

District 16 Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2009

Roll Call By Sign-Sheet

Members Present:

Barbara D. -DCM, Kelley S. -GSR/District Treasurer, Kristina L.-GSR, Katie G. -GSR, David B. -GSR, Ian C. -GSR/Temporary Dist. Secretary, David W. -Website Chair, Peter S. -GSR, Stan P. -GSR, Rick R. -GSR, Tanea W. -GSR, Chase B. -OR Area Chair, Russ W. -Schedules, Pat D. -Access Chair, Lucy J. -GSR, Carol T., Mike W. -GSR, Tim B. -DCMB, Jeremy W. -GSR, Bernadette S. -Alt. GSR, Eric N. -GSR, Gayle W. -GSR, Craig C. -GSR, Marla S. -DCMA, Vance W. -GSR, Jack F. -Archives Chair, Mike S. -GSR, Roxanne W. -GSR, Sue S. -Al-Anon Liaison, Timaree M. -GSR, Dusti C. -PI/CPC Chair

Open Meeting With The Serenity Prayer: Barbara D.

Reading Of The Twelve Traditions: Kristina L. **Reading Of The 2nd Concept:** Eric N. gave a presentation on the second concept. If anyone is interested in learning more about the second concept or any other concepts, please refer to the AA service manual, which contains a detailed explanation of the twelve concepts. Pat D. has agreed to give a presentation on concept three for the March district meeting.

Reading And Approval Of Last Month's Minutes:

Motion to accept: Tanea W., Seconded by David B.

Treasurer's Report:

Kelly has been diligently balancing our books, since discovering that they had not been balanced since December of 2006. She hopes that by next month's meeting all finances and transactions will be accounted for. The total income for the past month was \$ 395.13. The total expenses' for the past month were \$ 412.66. The net income for the past month was -\$ 17.53. Since Kelly's discovery the initial beginning and ending balance has changed. The new adjusted balance for Dist. 16 is \$ 2, 633.64. The prudent reserve is \$ 1,250.00, leaving the district with an available balance of \$ 1, 383.64.

Motion to accept: David B., Seconded by Pat D. and Tanea W.

New GSR's:

Lucy J. -GSR for the Women's Freedom From Bondage Group. This group meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in Ashland. It is an open women's meeting.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

March 6-8, 2009-PRASSA 2009

Marriott City Center Hotel and Convention Center
1001 Broadway, Oakland CA
For more information please visit <http://praasa.org>

March 5-8, 2009-Woman to Woman 2009

Shilo Inn
536 S.W. Elizabeth
Newport, OR 97365-5098
Contact Joani at (541) 563-6437 for registration or scholarship questions

March 7, 2009-2nd Annual 12 Step Information Panel

6:00-9:00
Smullin Center-Rogue Valley Medical Center
2825 Barnett Road, Medford OR 97504
For more information, contact Dusti at (541) 951-2034

Announcements/Upcoming Events cont.:

March 14, 2009-16th Annual Al-Anon Chili Feed

6:00 pm-Dinner 7:00 pm-Speaker
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2000 Oakwood Dr., Medford OR
Questions? Call Kelly at 779-4303 or Roberta at 499-6072

March 18, 2009-District 16 Business Meeting

7-8:30 pm
Smullin Center-Rogue Valley Medical Center
2825 Barnett Road, Medford OR

April 5th, 2009-Central Office Annual Breakfast

Starts at 10:00 am
St. Vincent DePaul
2424 N. Pacific Highway, Medford OR
For information or tickets, contact Jackson Co. Central Office at (541) 732-1850

April 11, 2009-7th Tradition Workshop "Show Me the Money"

3:00-5:00 pm
Medford Alano Club
1921 Elm St., Medford, OR
For more information, contact Rick B. at (541) 840-1869 or Tim B. at (541) 621-5729

April 17th, 2009-St. Rita's Women's Retreat

St. Rita's in Gold Hill, OR
The cost will be \$ 100 per person. This includes all expenses for the weekend

May 15-17th, 2009-Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Assembly

Roseburg, OR

New AA meeting

"As Bill Sees It"
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Medford Alano Club
1921 Elm St., Medford OR

District Guidelines

Beginning with the tabled bullet point from last month's district meeting (pg. 6, section IV, part A, last bullet point, regarding attendance of Jackson County business meetings by the DCM).

Barbara attended the February Central Office business meeting, and reports that everyone is welcome to attend. The Central Office reports that if District 16 has a liaison position to Central Office that attendance by the DCM is not necessary. The liaison position is still **open**. With this information, Pat D. made a motion to delete this bullet point. I did not hear a second, however the motion was voted on and passed.

The second item discussed was the reproduction of the district guidelines (pg. 6, section IV, part C, last bullet point), which was also tabled from last month's business meeting. David W. suggested that we make copies of the guidelines available to new GSR's, and the group census seemed to agree. Pat D. suggested adding the phrase, **after changes have been made**, to the original bullet point. Tanea W. believed the original wording to be clear enough. Dusti C. suggested adding the phrase, **as needed** or **when requested**, to the original bullet point. Chase B. commented that flexibility is a good thing when it comes to service descriptions, and warned about too much rigidity. David B. had questions concerning who had access to the guidelines and if anybody could make changes to them once they are posted on the district website.

David W answered that anybody is free to look at our website, though once guidelines are posted, it is not possible to make changes to them. David W. made a motion to accept the bullet point as written. Tanea W seconded the

motion. It was voted on and passed.

The last guideline item discussed was the random assigning of GSR's to district committees (page 7, section V, part A, last bullet point). Barbara D. started out by stating that the aim of this bullet point was to cultivate interest in district committees, and hopefully at the end of the GSR's term, they would volunteer to become part of their assigned committee. Bernadette S. believed the wording should be changed. Timaree M. wanted to know if the GSR's could decline the appointment. Barbara D. said it's open for discussion. Tanea W. believed that this bullet point should be moved to the section describing the GSR position (pg. 4, section III, part A). Barbara D. wanted to clarify to the group that this appointment is not in replacement of the voted in chair or co-chair positions, that this is an appointed helper. Gayle W. says that her group is not in favor of this bullet point. Pat D. said that this was the first district she has been a part of that doesn't have committee members for the district committee's. For that reason she is in favor of this point. Chase B. believed the statement, **depending upon availability**, should be added to the original bullet point. Dusti C. shared that she has a group of people that have volunteered to assist her as the PI/CPC chair, and that she would be disappointed to be assigned people who are not interested in the position, or lose the people who have volunteered because of their interest, to a random appointment. She is not in favor of this bullet point. Time for discussion ran out. This item is tabled until the next business meeting.

Committee Reports

Access: Pat D.

Pat has received calls from a new member whom she had been taking around to meetings and introducing to other alcoholics. She had to stop due to a feeling of being taken advantage of. She was unsure of what was the right thing to do, since there are no detailed guidelines for position. Barbara D. suggested she contact the area counterpart for her position and ask for suggestions. Pat has attempted to do so, always without a return call.

Archives: Jack F.

Jack wants to put on a correlating party at the Medford Alano Club. The purpose of this party would be to transfer the district archives from the boxes they are stored in, to three ring binders. This would make viewing of the archives easier, and would give District 16 something to show off at future area assemblies (if the district were to host another one). He asked if there was a budget in place that would enable him to purchase binders and plastic sheet covers etc. Tanea W. questioned the size of the upgrade. David B. thought we had too many flyers and paperwork to store. Gayle W. liked the idea. Barbara D. wanted to know if Jack had a price in mind. Jack didn't at this time. Tanea W. suggested that we make a motion to take back to the groups. David W. was in favor of this idea. Russ S. wanted to know what was allocated for Archives in the budget. Kelly couldn't find anything concrete in our records. A motion was made (I believe this is an adjustment of Tanea's initial idea) to give Jack \$ 100 to begin the archival process.

The motion was voted Urgent and/or Administrative and passed with a majority vote. The minority opinion spoke next. Russ S. feels that the groups have a right to know how their money is being spent.

Bernadette S. agrees. Roxanne W. also shared that her group wants to be involved in financial decisions, though she was in support of the motion. The vote to revote failed and the motion stood as passed. Dusti C. wanted someone in the body to make a motion allotting each committee a \$ 100 budget. Barbara D. stated that she believed it was up to each committee chair to make those motions if necessary.

Public Information (PI)/Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Dusti C.

Dusti passed out flyers for the 2nd 12 Step information panel, and asked members to not only pass them out at meetings, but to include public gathering places as well. She said the planning for the event is going smooth and that 11 fellowships are involved this year. Carol T. shared that if anyone needed any more flyers, the Central Office still had some. Tanea W. was curious as to the financial impact of the district. Dusti replied with these numbers: AA and AI-Anon pitch in \$ 200. The remaining fellowships contribute what they can. If, at the end of the event, there is any money left over, AA and AI-Anon split the remaining funds. Dusti also pointed out that District 16 has not spent any money to date. On a different topic, Pat D. asked Dusti if she was involved in the Public Health Fair, held at the Medford Armory on March 3rd. Dusti didn't have any information on the health fair, but would make some phone calls to find out what is going on. If anyone was interested in more information about the health fair, contact Dusti (for contact information, refer to the **Announcements/Upcoming Events** section). Dusti also introduced Carol T. as the new Alt. Chair of the PI/CPC Committee. Welcome back Carol!

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFC): Open

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTC): Absent

Telephones: Leah S.

In the past month, 89 calls were received. 59 calls were regarding meeting times and directions. Of these calls, 29 were female and 30 were male. There were 9 12-Step calls. Of these calls, 6 were female and 3 were male. 10 calls were regarding information about Central Office. Of these calls, 3 were female and 7 were male. 10 calls were missed, and 1 woman called asking about treatment centers in the area.

Grapevine: Open

Schedules: Russ S.

Russ said he had heard that the Saturday night, Great Reality Discussion Group, which meets in Ashland at 6:30, has been changed to a 1 and ½ hour meeting. Katie G. thought that this change should be verified before the next printing. Barbara D. noted there was a flyer announcing this change.

Bernadette S. wanted to know if the next printing would be before the next district meeting. Russ S. said yes. Someone asked if the schedules would be available on the website in a printable PDF format soon. David W. said by March 1st a printable PDF should be available.

Web Site: David W.

David said that one half of the district emails accounts have been created. Barbara D. will help create the remaining accounts.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office: Open

Al-Anon: Sue S.

Sue brought fliers for the upcoming Al-Anon chili feed (refer to **Announcements/Upcoming Events**), and passed along the Al-Anon website address for anyone interested (www.roguevalleyal-anon.org).

Local DCMA: Marla S.

Nothing To report at this time.

Group Reports For Area A

No reports at this time.

Local DCMB: Tim B.

Tim didn't have much to report. He has continued to attend a variety of meetings in the Medford area, and continues to make himself available to anyone who needs help or information.

Group Reports For Area B

Tannea W. says refer to the new flyers regarding changes at the Medford Alano Club. _

Local DCMC: Absent _

Group Reports For Area C

Jeremy W., GSR for the Ruch 9:03, says that this year the Ruch campout will just be a picnic. More details to come.

DCMC: Barbara D.

Barbara didn't have much to report. She attended the Central Office business meeting and learned that the Central Office Liaison position is up to District 16 to fill. To date the position is still **open**. She has also registered for this year's PRASSA.

Old Business: Tabled motion regarding DCM's travel expenses.

Bernadette S. suggested tabling this motion again due to time running out for discussion. Pat D. agreed. David W. and Tanea W. were in favor of extending the meeting length so we could discuss the motion and bring it back to the groups and possibly vote on it at next month's business meeting. David W. asked the group if there were any questions regarding this motion. Matt V. asked if this motion would save the district money? Dave W. said it would. Barbara D. asked the group if they wanted to suspend the motion for another month or stay longer. The group census was to suspend the motion again until next month. David B. made a motion to move the tabled motion to a spot earlier in the agenda so that we would have time for discussion. Timaree M. seconded the motion. After a quick vote, the motion passed.

New Business: None discussed.

Motion To Adjourn: made by Craig C., seconded by Pat D.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35