

District 16 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
In Person and Hybrid Meeting Open to All AA Members

Penelope J opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She asked for August AA birthdays, but there were none. Denise F read the long form of the 8th Tradition. Ken J read the long form of Concept 8. Penelope inquired about new GSR's, and welcomed Jeremiah H as the new GSR for Ashland Young People Group. There was a count of eligible voters, with 11 present in person and 6 online, making 17 total. Laurie made a motion to approve last month's minutes, Mae seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Penelope, DCM, gave her report:

During this time of summer months it has been wonderful to see our district come together with so many BBQ's, campouts and other events. Our District continues to work together with our neighboring District 7 in various events, which I'll let Hallie share with you. We are preparing to attend the Area 58 assembly in Gold Beach. We have many members who will be attending this assembly. Exciting!

John F gave the treasurer's report. More contributions were received this month. John discussed that the officers are reviewing the amount of money in the general fund above the prudent reserve, as well as the money in the SOSM fund, in consideration with the budget. There may be a recommendation to disperse some of the money to Area and GSO, which will be presented at the next monthly meeting.

Marci made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Ryan seconded the motion. The report was approved.

 20260731 Monthly Treasury Report (July).pdf

Taylor M stood for the LDCM-D position and gave his service resume. Linda B made a motion to elect Taylor to the position and Travis seconded. He was elected by unanimous vote.

Mae M, Access chair, gave a report:

I am very excited to report that over the last month I have had the pleasure of meeting with the Area 58 Access Chair Debbie D. She has graciously shared with me ways of being of service in this position as well as forwarding along her report from May and AA news pertaining to Accessibilities. I have her permission to share these as part of my report. I will be attending the Area Assembly and collaborating on an accessibilities table with Debbie D. As part of my printed/digital report you will find notes from our last meeting including full versions of these documents. To keep my report within the allotted time I will share only an excerpt of each, these are highlighted in the text versions.

"Accessibilities- Access to A.A.: Overcoming Barriers to Recovery. The fundamental foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous rests on a single, uncompromising standard: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. However, for many alcoholics, the desire to join a meeting is met with physical, sensory, and cognitive barriers that make attendance and active participation challenging. If the message of recovery cannot reach an individual, our primary purpose remains unfulfilled."

The A.A. General Service Office has now posted the Final Report for the Special Online Forum for Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous Members, held on January 17, 2026. This was the first Special Forum of its kind in A.A. history, created in response to an expressed need from Deaf A.A. members. You can read the report by scrolling down to Special Forums on the A.A. website: Final Report: Special Online Forum for Deaf A.A. Members, January 17, 2026.

A Message to the Fellowship about the Everything AA App: Dear A.A. Friends: Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) recently acquired the Everything AA app. This represents an exciting opportunity to make A.A. literature and other resources available in a format that reflects how people communicate and seek

information today, particularly members and still-suffering alcoholics who increasingly engage with A.A. digitally. We would like to express sincere gratitude to the app's creator, Ben S., for the vision, service, and loving care that helped grow the app over the years. We are especially grateful for his willingness to work collaboratively with AAWS during this transition in the spirit of service to the Fellowship.

A Message from Ben S: For the past several years, building and maintaining Everything AA has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. What started as a small project to make A.A. resources easier to access grew into something far larger than I ever expected. I have heard from members all over the world: newcomers trying to find their first meeting, people traveling, people in difficult moments, and people simply looking for a way to keep A.A. close throughout the day. Those messages stayed with me. They are what kept me going. As an A.A. member, I have always tried to keep the purpose of the app simple: to be useful, to stay out of the way, and to help make A.A. more accessible to anyone who needed it. I have done my best to serve that purpose with care and respect for the Fellowship.

Cindy, Cooperation with Correctional Facilities Women's Chair, submitted a report, which was read: We have put the word out for more volunteers. GSR's are requested to take the information to their home group. This is also been posted on social media. There are printouts available at the district meeting today. So far no new volunteers have come forth.

It was brought up that the meetings at the Jail are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. It was mentioned that a background check (very limited!) is needed and needs 6 weeks to be processed. The application is available online at Webpage and at Central Office. .

Todd, Cooperation with Correctional Facilities Men's Chair, gave a report:

July 8th we had three men go into the Jackson County Jail sharing their experience, strength and hope. Eleven, from the inside, attended the meeting and were/are very respectful. On July 22nd., we had three men go into the facility sharing their experience, strength and hope. Both meeting's/panels had Big Books, Grapevines and other miscellaneous literature funded by the ongoing efforts of all who contribute to the "White Can Fund". We had one new member approved to go into the facility and will be worked into the rotation. Currently there are twenty-five active members going into the Jackson County Jail. All in all, a good month for Corrections. Thank You District 16 for allowing me to be of service! Are there any questions???

In Gratitude, Todd J

Please announce to your groups, in a very short time my term is up and new people should stand up.

Todd may have a replacement for his chair position who may come with a service resume next month. .

Randy S gave a White Can Report:

Some complain and say "District" is supposed to pay for the literature taken into treatment and corrections. Some say "Area" is supposed to pay for the literature taken into treatment and corrections. Area used to pay for more than just literature, for one they paid for assemblies but are no longer able to do so as budget restraints restrict their ability to do so. "District 16" had similar budget restraints and elected in 2023, to use what is referred to as a "special container" to collect funds, which in turn were used to buy AA Literature. The container of choice, a "white container", hence the name white can fund. In essence "District 16" still pays for literature into treatment facilities and the Local Jail. A bit rocky at first, but by 2026 and with the help of a one time \$2,000.contribution the fund is well on its way. Treatment guidelines, whether they are Area or GSO, do not include books as their budgets are not large enough. Pamphlets only! District 16 on the other hand brings pamphlets, Grapevines and various books into Treatment facilities and the local jail. If your group or meeting is interested in learning more please contact me. Any questions? Randy S (408) 500-5902

There were some questions for Randy, including about what he mentioned regarding how to get book discounts from GSO, the different kinds of big books and about the financial records on the White Can. Randy has records on what has come in and gone out with buying books and where the books were given, as well as records are kept by the Treasurer on the White Can income and expense. There was discussion about a

possible motion to ask for a monthly financial report from Randy, but it was not seconded, as it was pointed out those income and expense records are in the treasurer's report. It was also pointed out that a lot of literature was purchased a year ago when there was a large white can contribution and is still stockpiled at this time.

Ryan B stood for the Treatment Chair position and gave a service resume. He was appointed to the position by Penelope.

Hallie C, Events Chair, submitted a report that was read by Penelope:

Good evening District 16 members. I apologize for not attending this evening. I am your District Events Chair and I am needing a little extra help. The summer is coming to an end and fall is around the corner. I believe a great fall event is in order. I am asking for all volunteers who would like to be on our next event committee. Please send me a text or email. I am hoping to have an event meeting by the end of August/beginning of September. We can do it in person or zoom. There is a workshop happening on October 10, 2026, Safety and Inclusion. The flyer should be out in the next couple of days. It will be held at the Ascension Church on Black Oak. When the flyer is out, I will get it to the website. Thank you everyone for allowing me to be of service. Hallie C, Events Chair.

Ken J, the Grapevine Chair, gave a report:

Attended: July 6, 2026 @ 6pm - 6:53pm on Google Meet - attended 10 - contact list 48 (Area 58 Grapevine Meeting) *Summary - A coordination meeting to plan a September 1 Grapevine writing workshop, outreach displays, distribution options and an orientation for reps. September 1 workshop confirmed, hybrid. District 31 providing the pizza. Orientation materials to be developed; volunteers identified. Outreach displays best practices and supplier resources to be shared. New Grapevine reps welcomed (Misty, Ken) Typical workshop format: 10-15 minute presentation with 30-40 minutes for writing and sharing, total session under 90 minutes. Corrections distribution options: two approaches were compared—ordering through the Grapevine Carry the Message program versus district -level purchases routed through a named local corrections contact. Participants noted the National Carry the Message program handles many incarcerated requests but local purchases and circulation inside facilities are commonly used; tradeoffs include volume limits, processing, and local logistics. Display materials and promotion resources: practical display suggestions were shared (three fold displays, enlarged workbook materials, grapevines, rep notebooks, themed table cloths, tall pull-up banners, offered to share supplier links and files- Penny) sample flyer sent. July 10, 2026 District 16 GvRs subscription options, will have samples at August meeting: Grapevine Print Subscription Order Form, Give a Grapevine Print Gift Certificate, Multiple Print Subscription Order Form, By-the-Month Order Form, La Vina Print Subscription Order Form, Back Issue 30 Packs— as available. Starting to assemble binder for Grapevine information display. Creating an outreach display. July 17th- District treasurer checked 2026 Budget for Grapevine funds available: \$150.00. I asked to place an order 1 pack (past grapevines - 30) for display/handout to GSRs for samples at their meeting for availability to let AAs know about our monthly meeting in print (61.50/treasurer to validate) Our DCM set me up with a passcode for the Delegates report. Suggested correspondence also includes the secretary and LDCMA. Point well taken. Wise leadership. Informed participation. Will bring display to August 12 District 16 Business meeting. Area 58 Grapevine meetings 1st Monday of month: January, March, May, July, September, November 2026. GV/LV Chat Room, 6:00pm-7:00pm (PST) Join with Google Meet <https://meet.google.com/xmq-fydk-xsb> Phone Numbers (US) +1 413-338-0294, PIN: 376 817 905# Interested in a workshop: Email: grapevine@aa-oregon.org. Ken J. D-16 GvR(Grapevine Representative)

GSR reports:

Todd, GSR of Crack of Dawn, gave a report.

Jane, GSR of Women's Keep It Simple, gave a report.

Jeremiah, GSR of Ashland Young People, gave a report.

Donna, GSR of Eagle Point Women's Meeting, gave a report.

Ryan, GSR of How It Works, gave a written report: Everything is great. Meeting is well attended. As is the business meeting. Our annual picnic went great last month. Had roughly 40-50 people attend. Looking forward to it again next year! Thank You, Ryan B

Linda, GSR of Women of Worth, gave written report:

Women of Worth, Medford #000336488, District 16, Area 58, August 4, 2026 Our Women of Worth meetings are from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Zoom. Tuesday is a speaker meeting and Thursday is a Big Book study.

Greetings District 16! Women of Worth Group is doing very well. We have grown enough that we recently initiated a three minute time limit for individuals to share. (Tuesday meeting only.) We also returned our speakers' time limit to seven minutes or less. Our hope is more people will have the opportunity to talk and connect with other members. We added a timer position to our group and elected a woman to keep track of the time, helping to keep the meeting moving forward. I am happy to report our seventh tradition has increased in number of participants as well as in dollar contributions. It warms my heart to see people caring about our Area and GSO financial struggles. Great job, Ladies!

The Women's All 12 Steppers Camp Out committee is off and running. Our next meeting is August 16 at 4pm. There are positions open and your participation is wanted and needed. This event is so much fun and being on the committee is fun too. Plus committee members can go up two days earlier and enjoy the beautiful campground a little longer. Thank you for allowing me to serve as a GSR. I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity. In Love and Service, Linda B. 541-613-8864, lindaborah541@gmail.com

Marci, GSR of 99 & Under, gave written report:

We meet every Saturday at 7pm to 8:15pm. Our meeting has had a steady attendance weekly from 25 to 35 people. All our services positions have been filled with consistent coverage. We will be discussing at our next business meeting getting a subscription to the Grapevine. Also we have been announcing this information that individuals can subscribe to the Grapevine to help support it. This will conclude my report for August 2026. Thank you for letting me be of service, Marci

Caitlin, GSR of Sticks with the Winners, gave a written report:

Sticks with the winners meeting is a Womans meeting in Ashland Monday night at 5:30. We are still at the same address but in a different room. We regularly welcome newcomers as we are one of only two women's meetings here in Ashland. Our trusted servants are settling into their new roles very well. We have a few open service positions if you're looking to be of service. We are shortening our format as attendance continues to grow. I am looking forward to spending the assembly in Gold Beach next month. 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.

Old Business: Motion made by Beverly C, secretary:

“District 16 Motion: To create a new service position of Zoom Host for District 16 Hybrid meetings and events. The Zoom Host will be an appointed position with a 1 year term and will have a vote in District 16 affairs.

Intent or Purpose: During Hybrid meetings and events, there is a need for someone designated to manage the Zoom room. This Zoom Host will welcome attendees and answer questions, help them navigate muting and unmuting, raising their hand, renaming appropriately with service position or sobriety date.. The Host will also gather information such as the number of eligible voters and contact information for them. The Host will count the online votes and announce the total when asked and will count sobriety time as well when needed. The Host can remove someone if needed. The Host will be able to contact the in-person event leaders in case of problems with transmission and to improve communications. The Zoom Host will attend the monthly District

meetings and other Hybrid District Events, as well as the Quarterly Southern Oregon Speaker Meetings. The Host will notify the District or Committee Chair if unable to attend.

Requirements for the position: Knowledge of how to use Zoom and help others to negotiate the hybrid platform. One year sobriety requirement.

Current Practice: We have no designated person hosting the zoom portion of the Hybrid District meetings. Sometimes we get help with this from an attendee and sometimes not. The officers at the in-person meeting have to try to watch both rooms, which can be difficult. There is a person who has been volunteering to be Host at the Zoom room of the Quarterly Speaker meetings, Carmen K, and that has worked well. Carmen K would like to do the same service for our monthly District meetings and other District Hybrid events and is volunteering for this position as Zoom Host.”

Discussion ensued about whether the new position should have a vote in District affairs. There were concerns voiced that because the position is appointed by the DCM, that could lead to the DCM exerting control over the vote by who was appointed. However, it was pointed out that all the committee chair positions are appointed by the DCM, not elected, and all of these positions have a vote in the District. Only the officers are elected by voting.

Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 14 out of 17 votes, over 2/3 majority needed, as it will be a change in the District guidelines.

Penelope closed the meeting with responsibility statement.