

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 20th, 2009

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present: Barbara D. D.C.M., Tanea W. GSR, Linda P. GSR, Marla S. DCM-A, Kelley S. GSR/Treasurer, Rick R. GSR, Mike S. GSR, Katie G. GSR, Stan P. GSR, Timaree M. GSR, David B. Group member, Craig C. GSR, Rick B. DCM-C, Shelley S. GSR, Tim B. DCM-B, Bob W. GSR, Brian J. GSR, Vance W. GSR, Lucy J. GSR, Leah S. Telephones, Andy L. GSR, Jason E. GSR, Roxanne W. GSR, Pat D. Access, Diana Alt. GSR.

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Barbara D.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Jason E.; **Reading of the 5th Concept:** Tanea W.

Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes - Motion to accept: Tanea W. 2nd: David B. - APPROVED
Treasurer's Report: Kelley S. - Activities for the month: \$942.70 income; \$982.12 expenses. Starting balance; \$1,334.73; ending balance \$792.34; less prudent reserve \$1,250.00; available balance \$(457.66). Kelley explained the new format of the treasurer's report. There was then a question about the printing charge by Tanea, wondering why it was so much higher than normal. LeeAnn explained how she does the printing each month and how Pronto Print prefers to have a running sheet and then every 3-4 months they send out a bill instead of a receipt each time. Kelley said she would bring the bills to help everyone understand the next meeting. Motion to accept: Rick R., 2nd: Katie G. - APPROVED.

New GSRs: Shelley S. GSR from Clean and Sober Group in C.P., Bob W. GSR from the Nothing Changes Group in C.P., Brian J. GSR from the Talent Wed. night Group, and Diana Alt. GSR from the Wed. Gold Hill women's Group.

Announcements: See Pg 2 of Agenda

-Barbara passed around the Area Contribution spread sheet for everyone to look at.

-Tanea passed around a sign up sheet for email information for the WACYPA out reach.

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. – Nothing new to report this month.

Archives – Jack F. – Due to medical reasons, Jack has to resign his position as Archives Chair. Barbara asked for everyone to announce at their meetings that this position is open and would be for a 1.5 year term.

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community – Chair: Dusti C. Co-Chair: Carol T. – Not Present

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) – Open. Jason E. said he would be interested in this position, Barbara asked a group conscience on him taking this position, everyone agreed to have him rotate in. This will be for 1.5 years; he will rotate out in November of 2010.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Gary is no longer able to fill this position due to work conflicts, Peter offered to do this position and again Barbara asked for the group conscience decision, and all were for him taking this over. Peter will rotate out in November of 2009.

Telephones – Leah S. – Phone report for April 2009: There were a total of 104 calls made to the answering service. 66 were for meeting times and info. Of those, 32 were from men and 34 from women. There were also 10 misc. calls. There were 22 12 step calls. 12 were from men and 11 were from women, 5 of those were unsuccessful. There were 5 calls made about people wanting Central Office info. 2 were from women and 3 from men. Leah asked to pass on to those who do sign up to pick specific days and times they will be answering the phone. There was a question about if there are specific days and times that they need filled the most or have spaces when no one is signed up. Leah said she is still trying to get all the people who are signed up now in the right places and as soon as she can she will bring in that info. Tanea asked if we could post this info on the website, and Barbara said she would talk to Dave about it. Leah also would like to get packets together to pass out to all those on the phone lists but she is not sure how to get them to those people because she has no addresses. Tanea said she would like to be on a committee to do a phone seminar with Leah if they can get a time and place figured out. Timaree had a question about having a secondary 1-800 number available outside the area in case the answering service can't find anyone to take a call. The general feeling was that it is better to keep the calls in this area.

Grapevine – Position is open - No Report,

Schedules – Russ S. – Not Present. Katie asked if we had any schedules at the Dist. Meeting. There are only some at Central Office now, and she asked if we could have Russ bring some to each of the District Business Meetings so it's easier for people to get some for their groups. Marla also had a request from a member to have larger print on the schedules; some ideas were to have a larger piece of paper possibly. There was also another request for the Preamble to be put back on the schedules. Barbara said she would talk to Russ about these things.

Web Site – Dave W. – Not Present

District 16 Liaison to Central Office – Open – No Report

Al-Anon – Sue S. – No Report.

Local DCM's:

A – Marla – Ashland, Talent, Phoenix areas are doing well. The Women's meeting is really going well, and there is a new GSR for Talent, and she has still not heard anything about anyone wanting to start a young people's meeting in Ashland. She just asks everyone to keep that in mind.

Group Report for A area –

- Jason had a member ask about any Gay/Lesbian meetings. The only one anyone knew of was at the church on Holly St. on Friday nights from 5:30-6:30 pm.

B – Tim B. – Reports that he has been attending the business meetings of several groups and helps them out as much as he can. All is going well, no big news to report.

Group Reports for B area –

- Tanea W. announced that the evening meetings at the Medford Fellowship on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays will be changing their times. She will have more information soon to come.
- Mike from There is A Solution on Monday nights wanted to report that the last Monday of the month is a speaker meeting and is open for the giving and receiving of chips for birthdays on that day as well. He also said that every quarter Monday is a potluck that starts 1 hour before the meeting.

C – Rick B. – Everything is going well; he did have a question about where the Saturday meeting that was at Genesis is at now. It is at the Senior Center on N. 2nd which is a little yellow building, at 7pm. The Monday night meeting is now at 510 N. 10th St. at the Community Bible Church, and the Tuesday 12pm meeting is now at the Presbyterian Church were the Friday 10 am meeting is held. Craig C. had made fliers and said he would bring some in next month. He also reminded everyone that the Ruch potluck is not a campout this year due to lack of interest; it is just the potluck picnic with a speaker.

Group Reports for C area –

- The Jacksonville Wednesday night step study is on Step 12 next month and then they will be starting the Traditions after that.
- Roxanne from the Service for Sobriety Group announced that they are a women's meeting in Gold Hill but are not on the schedule due to the fact that it is at a private residence and parking is limited but if there are any women interested in coming please contact her and she will get them directions.

DCMC – Barbara – Barbara reported that she has been working on updating the Area Meeting Schedules for District 16 and has also been able to start adding the announcements and events for the District as well. If anyone has announcements or events she asks that they email her or get a flier to her. She also was at the assembly this last weekend but did not have time to get the report done so she will have that next month. She does have two tabled motions to pass out for the GSRs to take back to their groups as well as the Area budget. Some more information that she is going to bring up in New Business is the Post Delegate report that will be on July 26th and possibly combined with District 7. She did report that she will not be here next month but that Tim B. will be running the meeting for her.

Old Business: None

New Business: Post Delegate Report: Barbara talked to Dave A. our Oregon Area Delegate about coming to do the Post Delegate Report and because Dave's schedule is so full she set up for him to come on July 26th which is a Sunday most likely in the afternoon. He also asked if we could get together with District 7 to do the report for both in one day. Barbara first asked the group conscience if it was okay to do the report with District 7. The vote was unanimous in favor of doing it with them. Next she asked for some people to help or be in charge of the organization of the event. This would mean contacting District 7, finding a place to have the report, and then in the past there was a fun theme to go along with the event. Kelley S. said that we had a limited amount of money to fund the event so it was suggested to maybe do it as a potluck. She also said we need to find out what District 7 would be able to contribute as well as their ideas so we should talk to them first before making final decisions. Craig C. offered to chair this committee but he would like at least two other people to help. Pat D. and Tanea W. will help with getting things started and with the communication with District 7. It was decided that District would let them make the decisions with District 7 and then have a flier ready at the next Business meeting.

Motion: Submitted and read by Kelley S. **MOTION:** That District 16 submits group contributions to the Central Office for publication in the Newsletter. Submissions will be made prior to the deadline set by the Central Office for each of their published newsletters. The Treasurer will be responsible for communicating with the Central Office to know when the next newsletter is to be printed and what the deadline for submission is. **CURRENT PRACTICE:** Receipts are printed for contributions received and brought to the District Meeting for distribution to group GSR's. **INTENT AND PURPOSE:** To provide another way for groups who have generously supported the District to know that their donations have been received, recorded, deposited and acknowledged. **FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None. **REASONING:** It is customary for contributors to receive acknowledgement of their contributions. Many of the receipts printed are never delivered to the groups that sent them. The Area has suspended printing of individual receipts in favor of making available the entire contributions report. Donations are printed in other intergroup newsletters, and transparency in our finances should be an expectation. Groups could stipulate their contributions not be printed if they chose to do so. A brief note regarding self-support of District, Area, and GSO could accompany the disclosure to educate or remind members of what their donations support. **VOTING:** Barbara first asked for a vote on whether this motion is administrative or urgent, or if it should be taken back to the groups. Group conscience was that it be taken back to the groups. **DISCUSSION:** Tanea wondered when the next printing of the newsletter is, Kelley did not know. Pat D. wanted to know if this motion is replacing the receipts or if they will still be given out as well, Kelley said receipts would still be printed and given out. David B. wondered if both were necessary and what the motive was behind wanting it in the newsletter. Kelley said that people are not getting their receipts and it would be more expensive to have to send them out to the groups. Roxanne said her group would probably really appreciate this because they have in the past had checks they sent in but didn't get cashed and there was a lack of appreciation from the District for their contributions so they made a group decision to quite donating to District, this may change their minds to start giving again. Tanea explained why at the last business meeting her mind was changed from not thinking her group would want it to being for the idea, which was that it shows the

members of the group that their group does do what they say they are going to do with the contributions, and it holds groups accountable.

Phone Workshop: Presented by Tanea W. Tanea wanted to use the extra day that the District pays for for the Smullin Center to do a telephone workshop for all those interested in learning more about this service. Kelley S. said that she had cancelled the payment of the extra day because District was not using it and to save money. Tanea then passed around a sign up sheet for anyone interested in trying to put something together.

Area Proposed Budget: Barbara passed out the Area Budget for the GSRs to take to their groups for approval. This will be voted on at the next assembly not at the District level.

Motion to adjourn: Tim, 2nd by Pat

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm