

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

8/14,/2024- Wednesday

Roll call

Reader for Long Form Tradition Five - Taylor

Reader for Long Form Concept Five - Taylor

Any New GSRs or Visitors

Laura Ferrara GSR Hole In The Wall Group

Guests:

None

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

Secretary counts 17 eligible voters

Secretary Report:

Hello District Body,

The Roll Call Sheet has been updated with the notes you left me last month, the Secretary's Distribution List has also been updated. I am really hoping more of you take advantage of the option to send me your reports. If you choose to send a report please use the following format so your email stands out from the many others we receive.

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 pgs. 124-125

May 8, 2024 Minutes motion to approve made by David and seconded by Cathy motion

Passed

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

District 16 Treasurers Report

for: July 10, 2024 Meeting

	<i>General Account</i>	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>	<i>White Can Fund</i>	<i>ASL Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Beginning Balance	3,4,168.52	1,523.26	247.21	850.00	6,797.99
Income - Contributions	389.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	\$413.99
Expenses	(116.76)	(00.00)	(00.00)	0.00	(116.76)
Ending Balance	\$4,441.75	\$1,532.26	\$271.21	\$850.00	\$7,095.22
Less: Prudent Reserve	(1,250.00)				\$1,250.00
Total Cash Available	\$3,191.75	\$1,532.26	\$271.21	\$850.00	5,845.22

DCM REPORT - Kathleen

Hello District 16 -

The month of July was relatively quiet, aside from the continued planning of District 16 events and Committee meetings.

I would like to thank Bonnie R, our Guest Speaker at last month's District 16 Monthly Meeting, for taking the time to come and share about the Area 58 Safety and Inclusion Committee. The information she shared is so important for us to be familiar with, as we members of Alcoholics Anonymous assist in keeping meetings and groups safe for everyone.

I'm happy to report that there is expressed interest in a couple of our open positions, and we will do our best to encourage all members who may be interested in knowing about these open positions, to contact us for more information.

And lastly, while it seems that we have a moment of time before our Fall business and events, I'd like to thank each of you for your commitment to serve in District 16. Each Officer, Chair, GSR, Guest, Member, contributes to the successful operation of our District. We need every pair of hands to accomplish what we do. Thank you all for being the beautiful Trusted Servants that you are!

In Gratitude Love and Service,

Kathleen S

2. LDCM-A Absent

3. LDCM-B OPEN POSITION

4. LDCM-C OPEN POSITION

5. LDCM D OPEN POSITION

6. LDCM E- Yael

Deaf Sober AA Group meets on Sundays at 4:00pm Eastern Time in American Sign Language the group has anywhere from 5-12 attendees. Our format is an open discussion meeting centering around the Daily Reflections. This is an open AA meeting open to all we sometimes have students attend that want to see how it works for their clients. We provide meeting attendance emails for those that need them.

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.

The room is getting packed so maybe 10-12 women are coming in and everything is going well. I did make an announcement to get more people to fill out forms if you have filled out a form and I haven't called you because the forms are getting lost down there.

5. PI/CPC - OPEN POSITION

Treatment Facilities - Randy

District 16 Treatment Committee Report
8/11/2024

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. Last meeting was held on 8/5/2024. Next meeting 9/2/2024
For Oregon Area 58 treatment guidelines, go to ctf-n@aa-oregon.org Contact Treatment Chair with questions.

This coming Friday 8/16/2024 Area58 is putting on "Panel Participation Orientation" at 7PM. Meeting ID 8075131787 Passcode 166459
October 19, 2024, 10am-3pm will be an online Oregon Area 58 Treatment Conference, save the date. More information to follow.

District 16 Treatment is now taking panels into "Fresh Start Withdrawal Treatment", located in Medford, Fridays from 3-4. We need help filling 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Fridays. Please contact Randy at (408) 500-5902. July 19 th . Sent out request for help to 60 different people, two responded. Maybe I could get some feedback on this.

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.
Tuesday I'll meet with OHRA regarding starting a new meeting at the center.

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

In response to questions concerning what to tell groups about the White Can Project Randy sent this statement in email.

I'll admit, up front, that I have a bias FOR the use of the white cans. Having come from an area that used a similar system with which we always had access to literature, to take into Prisons, Jails, Psych Wards and Treatment Ctr's. Frankly I would be "for all of Oregon AA" to institute the same statewide. Currently there are other areas in Oregon AA that use this same system.

What the "White Can" looks like at your group or meeting; First the white can would be approved by the group. The group would then make the decision to pass around the room at the meeting, with a short explanation as to what it is for or to leave by the literature and your literature person would include a short blurb on it along with their lit. report. Loose change is the typical drop in a white can, but bills are highly accepted. If passed around the room, it is recommended not to pass with the basket. Each white can has an address listed on the same to make the contribution from the can and designated to White Can Fund so the treasurer (District) can allocate a line item. The group or meeting determines when to send in funds, either by rotation of secretary/literature person, can fill up or some other random determination. If interested I will personally deliver a can to your meeting/group and if wanted give a short pitch.

On another note and hopefully I'll attempt to tie this in with the white cans for literature; Each meeting we attend the secretary will make the announcement about the seventh tradition/passing the basket and will

explain where the funds go, ie CO, District, GSO and Oregon Area AA. Then our literature person gives their report ending with "and if you need a book and can't afford one, speak to me after the meeting" I'm all for this and I believe everybody is also in agreement and I would never say anything different about it. We know the importance of getting literature to the newcomer. But nowhere in the secretary's blurb on the 7th tradition do they mention giving books away for free.

Your District is juggling funds to make things better for all of us. Oregon Area AA seems to be OK, but if one were to look at line items for literature I believe you would find them lacking. GSO continues to function, but has for some time mentioned that they are below what they consider a prudent reserve. Our CO is financially good and ongoing contributions are appreciated and needed, but this has simply been accomplished as a result of two large bequeaths received last year.

"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".

7. Events - Terry

8/14/24 - Events Chair Report

D16 Business Meeting

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

Your D16 Events Chair and Sub Committee SOSM Chair have been getting a lot done this month! Laura S has been enthusiastic and creative in flier work, venue seeking and helping organize the many events we have planned for the upcoming year! ... Yes I said upcoming YEAR! So keep an eye on your emails! We will coordinate with Kathleen and she will send out event details as we get them finalized.

UPDATE on the Safety and Inclusion Workshop. It has changed from a Panel Discussion to a Topic Discussion and Workshop. It will still be hybrid and I am hoping that many from the deaf and HoH community will be participating online in the workshop. If there anyone from the deaf and hard of hearing at this meeting would like to volunteer to be on our hybrid panel, please reach out to me at events@medfordareaaa.org

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. Safety and Inclusion Topic Discussion Workshop

<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 ASL interpretation.

Hybrid Information: 456 010 1935 Password: 06101935

Topic Discussion will include breakout sessions for in person and online members. Each will be chaired by a member of the Safety and Inclusion committee.

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.

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.

There will be an Ask It Basket and in the interest of saving time we will need to prime the basket with your questions. So please send questions to events@medfordareaaa.org. A spreadsheet will be created and all questions will be stored there until the event. If you wish to have your question be anonymous, bring your question or comment to the event.

2. D16 GSR School - In Person Only

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GspBESUyRoE06f1RaJTSxMnCxlLxZQG/_view?usp=sharing

Date: **9/28/24**

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Ascension Church 675 Black Oak Dr Medford OR

Additional Information: All members of AA are welcome to attend. This District Event will be facilitated by the DCM/LDCMs in an effort to better prepare the GSR for their position while also ensuring they gain confidence to eventually begin standing for other positions within the District and Area.

3. Delegate Report

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/165HK5aLWeZLvRoX7uIY3PkXYRMikcWnk/view>

Anonymity protected slide show *(treat with caution and confidentially)*

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yyWjZ4wzoSaGEIpfbhyLIIIIUeTpuXep/view>

DATE CHANGE: October 5th

Time: 1pm to 5pm

Report Time: 1pm to 3:30pm

Ice Cream Social: 4pm to 5pm

Location: Ascension Church 675 Black Oak Dr Medford OR 97504

Hybrid Information: 456 010 1935 Password: 06101935

Additional Information: Ice Cream Social for attendees.

Will need volunteers to help with set up, serving and cleaning up.

I have included the Delegates slide to use to help you create your GSR reports and help your group members understand the importance of attending the report back from our Delegate on the important motions, votes and decisions made at this year's week-long AA Business meeting.

I hope we can generate excitement and enthusiasm to show our support for our Delegate who will be traveling down here from the Portland Area to share with you and the members of AA in the Rogue Valley. The **Right of**

Participation ([Concept 5](#)) is vital for the health and success of AA As you will find in her Anonymity slide show there was a large amount of time given to the Plain Language Big Book and our members will want to hear about the decision and the process that occurs for the Trustees and Delegates to come to exercise their **Right of Decision** ([Concept 3](#))

Please begin announcing all of these events during AA Related Announcements.

Flyers are linked in this report and in the chat but if you need copies of the flyers for either of these events please let me know and we can work out a plan for getting them to you. There will also be stacks of them down at the Central Office.

Does anyone have any questions?

Terry C

events@medfordareaaa.org

541-690-2360

8. SOSM

August 2024 SOSM Report

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair Report

Laura S.

Overview:

As a grateful newly appointed Chair (Thank You, Kathleen) I spent a great deal of time with Terry C. reviewing Google Drive, position requirements, and brainstorming / creating a calendar for 2024-2025.

Upcoming SOSM scheduled for: Saturday, November 2, 2024 with Pat Y., Seal Beach, CA

Report:

Tentative speaker calendar was created for the next year to compliment and not interfere with District 16 Events. Venues were contacted (assisted by Terry C.) and I have a good idea of what is available in the Valley and with what capacity and importantly, seating availability. Terry and I brainstormed ideas to attract District members and boost attendance. Speakers have been invited for the next two meetings. Pat Y. from Seal Beach, CA will be the November 2 speaker and the event will co-presented by SOSM and District 16 Events with a Service Fair first. Speaker Meeting portion will be hosted by my Home Group, Sticks with the Winners (Ashland). I am creating a

Hosting Requirements and Checklist Document to be provided to meetings interested in Hosting future SOSM events. Hosts are confirmed for the next two Speaker Meetings. I am currently working on revamping the script aka format, specifically 7 th Tradition portion. Terry and I are working out some ideas for Hybrid in general, but specifically how to include 7 th Tradition contributions for Zoom attendees. I have a few individuals in mind to work with me as co-chair and have recruited “permanent” helpers or an “unofficial committee” to help with upcoming events side-by-side with District 16 Meeting Hosts. I am very excited for this opportunity to continue in bringing the Language of the Heart to our District.

Next SOSM scheduled for: Saturday, February 22, 2025

9. Grapevine - OPEN POSITION

10. Technology - Mike B

Hi I am Mike I am an alcoholic. I have managed to post 2 events on the District Website and that might not impress you but it really impresses me and I have found a Utube channel that is all about how to post stuff on WordPress. So Jo and I are going to get together and get something going with paypal. She knows a guy who knows a guy. Please get all your events to me and I will get them all up there.

11. Telephone/Hotline - OPEN POSITION

12. Liaison Report - OPEN POSITION

13. Liaison Report-YPAA- OPEN POSITION

14. Liaison Report-Alanon- OPEN POSITION

15. Liaison Report-ASL-OPEN POSITION

GSR Reports

Talent Phoenix Group

No Name Group

Hi my name is Clare and I am the GSR for the Friday group. All is well and the group did accept passing the White Can again so everything is going well.

Ashland Young Peoples

Ashland/Talent Group

Stick With the Winners

August 2024 GSR Report

STICKS WITH THE WINNERS Women's Meeting 5:30PM Ashland

Laura S.

Meeting Attendance: Very good at 25-30/week

Report:

We continued to steadily fill the room on a consistent basis whether it is our normal format or month-end "speaker share." We generally have one visitor or more a week and at least one newcomer. We are a chip meeting, handing out chips from newcomer up to birthdays each week and we celebrate monthly birthdays on the last Monday of the month with cake after the meeting.

We received our Group Inventory notes from our LDCM, Jillian, and those participating in the Group Inventory will meet to discuss 6 and 7 topics and move forward from there.

We are very grateful to both Jillian and Elise for facilitating the process.

Our meeting is dedicated to learning more about the Traditions as a group and as GSR,

I present one Tradition a month at the Business Meeting. All meeting members are

You are welcome to attend.

ASL Rule 62

How It Works Group

Hi my name is Chris and I'm an alcoholic. Everything is going well. We usually have about 10-15 in attendance and it's a good strong AA Group.

Eagle Point Women's Online Group

Ashland 9:00 Sunday Meeting

Hi my name is Penelope I used to be an Alt GSR. Our group is a speaker discussion format and our meeting is well attended. We just finished our group inventory and we are gonna be going over the responses as soon as we get them back. Next week I will be taking over as the GSR.

Just A Group Of Guys

Crack of Dawn Meeting

Serenity Sisters

Bright Spot

Keep it Simple Women's Meeting

Eagle Point Women's Group Face to Face

There is a Solution Monday Nights

Women of Worth

Night Owls

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

14. Responsibility statement

Closed 6:35pm