

District 16 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
In Person and Hybrid Meeting Open to All AA Members

Penelope J opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She then asked for April and May AA birthdays in the room. Doug S will have 4 years on May 15. Mike L will have 36 years on May 16. Linda B will have 18 months on May 14. Beverly C had 35 years on April 26.

Linda B read the Tradition of the month and Caitlin F, online, read the Concept of the month. Then Penelope asked for any new GSR's. Zach L, present, is the GSR for Saturday Night Live group in Phoenix. There was a count of eligible voters, 10 in the room and 3 online.

Tod made a motion to approve last month's minutes, Linda B seconded. The minutes were approved. Penelope J then gave the DCM report:

Hello, District 16. I have not much to report since our last district meeting but we have much to look forward to before our next district meeting.


- Our quarterly area Assembly is this coming weekend. I know some of you will be attending in person and many will be attending via the Watch Party at my house. Feel free to come in unity at my house this Saturday between 8:30 - 5:00, come for part of all of the day. Bring something to share. Coffee, Tea and sparkly drinks provided.

- Saturday May 23rd our picnic at TouVille park - District 16 will be tabling at the event that day. Come visit our table, answer a trivia question and get a free cupcake as we provide information about what District 16 is and find out about empty Service Committee positions.

- Post Conference Report event June 7th 10-12 here at St. Vinneys - Our Delegate Chris will be bringing everything new and exciting from the General Service Conference in New York. Please take a flyer and announce it at your meetings.

I'm grateful for the honor of serving as your DCM and representing a district that continues to find common ground in service.

John F then presented the treasurer's report:

 20260430 Monthly Treasury Report (April).pdf

Taylor M made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Mike L seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Denise F, LDCM-A gave her report:

I had the pleasure of attending the Back-to-Basics workshop with one of my sponsees. The workshop met for 4 consecutive Tuesday to go through the Back-to-Basics book, which if you haven't heard of or read is a nice way to take a newcomer through the steps. Although the Back-to-Basics book is not AA approved literature, everything in the book contains AA information from the steps and where to find the information in the Big Book.

I was invited by a member of our fellowship to a women's step retreat at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill. The retreat is just 30 minutes away from where I live but it felt so far away given its location. St. Rita's is on a very large, beautiful piece of land. It was a great space for

getting focused with a small group of women and listening to everyone's experience.

Penelope J mentioned that we have open positions for LDCM-B, LDCM-C and LDCM -D. Also needed, open positions are Access Chair and Archives Chair. There will be a presentation by our Area 58 Access Chair at the next District meeting, to give more information and encourage someone to step into that role for the District.

The Women's Corrections Chair is now Cindy C and she sent this report:

Women's corrections report, May 2026

We have lost several volunteers; two permanently due to outside scheduling conflicts, one indefinitely self suspended for personal reasons, and several have limited availability during the summer months, as well as health issues attributing to attrition.

I just recently gained access to the Google drive and email and am acclimating myself with the technology. Rotating volunteers to a more predictable schedule is coming along. At this time we have a solid rotation of volunteers to whom we are very grateful.

Within Gmail I found a corrections workshop that seems to already be underway. As time permits I will further review the invitation and see if I can hop onto the meetings without the necessary workbook.

At this time we have plenty of literature and are not lacking for any materials to carry the message.

Thank you for this to be of service.

Events Co-Chair Chris, gave a report: There is an upcoming AA picnic event, Chili Cookoff at Touvelle Park May 23. There will be 5 residential treatment programs coming to this event as well. July 18 there will be a Safety and Inclusion workshop by Cynthia W. In August there will be a Sex Inventory workshop in August with an in-person speaker.

Men's Corrections Report was sent by Todd J:

Men's Corrections, District 16 April 2026

April 8th we had three men go into the facility sharing their experience, strength and hope with sixteen men. Big Books and assorted other AA literature, which were provided by the "White Can Fund", were distributed and well received. On April 22nd we had three men show up to share their experience, strength and hope, but unfortunately there was a security issue and the meeting was canceled. The officers were very sorry for the inconvenience, but it does happen on occasion.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Roundup and got to see some friends they haven't seen in a while. Overall, a good month for corrections. Any questions?

Thank You District 16 for allowing me to be of service. Todd J

Penelope J pointed out that we are in need of a Chair for the Southern Oregon Speaker meeting.

Technology Chair report by Laurie H , was sent:

Technology Committee Chair Report

May 13, 2026, District 16, Rogue Valley, Oregon

Sorry I can't be with you tonight. I continue to update the calendar as needed as well as updating the district web page. Not much else happening to report. See you all at the watch party for the conference report.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Laurie H., Technology Chair/Webmaster, District 16

Then Penelope asked for GSR reports.

Doug, GSR of 2021 Central Point Wednesday meeting, gave a report.
Linda B, GSR of Women of Worth online meeting, gave a report.
Taylor M, GSR of Ashland Young People, gave a report.
Zach L, GSR of Saturday Nite Live, gave a report.
Tod, GSR of Crack of Dawn, gave a report.
Mike L, GSR of Dog on the Roof, gave a report.
Amanda GSR of Her Story, gave a report.

Jane M gave a report:

GSR Report Keepin It Simple Women's Meeting, Wednesday 12 - 12:55
Medford First United Church, 607 West Main, Medford
05-13-2026

Format: We read the stories in the Big Book and on the last Wednesday of the month we have a speaker and celebrate milestones in recovery. We also have fellowship, and serve coffee and snacks beginning at 11:30 the last Wednesday of the month. Our business meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the month after the regular meeting. Attendance remains consistent - averaging 15 - 30 participants.

We elect new officers to fill positions being vacated every June and December. We will be filling vacated positions at our next business meeting on June 10th.

We are presently donating a Big Book a month to a women's treatment facility with funds from our Seventh Tradition funds as well as contributions to District, Central Office, Area 58 and GSO. We hope to purchase copies of the booklet "AA For The Older Adult" to have available at our meeting and possibly provide copies for senior living facilities.

Respectfully submitted, Jane M GSR

Caitlin F gave a report:

May 2026 GSR Report, Sticks with the Winners, Ashland

Sticks with the winners meeting is a Women's meeting in Ashland Monday night at 5:30. We regularly welcome newcomers as we are one of only two women's meetings here in Ashland. We are interested in getting a grapevine subscription. My group would like to know if any other meeting would like to partner and share the subscription with us. If you have any information on how to get that started or what that even looks like, please let me know. We voted on motions to bring back to the area assembly. I will be attending the watch party at our DCMs house this weekend. I am so grateful to be part of this home-group and thank you for allowing me to be of service. Thank you, Caitlin F.

Penelope J mentioned the PICPC chair position is open as well as the Grapevine chair position.

Penelope discussed again the potential of hosting the Area Assembly in September 2027. The consensus of GSRs and officers is positive for proceeding. A bid will be submitted for this.

New Business: Motion read and made by Beverly C and seconded by Taylor M

District 16 Motion Submitted by: Laurie H. Technology Chair/Webmaster and Beverly C, Secretary

Motion: To increase our District mileage reimbursement to \$0.44 per mile aligning with Area 58.

Intent or Purpose:

To stay in alignment with Area 58 and ensure our service volunteers are properly compensated for their travel.

Current Practice:

recently increased mileage reimbursement, however discovered Area has increased to \$0.44 per mile. Area 58 guidelines have not been updated yet to show this, but Laurie has contacted the Area Treasurer to confirm this.

Budgetary Impact: Negligible

A question was raised as to what the current reimbursement is, and the answer is 40 cents per mile. It was also brought up by Ken J, that to change this reimbursement, which is in the District Guidelines, there needs to be a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.

A vote was taken and this motion was passed unanimously.

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris seconded. The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.