

## District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025 Wednesday

### Roll call

Reader for Long Form Tradition Nine - Kelly

Reader for Long Form Concept Nine - Taylor

### **Any New GSRs or Visitor**

Clint Willoughby GSR Just A Group Of Guys

Secretary counts eligible voters

### **Secretary Report: 23**

April 9, 2025 Minutes motion to approve made by Kelly and seconded by Lori

Motion Passed 21

**Treasurer Report:** Trearurers Report May 13, 2025. Motion to approved Treareres Report

Jillian Secended by Wayne Motion passed by 20

<b>District 16 Treasurers Report</b>					
for: <u>May 13, 2025</u> Meeting					
	<i>General Account</i>	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>	<i>White Can Fund</i>	<i>ASL Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
Beginning Balance	6,1517.51	224.77	461.83	565.00	7,769.11
Income -					
Contributions	52.64	1,034.00	25.37	00.00	1,112.01
Expenses	(373.89)	(40.50)	(0.0)	0.00	414.39
Ending Balance	\$6,196.26	\$1,218.27	\$487.20	\$565.00	\$8,466.73
Less: Prudent Reserve	(1,250.00)				
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<b>\$4,946.26</b>	<b>\$1,218.27</b>	<b>\$487.20</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>	<b>7,216.73</b>

## 1. **DCM -Kathleen S.**

May 11, 2025  
District 16  
Assembly Report  
Kathleen S - DCM

Area 58 - District 16 Continues to be busy since the last Assembly. Of course, as we've mentioned our Watch Party on 3/15/25 was successful. The subsequent Post Conference meeting on 3/30/25 and discussion of the topics that District 16 had been assigned were very informative. This prepared the post meeting attendees to respond to Penny with a good understanding of the topics assigned. District 16 Traditions and Concepts on 5/3/25 continues monthly with Traditions 7 and 8, and Concepts 7 and 8 being presented on 5/3/25. The Rogue Roundup happened the weekend of May 2, and was very well attended . The Speakers from AA and Alanon was great. The Panel was reportedly the highlight of the weekend with the AA and Alanon speakers making up the panel. The dinner was sold out. Take Your Sponsor To Dinner event was postponed due to a medical issue involving the Event Chair. Rescheduling TBD shooting for Fall 2025. An ad hoc committee has been formed to review the efficiency of the telephone answering used by District 16. On Apr 2, 2025 a experimental plan went into use, wherein volunteers answer the telephones after hours in lieu of using an answering service. This item will be discussed further at the Monthly District Meeting. With disappointment, I report that our LDCM - (Ashland) has resigned as of the end of May. Her move out of State will give her a wonderful new opportunity. Best to you Jillian!

In Love and Service,  
Kathleen S  
DCM District 16

## 2. **LDCM-A Jillian**

Hello, District 16!  
- I went to Friday night of the Round-Up and it was a great time! So fun to see members of District 16 and 7 working together to share the AA message!  
- I had the opportunity to present on concepts 7 and 8 at the Steps and Traditions workshop on May 3rd. If you want more information about them I'm happy to

share what I found out! Looking forward to the next workshop on June 7th.  
On a bittersweet note, I will be resigning from my LDCM- A position at the end of the month. I have accepted a new job in South Dakota and will be moving in July. It has been an honor to be involved in District 16 for the last three years! The experience I have learned at this level of service has been invaluable. I am so grateful for this experience and plan to bring all that I've learned with me on my next adventure. Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of this amazing community.  
For the next month you can reach out to me at ldcm-a@medfordareaaa.org or call/text me at (541) 890-7797.  
Jillian S  
LDCM-A

### **3. LDCM-B Penelope**

5/13/2025  
District 16 Meeting  
Hello this is Penelope J LDCM-B. Not much to report this month. If you are interested in having me attend one of your business meetings please outreach via these two platforms:  
Cell 541-602-0808  
Email ldcm-b@medfordareaaa.org  
In Loving Service,  
Penelope J

### **4. LDCM-C OPEN POSITION**

### **5. LDCM D OPEN POSITION**

#### **1. Access - OPEN POSITION**

#### **2. Archives - Jennifer A. 2025**

I had a good meeting with Laura S. and Terry C. a few weeks ago regarding the upcoming speaker meeting. We are doing a founders day display with many archived items from our district as well. Looking forward to that and will have more information at the next meeting.

In love and service,

**Jennifer A.**

**Archivist**

**District 16**

*"Whenever a society or civilization perishes*

*there is always one condition present;*

*they forgot where they came from."*

-----Carl Sandburg

### **3. Correction Facilities M - Todd**

Men's Corrections Report 5/07/2025

Monthly report for the month of April.

On the 9th we had three men go into the jail, bringing with them 2 Big Books. Each shared their experience, strength and hope with four men from inside. Receiving a positive response from the group.

On the 23rd. We had three men go into the jail with three big books. Each shared their experience, strength and hope. There were eight men in attendance from inside the facility. One of which had no knowledge of the AA program or what we did. Several Big Books were also given to the Women going into the women's facility. The group was receptive to our message.

Books and other AA related literature is contributed by District 16, Oregon Area 58 AA "White Can Fund".

One new application was submitted and approved.

Thankful and Grateful to District 16 for allowing me to be of service!!

Todd J

### **4. Correction Facilities W - Molly**



women's jail report

The jail committee has 20 volunteers. Of those volunteers, an average of 3 women go into the jail to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The jail recently changed their form, and the clearance lasts an average of 2 years, so those women whose clearance was 2 years old found out the evening that they went in that they were no longer cleared - a lesson for me. I am now marking the date they were cleared so that the next person knows approximately when to get new clearance. No one of the volunteers who showed up the 2nd Wednesday had a current clearance, so we only had one meeting this month.

## **5.Treatment Facilities - Randy**

### District 16 Treatment Report

05/01/2025 Next District 16 Meeting 05/14/2025

1) District 16 has made the decision to fund Corrections/Treatment literature by way of the "White Cans" effectively putting the responsibility for literature on the white cans and outside the scope of the District 16 Budget. All funds are still going to District 16 and redirected to appropriate accounting line items. Let me know if your group is interested in a presentation on same.

2) Fresh Start Withdrawal Management, which is a detox center located in Medford is allowing us to go on Monday mornings, nothing formal, more like a meet and greet. In July, if all goes per plan, their new 20 bed facility will open. At which time we will be back in.

3) ARC, men's and women's residential treatment centers. Panel's go in on Wednesday at 1pm. Men and women allowed into men's facility with only women allowed into women's facility. Peg M coordinator for women's and Dee D for the men's facilities. Women's ARC is now allowing 2 women into the facility along with the lead. In addition, ARC women's is now allowing a panel on 2 nd Sunday of the month at 7pm. Kelly K has committed thru June, 2025.

4) Still of interest; Kelly Center, VA and Transition Center in Phoenix

For treatment guidelines go to GSO/Treatment Guidelines (MG-14) or Oregon Area 58 AA Treatment Guidelines or GSO Treatment Workbook.

Oregon Area 58 Treatment Committee meets on the first Monday of each month, 5:30pm. Meeting ID 8075131787 Passcode 166459. Rand is now the new Area 58 Treatment Chair.

In Gratitude and Service

[ctf@medfordareaaa.org](mailto:ctf@medfordareaaa.org)

District 16 Treatment Chair

Randy S

(408) 500-5902

## **6. SOSM**

May 2025 SOSM Report  
Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair Report  
Submitted May 6, 2025

Laura S.

Overview:

Upcoming SOSMs scheduled for: Saturday, June 14, 2025 with Mary O., from Aliso Viejo, CA

Report:

I have continued to work with Katie G., Host Meeting Liaison representing There is A Solution and we are all set for June's meeting – all that's left is a Walk Through. I have a meeting scheduled with the SOSM committee tonight where we will brainstorm more ways to streamline the preparation of and actual event in order to make the evening super successful.

Terry (Events) and Jennifer (Archives) are working on Trivia Bingo and other fun activities. Stay tuned!

Please spread the word at your meeting about both events! We need YOU to help make This evening was a success!

I have ample flyers to distribute and am happy to get them delivered to any GSRs needing them for their meetings. I'll place a digital copy in the chat.

In gratitude and service,

Laura S.

## **8. Events Chair Terry**

No written report available but Terry did mention the upcoming SOSM where there may be a sighting of Bob & Bill. There will be Bingo before the Speaker Meeting and fun for all. June 14th doors open at 5:00pm. If you have time to come ahead and help with set up or stay after and help with clean up it would be greatly appreciated!!! Be there or be square!!!

## **9. Grapevine - Open Position**

## **10. Technology - Laurie H.**

District 16 Technology Committee Report May 14, 2025

Michael and I have been busy making updates to the website, learning as we go. I could not do this without his help.

We have updated the service positions list, the minutes links, soon we will be able to put in treasurers reports. We updated the link to the AI-Anon website. The current link to the Guidelines has been updated. Probably more that I can't remember.

There is a lot to this position that I haven't learned yet. I have given the Venmo QR code to Carmen so she can post it in the Zoom Speaker meeting, thereby taking in 7th Tradition from those that attend on

Zoom. I'm hoping to get more info on our PayPal account to get that up on the web page as well. There is so much to do on this committee, we are accepting applications to join the committee.

Yours In Love and Service,

Laurie Hopkins

Technology Chair District 16

## **11. Telephone/Hotline -**

We met on April 27th to discuss findings

Laura S, Jennifer A, Randy S and myself were present.

Randy detailed his report of answering the Central Office phones directly for after hours.

We found that the phone service from the Central Office can be transferred from a remote site using account login for spectrum, so after the central office volunteer transfers the phone for the day it

is possible to have other shifts if necessary  
in that same evening.

Discussed

The value of Answer page for the few calls  
we get is unreasonable

We would like to recommend that, due to  
the extremely low volume of calls ---

That the best value for our valley would be  
to use existing phone service at the central  
office to answer phone calls.

If GSR discuss with their groups about  
volunteers for off hours

Would like the district to possibly commit to  
3-6 more months for us to get volunteers to  
answer the phone and compile a new 12  
step call list, and allow for a volunteer  
workshop.

Randy also has his detailed report for us

Randy?

## **12. Liaison Report - Open Position**



### **13. Liaison Report-Alanon- Trish**

May 7, 2025

#### **Al-Anon Liaison Report**

- The annual Al-Anon Chili Feed fundraiser on April 12 was well attended. If you were able to attend, we thank you for the support. The funds generated were to support our district and Oregon Area.
- The Alateen coordinators have asked me to share with you that we are in search of a place to have the Alateen meetings. Currently the meetings are scheduled on Tuesday night at 6:30 at the Presbyterian church in Central Point. However, attendance has been non-existent for some time now. We are hoping to find a location that coincides with an AA meeting which may make it easier for the kids to have transportation by parents attending the AA meetings. If you know of a location that would have a separate room available, please contact me. Also, we ask that you share with your groups that Alateen is available in the Rogue valley. The adult sponsors are certified and background checked and are able to help give transportation. If your group is willing to display some Alateen literature with your literature, I can provide a flyer or pamphlet. Information is also available at AA Central Office and Oregon Area website [http:// www.OregonAl-Anon.org](http://www.OregonAl-Anon.org).

Thank you for letting me share.

Trish T.

Al-Anon Liaison

[ptrefren@gmail.com](mailto:ptrefren@gmail.com)

541-621-8101

## **GSR Reports**

### **Ashland Young Peoples**

Hi Taylor, not a whole lot new to report. We have had a couple buses come by from the ARC so we have had some newcomers. So thanks for letting me be of service.

### **How It Works Friday Phoenix**

Hi my name is Chris, the group is doing well and attendance is strong. We are doing our annual picnic Cantrall Buckley Park July 27th speaker starts at 1:00. There is a parking fee unless you have a park pass.

### **Women of Worth Medford #000336488**

**District 16, Area 58**

**May 14, 2025**

**GSR District Report Our Tuesday and Thursday meetings are going strong.**

**Our group sponsors the All 12-Steppers Women's camp Out and we are gearing up for another fun annual event. We'll be tie dying our T-shirts this year.**

**We have taken a group conscience to again include District 16 in our distributions now that there is a digital format. Our group is putting together another auction item for the women's brunch in June.**

**YILAS,**

**Laurie Hopkins**

**[laluhop@gmail.com](mailto:laluhop@gmail.com)**

## **Sticks with the Winners**

### **May 2025 GSR Report**

#### **Sticks with the Winners, Ashland**

**Laura S.**

#### **Report:**

**The Sticks with the Winners Meeting has kept its name even with the format change.**

**We now have a Leader-share where the leader draws a Stick with a literature-based Topic (such as a quote or page number) from a box and shares on that topic. After discussing how to better carry the message to the newcomer at our last Business Meeting, we decided to have the Sticks divided into two boxes and when newcomers identify in the beginning of the meeting, the Leader will choose a Stick from the box where the Topics are on Steps 1, 2, and 3.**

**Our group is loving our new format and we welcome and encourage all women in the Valley to come check it out.**

**We are in the beginning stages of developing Meeting “Guidelines” similar to Bi-Laws to further document the results of our Group Inventory and keep the meeting running consistently. The focus will be, as always, on the newcomer.**

**If you’d like more information on our meeting, please reach out to me in the chat.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to serve.**

## **Bright Spot Group**

**Hi Im Elisa we are doing well we still have only 4 members but we have people stop in. We just finished the first 164 pages and we are talking about reading AA Comes of Age next**

## **20/21 Central Point Meeting**

**Doug Alcoholic I support the volunteering for the telephone attendance is a little bit low.**

## **Talent/Phoenix Group**

### **Monday Night Mens Group in Ashland**

**We meet at the Methodist church. Lot of new people coming in but we are getting alot of newcomers so we had to move to a bigger room in the church.**

## **Friday Phoenix How It Works Group**

## **There Is a Solution**

### **Just For Today Group**

#### **LGBTQPlus Meeting**

**Old Business:** ADHOC Committee met on the 27th on zoom Randy reports he has been answering the phones as an experiment to see how many calls really need to be answered from the 2nd of April thru the 12th of May and that is what the report includes. Shifts were Monday thru Friday 4:00pm to 9:00am. The next shift was a long one 1200pm to 9:00am on Saturday until 9:00am on Monday The total number of calls was 25 but 3 of them look like it was the volunteers switching the calls over to the other volunteers. If you volunteer to do this service your personnel phone number is not shown to the individual calling in for help. There was 1 call on Monday one on Tuesday 5 on Wednesday 7 on Thursday 3 on Friday and 8 on Saturday. Randy said life continued for those answering the phone. So this was using the phone service from Spectrum. The volunteer transferred the phone when closing up the Central Office for the night and it went to Randy.

Conclusion: The value of the answer page which is what we currently use is unreasonable. We recommend using the Spectrum Service we now have using AA people answering the phone calls. So if the GSR's can take this back to their groups and see if people are available to volunteer we need to know and that is our next step. Monthly savings per month is approximately \$120.00 to the District as Central Office will take over with much lower charges following the 3-6 month set up period. If we just use the Spectrum Phone Service and transfer the phone to the daily volunteer. We also need the District to commit to at least 3-6 months so we have the time to get the new service up and running. We also believe we should have a volunteer workshop so when we get the new program going everyone of the volunteers is comfortable in knowing how it will all work and what is required of them.

Terry asked so what we want to know now is are there volunteers wanting to help.

Kelly answered we want the hand of AA to always be there but we need to know there are people willing.

Lori asked if we do this, are we going to eliminate that \$ something dollar service fee altogether.

Kelly Yes

GSR's were asked to take this option back to their Home Groups to see what kind of response they get with people being willing to volunteer for the phone service.

#### **New Business:**

We use a modified Robert's Rules of order so if the motion is not seconded it will not go any further.

Wayne T. submitted a verbal motion to create a District 16 Chair Safety & Inclusion Chair position.

The intent of this motion is to create a District Chair position in D16 to connect the District with the Area 58 Safety and Inclusion (IS) Committee. The purpose is to access the SI Committee's support and resources to help groups reach an informed group conscience regarding safety issues. Wayne further shared the guidelines.

Lori seconded the motion.

The motion was opened for discussion:

Mollie shared strong support for the motion and her experience with S&I issues.

Jillian pointed out the number of current open positions and that this position might fall under Access Committee

Kathleen pointed out there are currently 7 positions open

Terry supported Jillian's position but focused more on doing active recruitment for the open positions. Maybe offering 2 S&I Workshops per year. Maybe having Co-Chairs of Access and S & I

Mollie feels recruitment is a separate issue but again strongly supports S & I

Kelly recommended a change in structure to include Access Chair

Laura supports having S & I arm of Access Committee

Discussion ended with a question being called.

Voted to create new position in favor 7

Vote opposed 16

Motion failed.

Ended with motion being Tabled

In Support to Table 16

Mollie brought up issue of ADHOC Committee for active recruitment. Make this new business next month.

Raine presented resume for Co-Treasurer submitted verbal qualifications

This is elected position all GSR's in favor 14 which is a simple majority

Welcome aboard Raine

**13. Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Michelle and seconded by Jillian motion passed by vote of

**Responsibility statement**

**Meeting Closed at 7:25**