

**DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
Smullen Health Education Center - Room 104  
March 16th, 2011 - 7 p.m.

**Roll call by sign-in sheet**

Mitch S., (DCM); Kelley S., (Secretary); Wayne T., (Treasurer); Lorry H., (Archives/GSR); Peter S., (CTF/GSR); Tanea B., (LDCM A); Craig C., (LDCM B); Jeremy W., (LDCM C); Linda P., (PI/CPC. GSR); Barbara D., (Grapevine); Michael B., (Schedules); Brian J., (Website); Sal C., (GSR); Ann J., (GSR); Terrence R., (GSR); Shelley H., (GSR); Jason E., (GSR); Ranie B., (GSR); Barb FR., (GSR); Andy L., (GSR); Mike S., (GSR); Bob DW, (GSR); Mike F., (GSR); Kelley R., (GSR); Carrie H., (GSR); Bob G., (GSR); Todd C., (member); Gail J., (Alanon Liaison)

**Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer**

**Introduce New GSRs:** Terrence R., Clean & Sober Group; Kelley R., Back To Basics; Dewey (GSR Nothing Changes)

**Reading of the 12 Traditions-** Terrence R.

**Reading of the 3rd Concept-** Andy L.

**Approval of last month's meeting minutes** – Kelley S. Motion to approve Craig C. Second: Wayne T.; approved unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:** These are the activities for the period of 2/16/11 through 3/14/11. The total income for the district was **\$1,032.50**. The total expenses for the district were **\$406.82**. This leaves the district with net income of **\$625.68**. The district's checking balance as of 3/14/11 was **\$3,148.10**. When the \$1,250.00 prudent reserve is subtracted, the district is left with a working balance of **\$1,899.10**.

Linda P. PI/CPC noted that the \$85 on the workshop expenses was for literature for the committee, and that she would be spending the \$100 allocated for the workshop as a separate debit.

**Announcements:** Additions:

**Committee Reports:**

**Access Committee (AC) –Open** Mitch received an e-mail from someone in wiring about this position but they are not at the meeting tonight.

**Archives** – Lorry H. indicated interest in filling this position. Kelley S. nominated her for the position, Wayne T. seconded, the guidelines were read aloud, passed unanimously. She had no report.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Jason E.** Resigned. There are men going into the work center, Kelley S. is doing a group. Mitch would like to see something at the Youth Correctional facility. Barbara D. states the position could be more expansive than just taking meetings to the jail. Jason indicates he has put schedules and fliers with the Chaplain. Kelley needs women to take ladies to meetings from the work center and will provide a flier by next meeting.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Peter S.** Still doing "Bridging the Gap" with the ARC and has two ready to leave. The DOM mostly wants van drivers.

**Telephones – Caitrin G.** Not Present, report emailed. Hello all, Caitrin here, your trusted hotline chair! Being at home with the kiddos are the reason for my absence this evening, I apologize for not being able to attend! But I want to give you an update on the progress being made on the phone list, for you all to know. We have successfully contacted everyone on the current list, and now are in the process of creating an updated list. I would like to especially thank Wayne and Barb for their service on

this project. I will be creating sign-up sheets to disperse at the various meetings in the valley for hotline signup. No sobriety date will be required, but each person will need to give specific times as to when they could volunteer their time. Next month I will have the sign-up sheets for dispersal. Thank you all for helping me stay sober!

Kelley S. asked if the report from Answer Page was getting to Caitrin, and will call Answer Page to find out who is receiving it and if it can be redirected. Mike B. says he received a call from the answering service but not the committee so it seems the lists are not in sync.

**Schedules – Michael B.** Michael is sending around this schedule for any new changes. He has gone through half of what was last printed, possibly due to the number of changes from the South Central closure. There is a new Ashland meeting, and he has made amends to MFG for leaving off the W on the Tuesday Women’s group. It will be at least a month before new schedules are printed.

**Web Site – Brian J** Has the hot-line number on the site- and has gone through the schedule again for accuracy.

**Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC)Chair –Linda P.**

Linda reports that she would like to nominate Ranie B, for PI/CPC alternate chair. Ranie is familiar with the position as she is already doing the work. There being no other nominations, Ranie is accepted unanimously. Linda says the workshop is well planned, will be fun, fun, fun and will be Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at high noon.

**Public Information / Cooperation w/ the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Alt Chair – Ranie B.** No report.

**Grapevine – Barbara D.** A lot of changes are taking place with the Grapevine! In attempt to become a profitable publication (Grapevine does not accept group contributions, it is self-supporting thru sales only) and to adapt to the ever progressing digital age, the Grapevine is now available for digital delivery! This is very exciting news! It is just like the printed magazine in a reader format. You can flip through the pages just like reading your printed copy. You can also email or print a page and read archived issues! And you can use the search feature in any issue!

If you currently have a magazine subscription you can have it converted to digital delivery, it is less expensive for you as a subscriber and saves the Grapevine Inc. on publication printing costs! Not to mention has much less of an impact on the environment! Don't worry, if you convert your current printed copy to digital delivery, they will extent your subscription to make up the difference in price. Here is how - call 1-800-631-6025 and they will be glad to help!

And there is more! The Grapevine is also available for individual issue downloads in an audio format from the Grapevine website. The cost is \$4 per issue. As of right now only the current issue is offered but hopefully you can buy back issues soon. Here is the breakdown of prices:

Digital Delivery.....	\$19.97 per yr.	Audio Delivery.....	\$19.97 per yr.
Audio Delivery.....	\$ 4.00 for 1 mo.	Printed Delivery.....	\$27.97 per yr.
Grapevine Digital Archives.....	\$26.97 per yr. or \$ 4.00 per mo.		

There are also some wonderful books with essays from Bill W and others on several key topics that are available from the Grapevine online store. The Best of Bill - Spiritual Awakenings -The Language of the Heart - Emotional Sobriety, just to name a few. I recently spent a weekend with friends and we read from the Best of Bill every evening, great discussion came of it and it was a wonderful experience to share together.

The Grapevine needs our support! Does your home group have one or two subscriptions? Do you as an individual member? Can you afford a subscription for a treatment center or retirement home? Be creative...it is a great tool to help carry the message to many! I'll be happy to visit your Home Group for a presentation!

**District 16 Liaison to Central Office –Wayne T.** is grateful for voting privileges. Their big event, the breakfast, is fast approaching, with Lynne from Grants Pass replacing Texas Joy as speaker. Both he and Dewey have tickets for anyone interested. The Central Office is financially sound, and the report will be attached to these minutes for archival purposes. The phone is being answered, and this month there were no telemarketing calls. The office received a call from a Dennis at the jail regarding big books for the jail. The message and phone number were given to Kelley S. for follow-up.

**Al Anon – Gayle J** Brought a few Al-Anon meeting lists. The State speaker meeting is scheduled for May at the Red Lion, and the Chili Feed will be April 9 at St. Vincent de Paul, 6PM for dinner and 7PM for Speakers. There will be an Alanon and an AA speaker. LeeAnn brought Alateen information and a flier for a Sunday meeting in Central Point.

**DCM: – Mitch S** My name is Mitch I am an Alcoholic at the February Assembly District 16 was assigned to the General Service Conference Topic of Finance. I am sure you could all guess my elation when I found out we were going to be discussing AA's money here at the District level. The information wasn't bad and the main focus of the discussion seemed to be surrounding the AA pamphlet titled 'The Group' and the little pie charts in there that had suggestions for how to split up disbursements. More discussion came up when we talked about GSO researching and publishing a Finance workbook only to find out that GSO already has a Finance Packet available which contains some 25 different money related pamphlets. I am sure that we will pass along to the rest of our group members the importance of getting their voice heard at GSO about how AA spends their money and you will convince them of the need for them to show up at the District Held discussion of these and a couple other topics so that our Delegate can help share District 16's voice at the General service Conference in April. There was no new business motions brought back we did have a motion but it was dealt with there at the assembly. This motion was in regards to how we update and keep records for the District, Area, and GSO Rosters. I was really hoping that this would come back so that discussion would ensue at the District and group level about this process it didn't so now I will ramble about it. I sent out GSR change forms in the Emails I send out to the District Body so that I can keep our District Roster current to pass along to the next DCM this is important because when I get an Email about an issue at a group I know who their GSR is so that I can pass along the concerns Good and Bad. It is my duty at that point to get online and change this with the Area Registrar a practice that is relatively new and will expedite the process of keeping the Area and GSO rosters up to date and help you to get your GSR material faster from GSO. I know it may be early to think about it but if you will be needing a GSR Buddy Scholarship for the May Quarterly assembly please see me directly after the Meeting tonight fill out a little application and we can get it to the Treasurer. Depending on funds availability we send 2 GSRs' to the Assemblies. I know I am leaving something out but I have bored you long enough hope to see you at 1 if not all the upcoming district events!

Thank You Mitch S. district 16 DCMC

**LDCMA – Tanea B.** Thank you to those who made the journey to Eugene for the Assembly; your personal commitment to this vital process and hard work of caring the message to alcoholics is so appreciated. While attending the Assembly Planning/ Bid Workshop session late Friday night I was very interested with the observation from one district about participation. They see their participation at the district move in a cyclical manner, peaks and valleys and that there is little they can do to change the natural cycle of participation. I would, by a show of hands, like to see what our district thinks about

this theory. Do you believe that the participation here at District 16 is outside of our control? The District and Intergroup reports were informative as always and a great way to start off the Saturday. The DCM Sharing session was spicy with topics on the new Central Office in the West Portland Area...who services what and who and for how much, why would/should we send our money to...you know the age old conflicts "where money and spirituality mix". Mitch has or will cover the Delegate information so that is it for the day in the life of an Alt DCM for D16 at the Feb Assembly 2011 in Eugene Oregon.

**Area A Group Reports** Michael B. reports the closure of a Wednesday night women's meeting in Ashland.

**LDCMB –Craig C.** Craig is working on reconciling the meetings and the area rosters. He says he knows of 1 meeting that has survived the Central closure.

**Area B Group Reports** Shelly H.- The Friday Bridging the Gap that meets at the Salvation Army will begin meeting next week at RVMC downstairs in the Carpenter Room.

Ranie B. Her Story woman's meeting 6:30 Wednesday night is having elections. This meeting is at the Unity Church on Holly street and the business meeting is at 5:45 the first Wednesday of the month.

Mike F., Medford Fellowship; April 1<sup>st</sup> will host a dance 9:30 to 11:30.

Bob G. Valley of the Rogue Group RVMC Carpenter Room Saturday 7-8:30 PM now has better signage to direct you to their meeting. Use the Barnett Road entrance. This meeting needs support and attendance is increasing. The DOM and The Teen Programs are attending.

99 and Under: Ohana day at Touvelle Memorial weekend; more information to come.

Mike S.- Lost a lot of drivers at the DOM- please see Mike, and please announce at meetings.

**LDCMC – Jeremy W.** Nothing to report except saving the District money by not attending the assembly.

**Area C Group Reports** Shelly H. reports the St. Rita's Women's retreat is April 8,9 and 10. There are a few openings available.

No Name Group: Barbara D. Fridays 7:30 to 8:30 in Central Point, last Friday is birthday potluck at 6:30.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** General Service Conference agenda items: Mitch has been to the Alano club to secure a time and place for discussion of these items; Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> potluck from 1PM to 3PM, open to all, groups are encouraged to attend.

**Close: 8:20** There was a motion to close and as all were already standing and ready, the meeting closed without a second or vote; closed with the responsibility statement.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley S., Secretary Audio Record Erased