

# DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

**Members Present:** Tanea W. GSR, Linda P. GSR, Kelley S. GSR/Treasurer, Rick R. GSR, Mike S. GSR, Timaree M. GSR, Craig C. GSR, Tim B. DCM-B, Brian J. GSR, Vance W. GSR, Lucy J. GSR, Andy L. GSR, Jason E. GSR, Pat D. Access, Ian C. GSR, Mitch S. GSR, Kelly K. Group Member, Jeremy GSR, John R. GSR, Mike K. GSR, Eric GSR, Gayle W. GSR, Bernadette GSR, Alec GSR, Paige W. GSR, Peter S. GSR.

**Open meeting with Serenity Prayer:** Tim B.

**Reading of the 12 Traditions:** Ian C.; **Reading of the 6th Concept:** John gave a short presentation of the 6<sup>th</sup> concept.

**Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes** - Motion to accept: Tanea B. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Linda P. - APPROVED

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelley S. - Activities for the month: \$160.00 income; \$418.85 expenses. Starting balance; \$792.34; ending balance \$652.26; less prudent reserve \$1,250.00; available balance \$(597.74). Kelley brought a break down of the check register to have everyone see what goes in and out for a month. She also said that she figured out what happened last month with the high printing charge, she said that it was added in twice so the actual charge was half of what it said on last months statement. Motion to accept: Pat D., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tanea B. - APPROVED.

**New GSRs:** Alec GSR from the Stud Muffins Group.

**Announcements:** See Pg 2 of Agenda

**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** – Position open. Kelley asked if we or someone has a key to the Archives room. Tanea was going to check with Barbara to see if she has a key and if not she would contact Jack to get his key.

**Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community** – Chair: Dusti C. Co-Chair: Carol T. – Not Present  
**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF)** – Jason E. reported that he is getting information from past chairs and has two other people interested in helping him with this position. They are working on making sure there are pamphlets available at the correction facilities and work centers. Pat asked him if he could find out that when or if they open the jails to meetings again, if the people who have already been approved to go into the meetings will still be able to go in or if they will have to go through the approval process again. Jason said he would check into it.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF)** – Peter reported that he had talked to Chris and Chris will get back to him. The meetings at the ARC are going good but they would like more people to participate. Peter also talked to Kopia and they would like a list of people to come talk to their treatment groups about AA.

**Telephones** – Leah S. report given by Linda P. – Phone report for May 2009: There were a total of 86 calls to the answering service for May. 60 were for meeting times and locations; 33 from men and 27 from women. There were 10 12 step calls; 4 from men and 6 from women. There were 10 calls inquiring about Central Office hours; 4 from men and 6 from women. There were also 6 misc. calls.

**Grapevine** – Position is open - No Report,

**Schedules** – Russ S. passed out a copy of the new schedules for everyone to look over and make any changes. He has had some conflicting meetings at 36 S. Central so he asked anyone who goes to those meetings to check all those over. There was discussion about getting a larger print that would mean going to a larger paper which would be an 11X17 paper. Kelley asked if Russ could get a cost analysis on how much more expensive it would be before we make that decision. There was also questions on if the preamble can be place back on the schedule as well as having the type of meeting put by each meeting, such as if it is a book study or a topic meeting, etc. Russ said that with all that it would have to be on larger paper especially with the larger print. Tanea presented a motion to keep current format and size until next printing and Russ will bring a cost analysis of what the difference will be to the next meeting. The vote Passed unanimously. Tanea also presented a motion to hold off on printing until July 1<sup>st</sup> due to some large meeting changes happening for her group on July 15<sup>th</sup>. There was some concern about the fact that there are no more schedules available and many meetings are out of them. It was voted on and it Passed to wait to print until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Web Site** – Dave W. – Not Present

**District 16 Liaison to Central Office** –Open – Mike K. is standing in as Liaison until someone takes this position. Mike reported that due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on the normal meeting date for the Central Office; they are going to have the meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> instead. He said that there are no schedules left and so they are making some photo copies for those who are in need of a schedule but that it is getting expensive for them. He also said that there are some up coming events that they will soon be announcing when more information is available.

**Al-Anon** – Sue S. – No Report.

### **Local DCM's:**

A – Marla – No Report

**Group Report for A area –**

- None

**B** – Tim B. – Reports that he has been attending meetings, business meetings, and answering as many questions 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 to 7:30pm as of July 15th.
- Bernadette from the How It Works group announced that they are starting a new meeting on Tuesday nights from 6-7pm at the same location. It is going to be a Big Book Study everyone is welcome.
- Pat D. is the chair person of the Women's Odyssey group on Friday nights at 36 S. Central, she announced that attendance is down and for the most part it is her and one other person, she is thinking about closing the meeting. A suggestion to maybe make some fliers to increase interest in that meeting.

**C** – Rick B. – No Report

**Group Reports for C area –**

- Jeremy from Ruch 903 meeting reminded everyone about the Potluck picnic coming up.

**DCMC** – Barbara – No Report

**Old Business: District Motion:** Kelley S. reread motion, Vote = majority Passed. Minority voice: Timaree said that there were members of her group that were in an area that posted the contributions and they felt it brought a feeling of shame to those groups who did not contribute to District because their group was unable to. They feel that some groups are 7 in number and some are 200, the smaller ones just are not able to give but it doesn't mean they don't want to. Bernadette said her group felt that it is a pride booster and takes away from AA's primary purpose which is to stay sober. Mitch's group just didn't think it is an important issue to publish contributions. Andy's group felt it was in a way breaking their anonymity and they think it should just stay in their group. Jason had a question that if a group did not want their contributions published did they have to. Kelley said that it was up to each group. Mike K. said that CO publishes their donations and he feels most people receive it indifferently and then he asked how many people there even have a subscription to the newsletter and only about 5 people said they do. There was then a vote to see if anyone wanted to revote, it Passed. **New Discussion:** Mike S. suggested amending the motion to state that groups who do not want to have their donations published they don't have to. Craig C. asked why there needed to even have a number amount to it, to just list the groups that have contributed. Kelley S. said that part of the reason why this was suggested is to show groups that their money is received and where it goes. She added that this is not meant to boost pride or to shame anyone, if people see it that way there is nothing anyone can do to control that, but the fact is, is that the we are down on donations and maybe this will catch peoples attention to help them realize that. John R. shared that AA is supposed to be forthright on all dollars donated so disclosure is important to let people know, so if groups would like to see it on a publication maybe that is what should be done. Gayle liked Mike S. idea about having a little saying at the top of the publication saying it is for all groups large and small, rich and poor alike as well as those who wish to remain anonymous. Bernadette commented that we are AA so by publishing this are we staying anonymous? Peter said that it is more a publication for District and he presented a motion to place a statement at the top of the publication saying "This is for all groups, large and small, rich and poor, every dollar counts and to those who wish to remain anonymous for their support." Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion and there was a vote to vote on the amended motion, Passed. Then came the vote on the amended motion, Passed.

**Phone Workshop:** Tanea announced that she and Leah are currently checking into finding a place to hold a workshop that would not charge them for using the facility. She sent out an email to all those who were interested in participating in the workshop and there will be more information to come.

**Post Delegate Report:** Craig announced that he got together with the District 7 and they have been working together to get the place and time for the Post Delegate Report. They are having a Potluck at the Rogue River Community Center from 1pm-4pm on July 26<sup>th</sup>. He was very happy to have the opportunity to work with District 7 and they were all very excited for this combined event. There are fliers that he brought for everyone to take back to their groups. Tanea thanked Craig for all his hard work in getting this together. Thanks Craig, good job!!!

**New Business:** Jeremy did not realize that we were so hard pressed for schedules and he wanted to revote on the delayed printing of the schedules. Russ said that as hard as they try there would always be changes that didn't make it on the new schedule and it would probably not be perfect no matter how long we wait for changes. He said that if we did still decide to wait that if groups have extra schedules to take them to the Central Office if possible. Tanea presented a motion to change print date to ASAP. Jeremy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, vote; Passed.

**Motion to adjourn:** Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bernadette

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:35pm