

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

April 15th, 2009

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present: Barbara D. D.C.M., Ian C. GSR, Mitch S. GSR, Tanea W. GSR, Linda P. GSR, Marla S. DCM-A, Kelley S. GSR/Treasurer, Rick R. GSR, Mike S. GSR, Bernadette S. GSR, Katie G. GSR, Stan P. GSR, David W. Web site, Eric N. GSR, Timaree M. GSR, Sue S. Al-Anon, Gayle W. GSR, Kelley S. GSR, Mike W. GSR, John R. GSR, Michael K. GSR, Carol T. CPC/PI Co-Chair, Dave S. Alt GSR.

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Barbara D.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Marla S.; **Reading of the 4th Concept:** Eric N. gave a short presentation on the 4th Concept, which were an overview of the Right of Participation and the breakdown of the GSC. Please refer to the Service Manual to read more on the 4th Concept.

Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes - Motion to accept: Dave W. 2nd: Tanea W. - APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: Kelly S. - Activities for the month: \$60.00 income; \$1,763.44 expenses. Starting balance; \$2,510.20; ending balance \$806.76; less prudent reserve \$1,250.00; available balance \$(443.24). Motion to accept - APPROVED.

New GSRs: Dave Alt. GSR from the Medford Fellowship group.

Announcements: See Pg 2 of Agenda

-Barbara made an announcement that she would like everyone to hold off on presenting any motions during their committee reports. She asks that instead, if any committee chair has a motion to make that they do it during New Business. This is to keep things moving during committee reports so everyone has enough time to give their reports.

PRASSA DCM Report: Please see attached report.

Guidelines: Due to time being short the majority voted to take care of other business, and pick up on the guidelines next month.

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC) – Pat D. – No Report

Archives – Jack F. – No Report

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community – Chair: Dusti C. Co-Chair: Carol T. - Carol gave the report for both her and Dusti. She reported that due to work commitments, Dusti will not be able to make the Wednesday District meetings any longer. She still wants to be involved and continue doing this service position so Carol asked what everyone thought. Barbara, as well as everyone at the meeting thought it would still work well to have Dusti stay on as the Chair and Carol as Co-Chair and have Carol be the voice at the meetings. Carol did not have much to report but was reminded of the Project Recovery coming up in June and wanted to get the word out that they would need some volunteer help to man the table. If anyone is interested please contact one of them.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Open

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) –Gary – No Report

Telephones – Leah S. – Phone report for March 2009: There were a total of 97 calls made to the answering service. 51 were from men and 42 from women. There were also 4 misc. calls. There were 58 calls made with people wanting meeting times and places. 36 were from men and 22 from women. There were 27 12 step calls. 14 were from men and 13 were from women. There were 8 calls made about people wanting Central Office info. 7 were from women and 1 from a man. Mike K. said that his name is on the call list to call if after the answering service has tried three people to take a caller and they cannot get anyone to answer then they call him. He is feeling a little overwhelmed because no one that is signed up to take calls are answering their phone, which means his is ringing off the hook. He has no problem taking calls and he is always happy to help but he is frustrated that people sign up and then are not home or don't answer their phone. His suggestion was to maybe have a telephone seminar to help people understand how important it is for this service. He also said there are a lot of disconnected numbers that the answering service keeps trying over and over. Discussion on how to solve this issue started and Leah said she is trying to get more phone sign up lists out to the groups. Chase suggested asking for new numbers each month at the meetings so that GSRs remember to try to get people in their groups to sign up for the list. Leah also said she is having trouble communicating with the phone service. She has been there a couple times and keeps calling them, she said she will keep trying to get all this taken care of. Leah will also keep working on getting the phone list current and updated.

Grapevine – Position is open - No Report,

Schedules – Russ S. – No Report

Web Site – Dave W. – Dave wanted to apologize for not being able to update the web site in a little while; his computer got a large amount of viruses which made it impossible to do any computer work. He got his computer rebuilt and the web site updated, there is now a printable version of the schedule let him know of any changes.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office –Open – Mike K. is going to stand in for this position until it is filled. He wanted to thank all who donated and helped with the breakfast. He also wanted to let everyone know that all literature is going up 30% in July, so if groups would like to stock up before then please contact C.O. Big Books will be \$8.00 so it might be a good idea for groups to get some stock now. He also announced that they need volunteers to work the office. The times are 9:00am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-4:00pm Mon.-Fri. If anyone is interested please contact Dewey at Central Office. Finally Mike wanted to let District know that they are always willing to help out with District functions if possible, so if there is an event that literature is needed please let them know.

Al-Anon – Sue S. – Sue wanted to thank Mike and C.O. for being so kind and helpful to Al-Anon when they go in for schedules or other things. She offers her help and experience with the telephone problems, Al-Anon is also experiencing some problems with that as well. She is looking forward to the dessert social on April 26th. Sue then reported that her term is up in November but that she may have the opportunity to travel out of the country before that, in that case she would be done before November but that Al-Anon would replace her at that point.

Local DCM's:

A – Marla – Ashland, Talent, Phoenix areas are doing well. There are a lot of meetings in Ashland that do not have a GSR so they often do not get information or fliers of events. Marla asked that if anyone goes to an Ashland meeting that they take fliers or make announcements at the meetings to help them out.

Group Report for A area –

- Katie G. said she has attended the new women's meeting in Ashland and it is really great, she recommends women try it if they are in the area on Wednesday nights.

B – Tim B. – Not Present

Group Reports for B area –

- Tanea W. brought fliers for the Medford Fellowship's upcoming campouts. She also announced that she is the outreach chair for WACYPAA and she will be at the Roundup in a booth so if anyone is interested in finding out more about the upcoming event come see her at the Roundup.

C – Rick B. – Not Present

Group Reports for C area –

- No Reports

DCMC – Barbara – Barbara gave most of her report during the PRASSA report but she wanted to add that the 7th Tradition Workshop went great. She is also working on posting the District meetings on the Area Website. Other than that all is going well.

Old Business: Tabled Motion: DCM Reimbursement: Open for questions; some included whether the reimbursement would be passed on to the Alt. DCM if the DCM is unable to go and it was answered that it would go the Alt. It was also asked why the motion was originally made and Dave answered saying he just wanted the groups to know the financial impact of the current DCM reimbursement. There was also a question about if the DCM is unable to pay out of pocket if they could get money for gas before going on the trip, the answer was that they could get an estimated amount of money early and then get it figured out after. Voting then took place and the majority passed the motion. The minority shared; Tanea said her group voted against it because they didn't feel they had enough info on why this issue was brought back up after already voting on it once. Stan's group voted against it because they feel it is a volunteer position. After the minority spoke Barbara asked if anyone wanted to change their vote and no one did so the motion stood as PASSED.

New Business: Eric N. came across an AA website for lawyers. This website is a list or directory of lawyers who are AA members from all over the country. Eric had the idea of making a District wide AA phone list of all the members from all the groups in our District, this would include names, phone numbers and possibly sobriety dates of the people on it. He asked for opinions on if people would think something like this was possible. Dave said there may be a possibility of putting a list of people who volunteer for this on the website. Chase said there is a concern about putting people's numbers out there because in this computerized world it is really easy Google a phone number and find full names and addresses of that person. Barbara said that when most people put their names and numbers on a phone list for a particular group they want it to be available for that group only, she thinks that Eric would have to contact each individual person for permission not just go to a meeting and get a phone list and take numbers from those. Bernadette said they had a stocking problem of a member of their group so she does not think it is a good idea. Eric asked if we could vote just so he could see how the GSR's present thought their groups would vote on this idea. The majority voted against it, thinking the people in their groups would be against it.

Next Kelly S. said she has been approached by a few people wanting to have the District financial contributions posted in the Central Office newsletter, as a "thank you" kind of format. Mike K. said the Central Office is always willing to print anything as long as it is ready to print and does not need to be edited or rewritten. Tanea had a concern as far as what the purpose was behind the request, and if it is the best use for the space in the newsletter. Kelly was not sure why the request was made. Marla said she has seen this done before in a different areas and she liked it because it gave the groups a reminder to give to District, Area, and GSO. Dave agreed and said it may be a way to keep groups accountable to give. There was a group vote for a feeling if the majority thinks it is something for Kelly to make a motion for, the majority voted for this to move forward to a motion. Kelly is going to put a motion together for next meeting.

John had a question on how to handle a group situation. In his group there is a member who has a lot of AA service experience and has a tendency to run over other members in their group to persuade them to vote more this person's way. He is concerned about other people not wanting to say their opinions because they are afraid of being told they are wrong. Some suggestions for John were to ask the other home group members how they feel about it and if it bothers them or if they want something done about it. The other suggestion was to facilitate as best as he can and to give this person his time but then to make sure everyone else has a chance to speak as well. In other words if the other members are always being interrupted by this person try telling him or her, after they have said what they want to say, that we need to give everyone their chance to speak and he or she has already had their time.

Motion to adjourn: Dave, 2nd by Tanea

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm