

# DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## September 16th, 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, Katie G. GSR, Stan P. GSR, Shelly S. GSR, Roxanne W. GSR, Marla S. DCM-A, Gunther B. Al-Anon, Mitch S. GSR, Jeremy W. GSR, Linda P. GSR, Andy L. GSR, Brian M. GSR, Bill S. C.O. Liaison, Leah S. Telephones, Jacinto GSR, Mike W. GSR, Jason E. CCF/GSR, Michael K. GSR, Ryan D. Alt. GSR

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

**Reading of the 12 Traditions:** Leah S.; **Reading of the 9th Concept:** Bill S.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelley S. - Activities for the month: \$1,374.94 income; \$224.82 expenses. Starting balance; \$1,393.79; ending balance \$2,486.30; less prudent reserve \$1,250.00; available balance \$1,236.30. Kelley asked if there were any GSRs that want to use the scholarship fund for the assembly this weekend. There were two people who wanted to use it and it was approved. Kelley then passed around receipts for donations.

**New GSRs:** Sean new GSR, Jacinto as well as 3 other visitors from the Gratitude meeting which is a Spanish speaking meeting in White City Mondays – Sundays from 7pm-9pm.

**Announcements:** See Pg 2 of Agenda

### Committee Reports:

**Access Committee (AC)** – Open Pat D. announced that she is going to have to step down early from her position. Thank you Pat for your service. – No Report

**Archives** – Position open.

**Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community** – Chair: Dusti C. Co-Chair: Carol T. – Carol could not be here tonight so she emailed Barbara her report. She wanted to remind everyone about the Stand Down this weekend at the Dom.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF)** – Jason E. – Jason reported that he made some calls to the Jackson County jail and after being passed around from one recording to another he did get to one that reported that only after 30 days of incarceration of an inmate are the family members and a few other approved people able to take in books or literature from AA. The jail will not accept any literature to pass out to inmates. He is still trying to contact a person to talk to instead of just recordings.

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

**Telephones** – Leah S. – Leah reported that there were 109 total calls for the month. 81 calls for meeting times, 43 from men and 38 from women. 15 12 step calls 9 were from men and 6 from women. 9 calls were for Central Office information 2 was from men and 7 from women. There were 4 misc. calls. She has updated the answering service with the list of members willing to take calls and there were no calls unanswered this month.

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

**Schedules** – Russ S. – Not present at meeting but did email Barbara his report. First Barbara sent around a copy of the schedule for everyone to make any changes on for the next printing. Russ also said that he did not order the 50 copies of the larger schedules to send to the groups for approval. The cost of the 50 copies would be around \$28.00. He recommended that we could tape two 8X11 pieces of paper together to show the approximate size of what it would be. The next printing will be on 9/25/09 and Barbara asked the group if we needed to print more copies. Barbara had brought all that are left. There was a question on the missing box from Central Office and if we really need more since we were actually short because of that box. Tanea said that maybe we should plan for the future and it seems that in the last few printings we have been running out not just this time, so maybe it is best to up the number printed. Mike K. from CO said that maybe they could limit the number of schedules going out to each person and that might make them last longer. Stan then presented a motion to up the number of schedules that are to be printed on 9/25/09 to 4000. Tim B. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion opened and Katie commented that the holidays are coming up so it would be good to have more schedules available. Jeremy asked how much more it will cost for the extra schedules to be printed. The cost now is \$255.00/3000, so 1000 more would be about \$80.00 more bringing the cost to about \$318.75. Bill then said that CO wanted to offer to pay for half the cost of schedules if they can have half of the schedules for CO. Our cost would then be ½ of \$318.75 making our cost go down instead of up. It was then voted on if this motion is urgent or administrative or if it needs to go back to the groups. Also, it was determined that there would not be a specific split of the amount of schedules, that if the Central Office needed more and they were available, they would get them and vice versa for the District. Vote passed as urgent and administrative. Vote = PASSED. There was a question on Spanish speaking schedules. Barbara said that there are two districts that are Spanish speaking districts that make the Spanish schedules and send them out to the Spanish speaking meetings. Mike K. said that on the CO website they have changed the “S” to mean “Spanish” instead of “Smoking” for meetings.

**Web Site** – Barbara announced that Dave W. had to step down early from this position due to not having the time to work on the web site. Barbara did appoint a new chair person for this position who is going to be Brian J. Brian has nothing to report at this time but said he is excited to take this position; his plan is to rebuild it from the bottom up. Mike K. asked about the cost of starting it over and he recommended that there should be a budget set for that. Brian said that he doesn't think there will be any new costs for this because he is a computer designer and will be able to do it with out too much problem. Barbara wants to make

sure that all software purchased by District gets transferred from Dave to Brian, even though Brian as the current software the next chair might not and it needs to be passed on. Brian and Dave have plans to take care of the transfer.

**District 16 Liaison to Central Office** – Bill S. – Bill reported that schedules are a big problem at Central Office. He said people who come in and purchase literature always want to take schedules as well and they get upset when they are limited. This is why the offer was made to pay half the printing to get half the schedules so that hopefully there will be plenty available at both Central Office and at District. He also reported that they have the web site up and running and he encouraged everyone to check it out. Tanea asked if there needs to be a motion made regarding the change with the schedules so that it can be changed in the guidelines. Mike K. presented a motion for Central Office to pay for half the printing cost of schedules and then half of the schedules will go to the Central Office. Bill S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote = PASSED. It was determined that there would not be a specific split of the amount of schedules, that if the Central Office needed more and they were available, they would get them and vice versa for the District. Kelley S. thanked Central Office. Bill also announced that CO elections are coming up in November and December, so if anyone is interested in a position attend the business meetings on the first Saturday each month at 9 AM.

**Al-Anon** – Gunther brought new Al-Anon schedules for everyone to take for their groups.

**Local DCM's:**

**A** – Marla – All is going well in the Ashland, Talent, Phoenix areas. She announced that the meetings are full and the young people's meeting is getting going they are just looking into spaces and times for the meeting. Marla also said she has had someone suggest a new comers meeting for Ashland that is more of a discussion meeting or a Q&A type meeting. Jason said that there is a meeting that has been going on with both new comers and old timers and at the end of the meeting they do have an open discussion for questions. The meeting is on Tuesdays at 12 pm.

**Group Report for A area –**

- None

**B** – Tim B. – All is well, nothing new to report.

**Group Reports for B area –**

- None

**C** – Rick B. – Rick said that he has not been able to make it to District for a while but is still traveling to meetings and passing out schedules.

**Group Reports for C area –**

- Jeremy announced that his group is very interested in seeing the larger schedules.

**DCMC** – Barbara – Not a lot to report. 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, and Schedules Chair. The elected positions coming up are the DCM, DCM- B, and Secretary.

**Old Business:** Guidelines: Page 9 bullet point #2, Carol talked to Dusti and this is not current practice, so Barbara's suggestion is to strike this bullet point. Linda P. made a motion to strike this bullet point from the District guidelines because it is not current practice. Tanea 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote = PASSED. GSR Scholarships: Tanea asked about the scholarship and how the wording is in the guidelines. According to the guidelines the GSRs who are interested in using the money need to put in a request 2 months prior to the assembly. Barbara said that if we were going to go follow what it says word for word then we would not be sending anyone to the assembly this next weekend. Katie G. said that we should follow the guidelines because there could be people who didn't ask because they thought they would be too late. Kelley S. said that two months ago the District would not have been able to afford to send anyone, now we do have the money. Tanea recommended that we strike it from saying that a request must be made 2 months prior. It was commented that these are guides not rules. Barbara asked if there was anyone apposed to sending the two people who want to go to this assembly, no one apposes. Jeremy recommended that we leave it as it reads and that it is understood that these are guides not rules. Everyone agreed. Phone Workshop: Tanea has fliers for the workshop which will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Medford, in the Mary Norbert Hall, Lower Level from 2 – 4pm. She said that there will be refreshments provided. She is still ironing out who will be panelists for this event. Schedules: Jeremy presented a motion; to take back to the groups to spend the \$28.00 to get the 50 copies of proofs for the larger schedules. There were questions on whether it needed to go back to the groups or if there could be a motion made to spend the money now. Jeremy retracted his motion. Stan then presented a motion; to spend \$28.00 to print 50 proofs of the larger schedules to take to the groups for approval. Tim B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote = PASSED.

**New Business:** None

**Motion to adjourn:** Rick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanea

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:15pm