jillian

Hello District 16,
Here is my report from the May 2024 Area 58 assembly.

On Friday night (May 17th) I participated in the Concepts workshop, which focused on Concept VI, which states the following:

“On behalf of A.A. As a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.” (Long Form)

If you would like more information about the concept, please reference page C19 in the AA Service Manual. There is also helpful information in “The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated”, which can be found [here](#) or at Central Office.

On Saturday morning (May 18th), I attended the *“Delegate Post-Conference Report”* given by our current Delegate, Penny H. She shared a powerpoint presentation at the 74th General Service Conference, which took place in New York City in April. She discussed important things happening at GSO including the following topics:

- A financial audit of GSO
- The importance of 7th tradition contributions to GSO
- Continued needed support of Grapevine and La Vina
- An update on the Plain Language Big Book, which was approved by the committee and is expected to go to print in Fall 2024. The current working title is Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous.

Penny is happy to come give her full presentation to our District, we just have to coordinate with her schedule. If you would like to set something up, please let Kathleen know.

The Business meeting on Saturday afternoon began with reports from all of the area officers, which lasted for approximately an hour. After reports, we voted on Old Business motions from the March Assembly.

Old Business:

1. Tabled Motion #1: Increase 2024 Regional Travel Budget from \$7,000 to \$12,000.
This motion was passed.
2. Tabled Motion #2: To allow Oregon Area 58 to come inline with the Current Conference Charter, making the terms of office and holding of elections for all Area Officers concurrent, with elections held in odd years.
This motion failed.

New Business:

The first order of business was for the Area treasurer, Curt M, to introduce the proposed 2025 Budget for the Area. It was automatically table to be brought back to the groups. It will be voted on at the September Assembly. You can find a copy of the proposed budget [here](#).

1. Motion #1: Change the annual reimbursement amount for proxy voters to travel to attend Oregon Area Assemblies from \$50 per assembly to \$200 per year.
This motion was passed with 212 yes, 5 no.
2. Motion 2: To add Co-chair as a service position on the Safety and Inclusion Committee as of the November 2024 Assembly.
This motion passed with 166 yes, 40 no.
3. Motion 3: Increase Area website budget line item by \$1,000.
This motion passed with 172 yes, 14 no.
4. Motion 4: Increase Area 58 2024 annual administrative line item budget for Spanish Language interpretation from \$6,600 per year to \$7,500.
This motion passed with 189 yes, 4 no.

After new business, the treasurer gave his final Treasurer Report. At the end of the May Assembly, Oregon Area 58's current cash position was \$47,954.47 and a reserve fund of \$12,489.47. If you would like to look at the report for yourself click [here](#) and request a copy from the finance committee.

Sunday morning (May 19th) was district/intergroup/YPAA reports. I did not attend these meetings however Kathleen submitted a report to Area which will be included in the final notes from the assembly.

In service,
Jillian S. LDCM-A District 16

13. **Motion to adjourn:** Michelle **Seconded by** Mike

14. **Responsibility statement**

Closed 7:00pm