

# DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## August 19th, 2009

### ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

**Members Present:** Barbara D. DCM, Tanea W. GSR, Kelley S. GSR/Treasurer, Craig C. GSR, Tim B. DCM-B, Brian J. GSR, Ian C. GSR, Kelly K. Alt. GSR, Gayle W. GSR, Bernadette S. GSR, Katie G. GSR, Stan P. GSR, Shelly S. GSR, Bob D. GSR, Roxanne W. GSR, Marla S. DCM-A, Russ S. Schedules, Sue B. Al-Anon, Carol T. Alt. PI/CPC, Mitch S. GSR, Jeremy W. GSR, Alec S. GSR, Linda P. GSR, Andy L. GSR, Brian M. GSR, John R. GSR.

**Open meeting with Serenity Prayer:** Barbara D.

**Reading of the 12 Traditions:** John; **Reading of the 7th Concept:** Brian

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelley S. - Activities for the month: \$776.00 income; \$206.92 expenses. Starting balance; \$693.18; ending balance \$1,393.79; less prudent reserve \$1,250.00; available balance \$143.79. Kelley reported that the contributions are now in the Central Office newsletter and it looks great. Motion to accept: Craig C., 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim B. - APPROVED.

**New GSRs:** None

**Announcements:** See Pg 2 of Agenda

Barbara made a quick announcement about the schedules to clear up any confusion from last months meeting. She reminded everyone that there will be more schedules at the District meeting and that more had gone to Central Office this last time because most groups were completely out of schedules and it would have been a few weeks from printing to the next District meeting so it was a central location for people to pick them up ASAP. From now on more will be coming to the District meetings.

There is also another announcement from the 99 and Under meeting, they are going to have a temporary meeting at the On Track building on September 5<sup>th</sup> and on that day there will be a business meeting to determine a permanent meeting place.

### Committee Reports:

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

**Archives** – Position open.

**Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community** – Chair: Dusti C. Co-Chair: Carol T. – Carol reported that the position for Alt. Chair will be opening up in November. She announced that the DOM is holding the Stand Down and they are looking for people to help with it. If anyone is interested please contact Carol or Dusti, the days they will be there are the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF)** – Jason E. – No Report

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF)** – Peter S. – No Report

**Telephones** – Leah S. – Report given by Barbara; 122 total calls for the month. 88 calls for meeting times. 8 12 step calls 2 were from men and 6 from women. 10 calls were for Central Office information 4 was from men and 6 from women. There were 15 misc. calls, there were a couple of people who left messages, and she is going to check on this on why they were not answered by the service. There was also a 12 step visit call from RVMC.

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

**Schedules** – Russ S. – Russ brought another 250 schedules to the meeting and has 255 left until the next printing. He also brought the quote for the larger schedules which would be to add about 25% to the current cost. The current cost is \$255.00 per 3000 schedules, so the price would go up about \$62.50 for the larger size. Craig C. asked who originally wanted the change and questioned if we needed to spend extra money on this or save it for other things. Stan said that he had heard complaints about the print being small and it was also commented that if the format was not separated with each day on its own column there would be more room for larger print. Barbara reminded everyone that the format was changed by a majority vote at the District level. Tanea thought that the point of the quote was to take it back to the groups for them to decide. Gayle questioned having to take it to the groups, but Russ said that as a group member he would want to have a say in the decision. Kelley asked if there was a way to have a sample schedule made so that they could see what the difference would look like. There was a question of if the District could afford this and Kelley stated that the District would spend the money the way the groups wanted to. Barbara asked if we wanted to keep the same format for this next printing due to the fact that the next printing is September 15<sup>th</sup> which is before the next District meeting. Shelly presented a motion: To print schedules as they are now for the September 15<sup>th</sup> printing then take the new cost of adding \$62.50 for the 11X17 larger sizes of schedules to the groups to decide if that is the way they want them to be. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roxanne. Tanea asked if Central Office needed to be contacted with change due to the fact that they pay for a portion of the schedule. Barbara did not think it was necessary. Marla asked again for samples for everyone to take to the groups so people could see what the difference would be. Russ said he could bring 50 samples for GSRs to take to their groups. Shelly then retracted her motion she just wanted to suggest waiting, printing the schedules the way they are, and having a motion for next month. Russ then closed his report by letting everyone know that it has been asked that he keep more schedules and take less to Central Office because they go so quick at Central Office and then the groups run out. Carol pointed out that it is a good thing to have schedules disappears, because that means that people who need them are going to meetings. She also pointed out that there are professionals who take them and give them to people they are working with who need them as well. She concluded by saying that the point of having schedules is to give them out, not to keep them.

**Web Site** – Dave W. – Not present but did let Russ know that things are going well and to let him know if anything needs to be changed.

**District 16 Liaison to Central Office** – Bill S. – No Report

**Al-Anon** – Sue S. – Sue announced that Gunther B. will be at the next District meeting until they vote in a new Chair. Sue again thanked everyone, she will be missed. Thank you for your service.

**Local DCM's:**

**A** – Marla – All is going well in the Ashland, Talent, Phoenix areas. She is getting to more meetings there now since she moved. She went to the Thursday night meeting and found over 60 people there.

**Group Report for A area –**

- Mitch had some questions on starting the young peoples meeting in Ashland. He has some people interested in starting it and would like to talk to Marla about whom to contact, etc. Marla offered to talk to him after the meeting.

**B** – Tim B. – Reports that all is going well; he is going to meetings and taking schedules, dropping them off when they need some.

**Group Reports for B area –**

- None

**C** – Rick B. – No Report

**Group Reports for C area –**

- None

**DCMC** – Barbara – Has been working on the fliers for the upcoming elections. She has also been doing some P.R. work for the Chair positions as well. Positions open are going to be: Access Chair, Archives Chair, PI/CPC Alt. Chair, CTF Chair (if Peter does not want to continue on), Schedules Chair, and Web Site Chair. The elected positions coming up are the DCM, DCM- B, and Secretary.

**Old Business: District 16 Motion:** Tanea WB reread the motion: Motion: Telephones and 12 Step “How To” Workshop.

Intent and Purpose: Provide guidance to the fellowship on the “How To’s” of taking a call from the answering service. Selected panelist will share their personal experience on 12 step calls. Time Line: July – take motion back to groups- research locations and dates Aug- bring options back from group on date and location for workshop - committee will meet after dist meeting to decide on location and date. Sep – Flyers would be available at Central Office and brought to D16 meeting. Oct – OUTREACH OUTREACH OUTREACH. First week of November have workshop. Financial Impact: Budget would be kept to under \$50.00 for the rent of the facility if necessary, panels would be chosen locally, and the event could be a desert potluck social (ish). ☺ Cost of flyers for outreach should be aprox. \$10-\$15 for 100 or 150 copies depending on pricing. The vote was then taken and PASSED. There will be a short meeting after this meeting to discuss the options for the facility and date. **Post Delegate**

**Report:** Craig announced that the final cost for the report was the \$37.50 which was just for the facility costs. He thanked everyone for all the donations that made it happen, and for all the participation in the event. **Guidelines:** Pg. 8 Section D bullet Point's # 6-8: Barbara read them and asked for any discussion, there were none. Vote = PASSED. Section E bullet point = 2<sup>nd</sup> on the page. pg. 9: This point we are not currently doing or rather are not sure if we are currently practicing it. This was suggested by the past Chair and the current Alt. Chair who is present at this meeting is not sure if the Chair is doing this or not. Carol said she would check with Dusti to see if this is being done. This will be tabled until next meeting so we can get clarification on this issue. Section H, pg. 10, bullet points 2-5: Barbara read through them and then asked for any discussion. There was none, vote=PASSED. Pg. 10, Section J, bullet point 2: This was read and Russ commented that if there is a cut off point of when we can accept changes for the schedules before printing then there are some changes that will not make it on. He said that he gets changes almost right up until printing. Barbara suggested changing the word “proof” to “copy” and then change the last section from “the months prior to printing” to “for any possible changes”. Vote=PASSED. Pg. 13, Section C, bullet point 2 & 4: This point was also suggested by a past Treasurer and it was thought that putting this into practice would make it easier to make a budget for the next year. Gayle’s group thought that July would be too soon to be able to make an accurate budget. Barbara said that she and Kelley had talked about that issue but the next bullet point, #4, which is for a new proposed budget to be presented in August so that it can go back to the groups for approval before the next Treasurer is voted to take over in November. Vote=PASSED. Pg. 7 Part V, Section A, bullet point 3: This point was made based on the Area current practice. Tanea recommended removing it so that new GSRs do not feel obligated to a committee which may take away from their GSR experience. Vote to strike = PASSED.

**New Business:** None

**Motion to adjourn:** Russ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:25pm