

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

November 18th, 2009

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present:

Rick B. -Local DCM C, Gunthur B. -Al-Anon Liaison, Brian J. -GSR/Website Chair, Kelley S. -GSR/Treasurer, Russ S. -Schedules Chair, Ricky R. -GSR, Vic S. -GSR, Mike S. -Alt. GSR, Katie G. -GSR, LeeAnn G. -Secretary, Kelly K. -GSR, Marla S. -Local DCM A, Ian C. -GSR, Craig C. -GSR, Stan P. -GSR, Andy L.-GSR, Adam L.-GSR, Daniel M. -Visitor

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Barbara D.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Rick R. Reading of the 11th Concept: Katie G.

Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes:

Motion to accept presented by Kelley S., Seconded by Rick B. Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Kelley S.

These are the activities for the period of 10/21/09-11/17/09. The total contributions for District 16 were \$ 337.88. The total expenses were \$ 803. 11. This leaves us with a net income of **-\$465.23** for the month. District 16's checking balance as of 11/17/09 was \$2,855.31. When we subtract our \$1,250 prudent reserve, the district is left with a working balance of \$1,605.31. Kelley made note of two points this month. The first being a \$15.15 expense incurred for the printing of flyers for the districts recent telephone workshop. The second is a \$10 banking discrepancy that has not yet been resolved. Kelley is working diligently on the matter, and there should be more information next month.

Motion to Accept presented by Katie G., Seconded by Craig C. Motion Approved

New GSR'S:

Vic S. is the new GSR for the Medford Fellowship Group. The MFG has meetings seven days a week all held at the Medford Alano Club, located at 1921 Elm Ave. in Medford.

Adam L. is the new GSR for the Roxy Ann Group, which meets Thursday nights at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Zion Church, located on the corner of 4th and Oakdale in Medford.

Announcements: See pg. 2

Committee Reports:

Access Committee (AC): This position is available. If interested in this position or any of the other available positions, please contact Mitch S. at colinsdad03@yahoo.com

Archives: This position is available.

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):

Both the chair and co-chair positions are available.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF): Absent

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): Absent

Telephones: Leah S.

There is a need for a Spanish speaking female interpreter. District 16 currently has a male Spanish-speaking interpreter. If anyone is interested please contact the District 16 Telephone Chair through the District 16 website. There were a total of 106 calls made to the answering service. 82 calls were regarding meeting times and information (42 men, 40 women). 9 were 12 step calls (1 man, 8 women). 9 calls were regarding information about Central Office (2 men, 7 women), and 6 calls were miscellaneous.

Grapevine: Barbara D. will be rotating into this position in new business.

Schedules: Russ S.

There is nothing to report at this time.

Web Site: Brian J.

The new District 16 website is now up and running, and Brian would like the GSR'S and committee members to spread the word throughout our community. If anybody is interested in having an AA event posted on the website, please contact Brian J. through the website. Also, Brian is working hard with Russ to keep the schedules up to date on the website.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office: Absent

Al-Anon Liaison: Gunthur B.

Gunthur is rotating out of his position this month. Gayle J. will be the new liaison beginning at next month's business meeting.

Local DCM's:

A: Marla S.

Due to her school schedule Marla will be able to attend the November quarterly assembly. She would like to report that Talent, Phoenix, and Ashland are all still providing meetings. The young people of Ashland are still working towards starting a group, and have Wednesdays set as their tentative meeting day. Any groups in the Talent, Phoenix, Ashland area that want their voices heard at the district or area level, or that have any questions or need assistance in any way, please contact Marla S., the local DCM-A through the district 16 website.

Group Report for area A: None

B: Absent

Group Reports for area B:

Craig C., the incoming DCM-B, wanted to let the district know that he is working hard to attend all the meetings in the Medford area, and looks forward to being of maximum service.

Barbara D. reports that after extensive polling, the Central Point No Name Group, which meets at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, located at 745 N. 10th St. in Central Point on Friday's, will continue to meet from 7:30-9:00 pm with a 10 minute break at 8:15 pm. The only change that resulted from the polling was the discontinuance of the podium.

C: Rick B.

The meetings in Butte Falls are closed for the winter, and the meetings in Prospect are hit and miss.

Group Reports for area C: None

DCMC: Barbara D.

This will be Barbara's last report as our DCMC. There is not much to report on. She is pleased with the new website, and has passed along all of the DCM material to Mitch S. She thanks all of District 16 for the opportunity to be of service and an awesome experience. She looks forward to serving the district as the new Grapevine Representative.

Old Business:

The first item is Medford's bid for the November quarterly assembly in 2010. It was shared that Medford generally hosts a quarterly assembly every 3 to 4 years and our time is coming up to be of service again. There was no discussion, and the vote regarding Medford submitting a bid to Oregon area passed unanimously.

The second item on the docket was whether to print the larger meeting schedules or stay with our current size. Brian J. reported that his group was in unanimous support for the larger meeting schedule. Their only question for the district was whether district would choose an easier font to read. Katie G. reported that her group would like to stay with the current size, but would like to see a bigger font, and they were in support of that even though they would lose the day per column format that the current schedule has. Marla S. agrees that the font needs to be changed, and points out that in her opinion the larger schedule is not much easier to read compared to our current one. Stan P. shared that his group would also like to change over to the bigger size. Kelly S. reports that her group didn't believe the new size was any easier to read, and that the bigger size will not fit in any of the literature racks. They are not in favor of the change. Andy L. reports that his group agrees with Kelly's group. He would also like to know if there is a way to make the current schedule better. Mitch S. suggested that the district ask Central Office what they would like to do, since they pay for one half of the schedules' printing cost. Adam L. felt that the readability of the larger schedule isn't much better

than what is currently available. He also believed that the new larger size was too big to fit into the back pocket of his pants, which is where he tends to carry his schedules. His group votes no on the proposed larger schedule. Daniel M. asked the group if the new schedules were affordable. Kelly S. replied with a yes at the moment. Russ S. reminded the group that the next printing isn't until the third week in December. In the coming weeks he would go to Central Office and ask them what they thought about the proposed change. He also wanted the group to know that whatever we go with today can be changed tomorrow. Rick B. suggested that the district vote on the matter, and then bring the decision to Central Office to see what their input is. Mike S. felt that the larger schedule did in fact have larger print than the current one, which makes it a success. Russ S. believes that there is stillroom to enlarge the print on the larger schedule. He also thought the printers did not scale the larger prototype correctly. After a vote on the motion, with only three people in favor of the larger sized schedule, the motion was defeated. In minority opinion, Stan P. shared that he believes the smaller schedules are restrictive, but if we were to switch over to the larger schedules we would have room to grow, whether it be using larger print or adding meetings. Ricky R. shared that his group was in favor of the change. He personally did not like the bigger paper, but did like the bigger font, and does the like the option for growth the new size allows. After a vote to revoke failed, the motion stands as defeated. Kelly S. shared with the group that anybody can tinker with the schedule format and bring their ideas to the district. Marla S. wanted to know if she could get the file. Barbara D. reminded the group that the schedule's chair position is open and available and that Russ is continuing to do the work until it is filled. Craig C. asked Barbara if it was possible to put together a schedule's committee. Barbara suggested that he check with Russ, though what he probably should do is bring the idea to the district in the form of a written motion, and that ultimately the groups have the final say.

The last item in old business was the motion regarding district printing 125 copies of the guidelines for the groups in the valley and the committee positions. After Barbara D. re-read the motion to the group, discussion began. Katie G. shared that her group was not in favor of the motion. They believed that since the guidelines were available on the website, it was unnecessary to spend money to print them for the groups. Stan P. believed that not everybody has access to a computer, and that it could be advantageous for the district to have a few hard copies available. He suggested printing at least 75 copies. Mitch S. was in favor of having the hard copies available for the GSR's, since no one brings a laptop into home group business meeting. Rick B. thought that having a copy in a meeting might encourage other members to become more involved in the district. Ricky R. agreed. Barbara D. reminded the group that these guidelines aren't meant to be laying around a meeting. They are meant to be carried by a GSR or meeting secretary if a group does not have a GSR. After a vote, the motion passed with 12 in favor and 5 opposed. In minority opinion, Russ S. believed that motion promoted a significant waste of district resources. Kelly S. was in agreement with Russ. A vote to revoke failed and the motion stands as passed.

New Business: District Rotations

Barbara D. rotated out the DCMC position and Mitch S. rotated in. Tim B. rotated out of the Local DCM B position and Craig C. rotated in. LeAnn G. rotated out of the District Secretary position and Ian C. rotated in.

As the new DCMC, Mitch S. asked the group if there was any new business. With no response, Mitch extended the districts thanks and appreciation to Tanneea B. for all of her hard work in organizing the recent 12-step telephone workshop.

Russ S. then gave a brief plug for the open Schedule's Chair position. If anyone is available or would like more information about the duties of the position, please contact Russ through the district website, or view the job description in the guidelines also on the district website.

Motion to adjourn: Kelly S., seconded by Barbara D.

Meeting adjourned: 8:13