

September 15, 2010

District 16 Business Meeting

Smullen Health Education Center – Room 104

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present:

Mitch S. – DCMC, Mike S. GSR, Gail J. - Al Anon, Gary G. – GSR, Raine B. – GSR, Sal C. - GSR, Wayne T. – Central Office, Bob D. – GSR, Judy A. – GSR, John R. – GSR, Shelley H. – GSR, Andy L. – GSR, Craig C. – LDCMB, Michael C. – GSR, Kelly K. – GSR, Peter S. – GSR, Barbara D. – Grapevine, David C. – GSR, Jason E. – Corrections, Matt V. GSR, Kelley S. – GSR/ Treasurer, Linda P. PI/CPC, Michael B. – Schedules, Brian J. – Web.

Open Meeting With Serenity Prayer: Mitch S. @ 7:00 p.m.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Michael B.

Presentation on the 9th Concept of World Service: Eric N.

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Mitch S. (Thanks Ian for the stellar job to this point!)

Treasurer's Report: Kelley S.

These are the activities for the period of 8/18/10 through 9/15/10. Total income for the District was \$325.00. The total expenses for the District were \$487.82. This leaves the District with a net income of - \$162.82. The District's checking account balance as of 9/15/10 was \$2,651.13 minus the Prudent Reserve of \$1200.00 leaves the District with an available working balance of \$1451.13.

There was a situation that 5 of the Districts checks were stolen, forged, and cashed for money in the amount of \$398.00. The money was replaced and will be reflected on next month's reconciliation detail. There was some discussion about how the District would like to proceed with this matter, as in pressing charges and such. It was explained that through the Tradition of Anonymity no persons could enter a courtroom as a representative of Alcoholics Anonymous. So this was left as a mute point.

Motion to accept and move forward Gary G., Seconded by John R. Motion Approved

New GSR's: Sal C. Dog on the Roof, and Judy A. As Bill Sees It Group

Announcements: See Page 2

District Elections are going to be held next month October 20th for the following positions:

Treasurer

Local DCM A – DCM for the Ashland, Phoenix, and Talent meetings

Local DCM C – DCM for the outlying meeting which is Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Eagle Point, White City, Gold Hill, Central Point, Ruch, and Applegate.

Secretary

Each position has a 2 year sobriety requirement and is a 2 year commitment.

Committee Reports:

November 2010 Assembly Chair Tanea B. My name is Tanea...I am super excited to report that we have received several pre-registration forms from the Pendleton assembly thanks to the hard work of Barbara and Ranie. The boxes of stuff used by the Area at each Assembly are now in our possession. Host committee chair positions are being filled. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us if you would like to get involved in the Assembly. We will continue to extend the invitation for artwork from each group (or member) that may be used at the assembly and reflects our theme "to see a fellowship grow up about you", please see Ranie for details. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest it will be fun to show off our local artists. Our Saturday Night Event Chair person has promised we will have a super fun time for free - - and I am pretty sure it is legal. It will have a similar feel to the show "whose line is it anyways" and will probably include the attendees. FYI - Only 9 more Wednesday's until the November Assembly. YIS, Tanea B

2010 Delegate Post Conference Report Event Chair: Craig C. Went over the Flier for the event, Since the event is being held at the Alano Club there was some confusion about what to do as far as being self supporting and paying for the use of the grounds. It was suggested that the District could either make a money donation to the facility or that we could pass the basket and ask for donations to give the facility. Tanea B. said that she was not sure how she felt about the District hosting an event and then asking for donations to pay for the use of the facility. Craig was uncertain because he had not been given a dollar amount budget. Mitch S. brought up the fact that District had voted on and agreed to have a dunk tank at the event that would have cost \$129.00 with a \$50.00 deposit he probably had about \$179.00 to work with. Barbara D stated since there was a required insurance policy that was around \$400 that an executive decision was made to better spend that amount of district money in other ways! (thank God for trusted servants eh') Barbara D. submitted a motion to donate \$25 to the Alano club for the use of the facility and it was passed unanimously. District 16 will be providing a main dish of chicken, and a side of vegetables District 7 (Grants Pass) will be providing beverages water, soda etc. So for potluck items bring something to go along with that. September 26th from 1-4 p.m. is the event and it should be informative and fun.

Secretary: OPEN

Access Committee (AC): OPEN

Archives: OPEN

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities: Jason E. Has gotten schedules out to the Chaplain to deliver to the Jackson County Jail, and asked if or how many subscriptions of the Grapevine the District was willing to sponsor for the jail. Mitch S. said that no decision was made or motion presented because we had not heard back from him as to if we could even send them subscriptions. We will be using some resources to find out this information and get a motion submitted to get A.A. literature into the jail since we can not physically be there as it is right now.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities: Peter S. Dropped off the forms for Bridging the Gap to Chris down at the ARC and believes he has gotten around the HIPA regulations. Basically what this does is one week before the person leaves treatment it gives their counselor someone to contact in the area that the person will be returning to for an A.A. contact to get to meetings etc. Should have it all sewn up by the end of the month.

Telephones: Leah S. (not present) no report given

Schedules: Michael B. brought a proof to District for us to look over and make any necessary changes to so that we can go to print in the next week. There was still quite a few meeting schedules but there has also been a lot of changes to meetings as well. Michael extended a big thank you to Craig C. for his diligence in getting information from 36 S. Central about their upcoming closure, which is now nothing more than a renovation period of one week now.

Website: Brian J. Is working on getting the E-mails out to those people who need to activate their Gmail Account on the District Website in the next couple days.

Grapevine: Barbara D. Spoke with Dave A. the Oregon Area Grapevine Chair to get the code for the gift subscriptions. Apparently some member was told that you had to have a special code in order to do this. Barbara is pretty sure this is not the case since she has personally done it herself. The cost of the grapevine with the gift subscription is \$40.00 She threw out there that you can subscribe to the Grapevine online, through the mail, or call their offices.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office: Wayne T. Central Office spent about \$962.00 and brought in about \$1213.00 so they will be open for business next month. They had about 116 visitors walk in and about 95 phone calls. Last month he mentioned that they were going to have a Bingo Fiasco sometime in October but, he lied! It will actually be a Saturday night in January. He extends an invite come down check the place out and hang out for a while.

AI-Anon Liaison: Gayle J. Brought new AI-Anon meeting schedules, and reported that there hasn't been any takers for the Monday night AI-ateen meeting and if this continues then they will close it down so she brought some more fliers and put them on the table to be passed out at meetings.

Public Information(PI) Cooperation with the Professional Community(CPC)Chair: Linda P. She has met with the Area PI South committee chair and discussed how to be more efficient in her duties. She attended the Recovery Fair last week and printed up some fliers

and left them out on the Central Office table and hung out there for awhile. She has printed up some fliers to take to your groups and ask people to put the up on community pin boards or store windows, **REMEMBER TO GET PERMISSION!** She would like to know where they are getting posted so that we can be sure that they get replaced when needed. The Fliers are real basic stating **Can you drink without problems? Or is drinking creating problems in your life? We can help Alcoholics Anonymous** there is little phone number tags that can be cut so that they can be easily taken the number on there is the District 16 hotline phone number. Please let her know next month how it's going!

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Chair: OPEN

Local DCM Reports:

LDCMA: Marla S. was not present but she E-mailed her report to Brian J. who delivered it to the District as follows: She was sorry she was unable to attend the District meeting due to a meeting at her son's school. She just wanted to pass on a single piece of information that she has been announcing the Delegates Post Conference Report Event at meetings around Ashland. That was all she had.

Area A Group Reports: Ashland, Phoenix, Talent

There were no group reports given

LDCMB: Craig C. First off there are a couple of things that I need to report on, what I experienced at the conference just a quick overview first thing I would like to say is thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you District 16 up there in Pendleton as far as the conference goes there were reports presented by our Area Delegate Anne M. She gave a wonderful report covering the conference and what is going on right now in Alcoholics Anonymous. Voting for several positions began and continued throughout the day. I had the opportunity several times to remark UNAVAILABLE! Then we voted, revoted, and sometimes voted again. In between voting we heard reports from the committee chairs. There were 5 motions that were brought to the business meeting. 4 of which were handled on the floor and the 5th was tabled and sent back to the Districts. I will present the tabled motion under new business. On Sunday there was an ask it basket and wind down of the conference Chase was working with the new GSR school and the one he presented up there on Friday night was fantastic. Now he is trying to do something else but I dosen't know when it's going to come out hopefully he will have some change for it when he does it in November but the one he does now is excellent. The Assembly ended at 11:30 on Sunday morning and that is unbelievable since they normally are right on time or run a little longer never early. This was truly nice since there was an eight hour drive ahead of me and it was already a long day it was truly nice to be at the assembly and represent the District. As your local DCM-B of the Medford Area I have been able to get out to find some new meetings that I don't normally attend and it has been very rewarding I found a group on Thursday night that was fantastic. I have getting out and giving out the fliers for the upcoming Delegate Report and just getting out as much as possible in the Area. No one has come to me with any problems and the only thing I have been doing is trying to catch someone at 36 S.Central because there is not always someone there and it has been very hit and miss

getting ahold of Virgil the other night was a God send because now we at least know something is going to happen with them. Now have his number and a direct line with 36 S. Central to make sure we are tracking the changes that are happening there and when they happen I will make sure that you are all aware of them.

Area B Group Reports: Medford

Bridging The Gap Group AA Picnic and Chili cook off TouVelle State park September 26, 2010 11:00a.m- 3:00 p.m. Speaker Lynne W. of G.P. Cribbage, Volleyball, and 50/50 raffle , prize raffle 1st 2nd and 3rd place prizes for chili contact Pam A. for more info (541)499-2944

LDCMC: Jeremy W. Not present no report given

Area C Group Reports: Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Eagle Point, White City, Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate

No reports given

DCMC Report:

September 15th 2010 District 16 DCMC report: Good evening my name is Mitch I am an alcoholic this is your September district report. So in recent E-mails it sounds as though the fate of 36 S. Central is uncertain once again. I have heard that they will be closing for a short time to put in new carpet and paint and will re-open their doors. More will be revealed I am sure. I hope that those who attended the assembly had a good time and left with a refreshed sense of why they are on this journey. This always seems to be the case for me! I have read over the two motions that were presented at the assembly, and I am glad that a decision was made and passed to increase the Access committee budget so that they can continue to do their work. The second motion presented is to change the name of a committee from Access to Special Needs/Accessibilities committee. This has been asked to happen to have the Area committee have the same Committee title as GSO. I would like to see the same change made here at district it seems to give a more descriptive outline as to the job duties as well.(cough, cough new motion) I met with Ian today and got the Laptop, printer and secretary note book to pass along to whoever is elected into the position. I have been doing my best to announce this at different meetings as well as the other open positions. I have been talking to a member who also works for Drug Courts about getting some subscriptions to the Grapevine and new Big Books into the jail for the men and women, as well as La vina for men and women. Since she works with the jail and at the jail she is doing her best to open communication with them about getting A.A. representation back in there, she has been very good about her own anonymity when discussing this with them. If you can remember to tell people about the Grapevine survey which is available on the Oregon Area website www.aa-oregon.org also our Delegate Post Conference Report Event is coming up and that would be the Ideal place to give her the Survey about Electronic Delivery of A.A. literature. I hope to see you all there and please let the Committee Chair know if you are available to take a pie in the face so that preparations can be made as in how many pies will we be raffling off! I am excited this should be fun so get sponsees and new comers to come so that they can see not all of general service is uptight or boring. Thank You for your continued trust, support, and work. Mitch S. District 16 DCMC

Old Business:

None

New Business: Purchase of a USB recording device to assist in the duties of the Secretary. Mitch S. had purchased and used the device to take these notes since there was no Secretary to do the task since Ian C. had work obligations and was no longer able to do the job. The device Purchased cost \$43.98 for the unit and \$10.00 for a 2 year warranty so total cost was \$53.98 this is being brought up to see if the District would like to reimburse and use this as an aid to the Secretary position. Discussion then started Judy A. stated that she was not comfortable with the use of a recording device and had a concern that it was a violation of A.A. traditions and also a fear that it could become lost or stolen and turn devastating to the members of the group. Barbara D. stated that we use a similar device at the Oregon Area Assembly to record the business meeting for the same purposes, and that the device is used at similar workshops and other functions and that it is not a violation of any of our traditions to use recording devices so long as it stays within A.A. Matt V. stated that he was comfortable with it and that he felt it makes it easier to keep accurate business meeting notes. Mitch S. assured the body that the audio recording would not be posted on Youtube, i-tunes or any other web based sites, and that its intent is to get accurate business meeting notes and minutes to the GSRs' and District Committee members. Andy L made a motion to absorb the cost of the recording device. Motion was seconded by John R. Motion was passed unanimously.

Elections Next Month: Secretary 1 year commitment, Treasurer, Local DCM-A, **Local DCM-C?**

Tabled Motion # 1 from Oregon Area Assembly read and is available in full on the Oregon Area Website www.aa-oregon.org

Motion to close: Mike S. seconded by John R. Closed at 7:08 p.m.

Audio meeting minutes Erased at 12:40p.m. on September 17, 2010