

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

December 16th, 2009

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present:

Russ S. –Schedules Chair, Andy L. –GSR, Mike S. –Alt. GSR, Peter S. –CTF Chair, Marla S. –Local DCM A, Victor S. –GSR, Jim S. –GSR, John R. –GSR, Kelly K. –GSR, Bob D. –GSR, Kelley S. –GSR/Treasurer, Katie G. –GSR, Craig C. –Local DCM B, Tina O. –Visitor, Rick B. –Local DCM C, Ryan D. –GSR, Adam L. –GSR, Ian C. –Secretary, Brian J. –Website Chair, Tanea B. –Assembly Chair, Gayle W. –GSR, Shawn P. –GSR, Jeremy W. –GSR, Daniel M. –GSR, Gayle J. –Al-Anon Liaison, Brian –GSR, Cassie –District 7 DCM, Guy –District 7 Alt. DCM

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Mitch S.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Andy L. Reading of the 11th Concept: Bob D. _

Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes:

Motion to Accept presented by Craig C., Seconded by Rick B. Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Kelley S.

These are the activities for the period of 11/18/09-12/15/09. The total contributions for District 16 were \$200.00. The total expenses were \$691.28. This leaves us with a net income of **-\$491.28** for the month. The District's checking balance as of 12/15/09 was \$2,364.03. When we subtract our \$1,250.00 prudent reserve, this leaves the district with a working balance of \$1,114.03. Kelley made note of two points this month to account for the high expenses. The first being that the district's post office box has been paid up through next year. The second being the large volume of travel expenses incurred because of the past assembly in Portland.

Motion to Accept presented by Barbara D., Seconded by Craig C. Motion Approved

New GSR's:

Jim S. is the new GSR for the Dog On The Roof Group, which meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the meeting hall behind Star Auto Body, on the corner of McAndrews and Summit Ave. (1024 Summit Ave.)

Brian is the new GSR for the Step Into Life Group, which is a Step Study that meets on Monday nights at 5:30 pm at the 1st United Methodist Church, located at 607 W. Main. Use the entrance on Main St.

Daniel M. is the new GSR for the 99 and Under Young People's Group, which meets Saturday nights at 7:00 pm at the Medford Probation Office, located at 1101 W. Main St.

Shawn P. is the new GSR for the Central Point No Name Group, which meets Friday nights at 7:30 pm at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, located at 745 N. 10th St. in Central Point.

Announcements: See pg. 2 of the January Agenda

Brian also added that the Monday and Thursday night meetings that currently meet at the 1st United Methodist Church located at 607 W. Main St. are currently looking for new meeting facilities.

Shawn P. reminded the body that the Friday night Central Point No Name Group which meets at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, would have a time change beginning in January of 2010. The meeting, which currently begins at 7:30 pm and ends at 9:00 pm, with a 10 min break at 8:15, will be changing to an hour long meeting with no breaks, still beginning at 7:30 pm, but now ending at 8:30 pm.

Vic S. shared that the Medford Fellowship Group, which holds meetings 7 days a week at the Medford Alano Club, located at 1921 Elm Ave. will be holding marathon meetings beginning on December 19, 2009 running through December 31st.

Committee Reports:

Mitch S. reminded the group that there still are a few committee chair positions available. If anyone is interested in filling them, please contact Mitch at colinsdad03@yahoo.com. Tina O. was interested in filling the CPC/PI chair. Vic S. then nominated Tina for the position; followed by a second to that nomination by Rick B. After a vote, Tina was elected into the position. Congratulations Tina! The co-chair position is currently still available.

Access Committee (AC): This position is available.

Archives: This position is available.

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation with the Professional Community: Tina O. is the newly elected chair of this committee. The co-chair position is still currently available.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF): Absent

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): Peter S.

Peter shared with the group that he has been working on a letter to send out to the local hospitals, social workers and treatment facilities informing them of the marathon meetings and other festivities being offered at the Medford Alano club throughout the holidays.

Telephones: Leah S.

Leah was absent at this month's business meeting, but had given her report to Craig C. to be read. There were a total of 106 calls made to the answering service. 75 calls were regarding meeting times and locations (48 men, 27 women). 15 were 12 step calls (8 men, 7 women). Of these 12 step calls, four were unsuccessful in being patched through to anyone. 9 calls were regarding information about Central Office (5 men, 4 women), and 7 calls were miscellaneous

Grapevine: Barbara D.

This is Barbara's first report as the grapevine chair. She has registered with The Grapevine, through aagrapevine.org, as the new representative for District 16 and is currently awaiting her grapevine starter kit. She would like all group representatives to know that if their groups are interested in a subscription, please feel free to contact her or visit the grapevine website. Mitch S. wanted to know if the grapevine is still having a "2 subscriptions for the price of one" deal going on. Barbara believed that it's 2 subscriptions for \$40. For more pricing information please visit aagrapevine.org.

Schedules: Russ S.

Russ brought more schedules to the meeting for circulation. He also brought flyers regarding the opening in the Schedules Chair position. Barbara wanted to know when the next printing for the schedules would be. Russ said towards the end of December. Russ also shared that he is currently working closely with Brian to keep the schedules updated on the district website. He believes that the website has the most current and update meeting schedule for the valley.

Web Site: Brian J.

Brian is currently working on getting gmail accounts set up for all of the district committee members. He reported that the newly revamped district website has currently had 500 visitors. District 21 has also been in contact with Brian in regards to him assisting them with updating their website. Marla S. wanted to know if the new committee member gmail accounts would be forwarded to their personal email accounts. Brian said he would be in contact with her regarding her inquiry.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office: Absent

AI-Anon: Gayle J.

This is Gayle's first report as the AI-Anon liaison. There was not much to report on, however she does bring news back from her group regarding their interest in being involved with the upcoming November assembly that District 16 is hosting.

Local DCM's

A: Marla S.

There was not much to report. If anyone knew of any meeting's that needed a check in, please feel free to contact Marla via phone or email.

Group Report for area A:

Mitch S. had heard that the Ashland Men's Group, which meets Friday nights at 5:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church on Siskiyou and Walker, will be closing it's doors due to lack of participation.

B: Craig C.

Craig reports that he is still getting his "feet wet". He was pleased to see more schedules available since he had recently ran out of them. In his opinion, schedules are what meetings need the most of. He is currently working toward attending all of the meetings in the Medford area.

Group Reports for area B: None

C: Rick B.

Rick reports that he may have found a Spanish speaking female interpreter for district 16. He asked the group whom he would contact about this. Barbara suggested Leah S. Other than this, Rick has been passing out flyers for upcoming events, working on keeping the out lying areas up to date with current activities in the district.

Group Reports for area C: None

DCMC: Mitch S.

This is a reproduction of a written report submitted by Mitch S. for the December minutes.

I am Mitch and I am an alcoholic. This is your District 16 DCM report. Shortly after being pulled from the hat to become the new DCM, I was contacted by the Jackson County Central Office and asked to attend their business meeting on November 1st. I attended and was pleased to find out that we are selling lots of literature to the Spanish speaking meetings in the district, who were responsible for ¼ of the total literature sales for the month of September. I attended my first area assembly as the District 16 DCM, and was very nervous to stand and deliver my report to the area body; luckily for me there was the 12-Step phone workshop to talk about, as well as the Central Office business meeting. I feel I must apologize to everyone for all the emails sent out on my behalf. I am not very computer savvy, and it took me and Ian a couple of hours to figure out what was going on, and why the initial emails were unable to be opened. We eventually changed everything to a word document so it could be opened and read (I guess only if your computer's have word on it)! If you did not get the minutes, announcements and agenda sent to you via email, but would like to, please get your email address to me and you will be added to the list. There are a couple things that I am going to be working on in the near future. First, is to get some copies of a pamphlet I recently found, that used to be distributed by the district some years ago, made for the GSR's to take back to their groups. I would like to see if the groups are interested in resurrecting this pamphlet. The second is to begin researching facilities for an upcoming 12 traditions workshop. I have begun to make plans to attend PRASSA in March. I am planning on traveling with a fellow DCM from Eugene, in hopes of keeping costs low. I am very excited to be of service to the district, and if there is anything I could do to be of service, please let me know.

Assembly Chair: Tanea B.

This is a duplicate of a written report submitted by Tanea B. for the December minutes.

Hello my name is Tanea and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to be your Host Committee Chairperson for the November 2010 Oregon Area Assembly. The November Assembly will be here at the Red Lion November 19th-21st. Our committee is small at the moment to best facilitate some of the tedious activities that have to be completed early on such as setting up a bank account and PO Box... WHooooooooop WHooooooooop!!! Anyways, rest assured as we approach the date of our event we will be ramping up the committee activity and size that will allow all who are interested in participating a chance to get involved. We hope to have an email address available on the District website for those groups and or individuals who are interested in volunteering as we get closer to the event!!! The facility was scheduled to be toured by the Area this last weekend however that meeting had to be rescheduled do to weather. The Area Host Committee will be having the OH so popular HOME GROUP CROSS DRESSING BEATUY PAGEANT again as a fundraiser, details to come soon. Thank you all in advance for the tremendous support only District 16 provides!!!!!!

Old Business: District 16 guidelines

The guidelines have been reproduced for GSR's or group secretaries (for those groups without GSR's). For those groups without representation at the meeting, the DCM's will have the responsibility of passing out the guidelines.

New Business:

With no new district business at this time, John R. took this opportunity to ask the group for some guidance. The Valley Of The Rogue Group which meets on Saturday nights at 7:00 pm in the Carpenter Room at the Rogue Valley Medical Center is experiencing very low turn out and John fears that if this continues they might have to close their doors. Mitch S. thought that this might be an issue better suited for the announcements portion of the meeting. Peter S. recalled that what used to be done in the Los Angeles area was that the larger meetings would send two car loads of members to the smaller meetings until the smaller meetings had a better turn out. Andy L., a former secretary for the Valley Of The Rogue Group, shared from experience that the meeting has a history of inconsistent attendance. Rick B. reminded the group that it is an issue of attraction rather than promotion. Daniel M. is also concerned with the turn out at the 99 And Under Young People's meeting. In hopes of attracting new member's the young people's group has formed an activities committee, and are currently brainstorming on different functions that they could host or meeting format changes they could implement. One idea they have had is to host an art's and music event on the last Saturday of each month, wherein members play drums or paint together.

Shawn P. explained that because of low turn out at the Central Point No Name Group, the home group members have changed the length of the meeting and have eliminated the podium. Guy, our visiting Alt. DCM from District 7, told of how his home group, The Next Generation Group in Grant's Pass, was also experiencing a "slump". To combat this they began hosting attractive events, including rafting and poker nights. He tells of how the meeting has grown, and now turn averages 25-30 people a week. They have also started hosting monthly home group dinners. At this point, discussion began to die down. Before we moved on, Russ S. asked the group if the attendance topic had gotten resolved. Craig C. offered his services as Local DCM B to any group that is interested.

The second impromptu item for new business involved the visiting DCM and Alt. DCM from District 7. Cassie and Guy were in attendance to talk about a possible collaboration between the districts concerning the Public Information/Cooperation With The Professional Community committees (PI/CPC). At this point Barbara D. reminded the group that she is the newly appointed chair for the CPC South at the Oregon Area level, and that she is available to assist in anyway possible. Shawn P. asked the visitors if Medford meeting schedules were available in Grant's Pass, because he has had difficulty in obtaining Grant's Pass schedules in the Medford area. Guy shared that to link to District 7's meeting schedules on line, one would have to visit the Oregon Area website and click on the District 7 link. Russ S. wondered if there needed to be a District 7 liaison position created if we, as a district, would move forward with a collaboration. Mitch S. felt that creating another committee position would ultimately create another position that needed to be filled. Rick B. offered to run to Grant's Pass once a month if need be. Tanea B. was curious if we were talking about staying autonomous, or if we were talking about joining up with District 7. Mitch S. believed we were talking about working together, but staying separate as district's. Cassie was in agreement. She wanted our two district's, specifically when it came to the PI/CPC committee to cooperate and communicate with one another, especially since our territories are so close to each other, but not to become one position between the two district's. Guy believed that the GSR school that took place in Central Point a couple of years ago was a huge success and a great example of what can happen when the two district's communicate with each other. Cassie and Guy also told of a sponsorship workshop that District 7 is working on. It is scheduled for 3/20/10 at the Hi-Lo Club in Grant's Pass. It will offer two speaker's from Sacramento, California and will go from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. More details to come as the event gets closer.

Motion to adjourn: Brian, seconded by everyone

Meeting adjourned: 7:55