

# DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## January 20, 2010

### ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEETMembers Present:

Marla S. –Local DCMA, Jim S. –GSR, Mike S. –GSR, Andy L. –GSR, Roxanne W. –GSR, Kelley S. –GSR/Treasurer, Matthew V. –GSR, Daniel M. –GSR, Barbara D. –Grapevine Representative, Gayle W. –GSR, Timothy S. –Alt. GSR, Kelly K. –GSR, Russ S. –Schedules Chair, Ryan D. –GSR, Peter S. –CTF Chair/GSR, Shawn P. –GSR, Jeff H. –Visitor, Renee W. –GSR, Craig C. –Local DCMB, Vic S. –GSR, Rick B. –Local DCMC, John R. –GSR, Tanea B. –Assembly Chair

### Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Mitch S.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: John R. Reading of the 1st Concept: Mike S. Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes:

Vic S. wanted to begin receiving the minutes and agenda via email and John R. did not receive a copy of the minutes or agenda last month. John was going to verify that Mitch S. had the correct email address.

Motion to Accept presented by Barbara D., Seconded by Matt V. Motion Approved **Treasurer's Report:** Kelley S. These are the activities for the period of 12/16/09-1/20/10. The total contributions for District 16 were **\$587.00**. The total expenses were **\$606.68**. This leaves us with a net income of **-\$19.68**. The District's checking balance as of 1/18/10 was **\$2,332.03**. When we subtract our prudent reserve of \$1,250.00, this leaves the district with a working balance of **\$1,082.03**. When discussion opened up, Barbara D. asked Kelley S. what Wimer Enterprises was. Kelley clarified that Wimer Enterprises handles all of the printing needs for the district. Kelley also made note of the high printing costs for the past month. This was due to the reproduction of the District 16 guidelines.

Motion to Accept presented by Andy L., Seconded by Vic S. Motion Approved

### New GSR's:

Anthony G. is the new GSR for the Ashland Siskiyou Group, which meets Tuesday and Thursday night at 8:00 pm at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 44 North 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Ashland.

Matt V. is the new GSR for the Medford Hole In The Wall Group, which meets Monday nights at 7:00 pm at the Medford Probation Office, located at 1101 W. Main St. **Announcements:**

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### Committee Reports:

**Access Committee (AC):** This position is available

**Archives:** This position is available

Barbara D. reported that she is in possession of the key to the archives room, located at the Medford Alano Club, as well as the room's rental agreement. She will be passing both of those along to Mitch before the evenings end.

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

Rick B. reported on behalf of Tina O. who was out of town at the moment. Rick shared that Tina had observed that Rogue Community College (RCC) had no information regarding AA or Al-Anon. Tina had left behind some schedules as a result. Barbara D. reported that the Access Fair will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and that she will be in touch with Tina to pass along the information. Renee W. reported that she has also given schedules to a friend that works at the local YMCA.

**Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF):** Absent

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF):** Peter S.

There was nothing to report on at this time.

**Telephones:** Leah S.

There were a total of 85 calls made to the answering service last month. 14 calls were regarding Central Office information (9 men, 5 women). 47 calls were regarding meeting times and locations (27 men, 20 women). 19 calls were 12-Step calls (2 men, 17 women), and of the 19 calls, 5 were unsuccessful. Leah noted that of these 5 unsuccessful calls, 2 were because the caller hung up before they were patched through. There were also 5 miscellaneous calls. Leah S. also reported that Rick B. had passed along a number for a Spanish-speaking interpreter. Though the number was for a male, if contacted he would be able to provide a female interpreter.

**Grapevine:** Barbara D.

Well, the long awaited Grapevine Kit came from GSO but I am still unsure of exactly what my roll is as our Districts Grapevine Rep. I guess it all falls back on the old standard; be of service to those who ask and provide information! I have made copies of the order form for the Grapevine to be available for GSRs to take back for your literature tables in your meetings or for the group to subscribe if it doesn't already. If your home group would be interested in me giving a little Grapevine talk at your meeting please don't hesitate to contact me. My number is 541-601-9303 or email at

[b.dunn98@gmail.com](mailto:b.dunn98@gmail.com). I know the Grapevine can be a valuable tool for meetings and the newcomer! Also, I would like to see other District committees possible utilize the Grapevine for jails, treatment centers and schools. The subscription cost is \$27.00 per year, which equals a little over \$2.00 a month to carry the message; such a small price to pay for the gift of hope. Thank you for my sobriety and the opportunity to still be of service to District 16!

**Schedules:** Russ S.

Russ had brought a portion of the new quarterly schedules to meeting. They are green this quarter. He also reports as per usual there is already a change. The Ashland Men's Group, which met Friday nights at 5:30 pm at the Presbyterian Church at Siskiyou and Walker in Ashland has closed it's doors due to lack of participation. Russ also announced that he has found a successor. His name is Michael V. from Ashland and unfortunately he was absent from the meeting. Russ also announced that if anybody needs schedules, please feel free to email the Schedules Chair using the link on the District website and he should be able to deliver them when available. This is how Russ used to operate, and he hopes that the new chair will be able to continue in a similar manner.

**Web Site:** Brian J.

Brian reported that he had setup a majority of the email accounts for the District Chair positions and he plans on finishing up the rest of them in the next few days. He also announced that if anybody needs help in setting up an automatic forward of the district email account to a personal email account, he is available to help. Please refer to the Important Information Sheet for GSR's for Brian's contact information. Brian also hopes to add meeting lengths to the online schedule. He will also be in touch with the DCM's in regards to finding out which meetings are wheel accessible, which is another notation he would like to add to the online meeting schedule. Barbara D. suggested to the body that creating a flyer announcing that groups could post their events on the website might help to get the word about local events out sooner. Brian was in favor of this idea. Mitch S. then suggested that GSR's utilize the Important Information Sheet to contact Brian if they know there group is hosting an event and want it posted on the district website. Shawn P. then asked Brian if it was possible to add a link to a map from the online schedule, similar to what he has seen on another twelve step program's website. Brian had thought about it when he was revamping the website, though he didn't follow through with it at the time because of his desire to keep the website low maintenance for whoever may be in the Chair position in the future. Mike S. asked Brian if anybody could post anything on the website, or if they had to go through Brian to do so. Brian J. will have to be contacted if anybody wants anything posted on the website.

**District 16 Liaison to Central Office:** Absent

Bill S., who is listed as the Central Office Liaison for District 16, is now the Central Office Manger. In effect, he has stepped down as the liaison, and Wayne T. has stepped in. Neither was present at the meeting though.

**Al-Anon:** Absent

**Local DCM's**

**A:** Marla S.

Marla also reported that the Friday Night Men's group in Ashland is no more. She has not heard anything recently about the Young People's Group getting started in Ashland. She also had the opportunity to check out a new meeting in Ashland. It is the New Timers Group, which meets on Tuesday's at 12:00 pm at the Temple Emek Shalom, located at 1800 E. Main. She found it humorous that the new comer's meeting was mostly populated by old-timers, but chalked it up to a lot of people ready to be of service.

**Group Reports for area A:** None

**B:** Craig C.

Craig reports that since accepting this position he has been attending a slew of meetings around the valley. He is trying to connect with the GSR for the Sunday night Thank God I'm Sober Group, which meets at Providence Hospital in the Mary Norbert Hall at 7:00 pm, because another group in the Medford area is interested in utilizing the facility. Tanea B. recommended that he try to contact the Providence Foundation instead of talking with the administration at the hospital, which Craig has since had no success with to date. Craig was also curious if Central Point fell under his "jurisdiction" as DCMB or if fell into the out-lying areas of the DCMC. Rick B., our DCMC for the out-lying areas said it was in fact part of his territory and warned Craig C. to stay out. (Note: It is hard to reproduce humor in a written document, however I thought I would give it a shot).

**Group Reports for area B:** None

**C:** Rick B.

Rick reported that he had located an interpreter for the telephone answering service and has passed that number along to Leah S. He also shares that the Saturday night Valley Of The Rogue Group that meets in the Carpenter Room at RVMC has recently had a great turnout. He suggested to the body that if anybody has recently dropped meetings from their personal schedule, to pick them up again, because they might just be the meetings that need some support at the moment.

**Group Reports for area C:**

Peter S. reports that the Jacksonville Book Study, which meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Jacksonville Library, located at 340 W. C St., is currently on Step One. It has been averaging 40 to 60 people per week. It has a format consisting of a speaker sharing on the step for the first week of the month, followed by reading the step out of the big book in week two, utilizing the 12 and 12 in week three, and an open discussion on the step in the last week of the month. And it is wheel chair accessible.

**DCMC: Mitch S.**

I am Mitch I am an alcoholic and present district 16 DCM. I recently wrote and submitted a letter to the Area Newsletter that will be available in the next printing. I felt extremely honored to be asked to do this! I believe that I have gotten the E-mail issue all worked out thanks to those that helped me out with this! If you do not receive the minutes and agenda via E-mail and would like to get me your E-mail address and I will gladly get them to you in that manner. I have made my travel plans to attend the upcoming Area Orientation in Eugene, Oregon. With another district/ area officer so the cost to the district will be very low. I have also made my plans to attend the upcoming PRAASA in Los Angeles, Ca. in March the 5<sup>th</sup>- the 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be taking another DCM from the Eugene area with me to split the costs so that it won't cost as much to send me there. I announced last month that I wanted to get the ball rolling on a Traditions Workshop. Because of the Area orientation this month, the Area Assembly in February, and the upcoming PRAASA in March I am going to shoot for a motion to read for submittal in February to hold the workshop in April. Also I had reported on a pamphlet that I found and wanted to bring to district, I am still planning to do so; however, I am planning on attending the Central Office business meeting and showing them the pamphlet with an estimate on cost of printing to see if they would be willing to split costs before I return to the district with the pamphlet and a motion to submit. I have been doing my best to reach out to those involved in our district and if there is anything I can do to help you please let me know. YILAS Mitch S. District 16 DCM

**Assembly Chair: Tanea B.**

Hello my name is Tanea and I am an alcoholic. Thank you again for the opportunity to be the Host Assembly Chair person for the November 2010 Area Quarterly Assembly. Here are the highlights of our progress: Our Alternate Area Chair person Skip A. came from Portland this last weekend to view the facility for this November assembly that will be at the Red Lion the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>!!! The Host Committee has selected a theme and it is from page 89 in our Big Book "to see a fellowship grow up about you". Look for our email inbox on the District 16 web page to submit decoration ideas to our decorations chairperson. We have a great room rate to offer of: \$71.00 for the Single & Double Occupancy, \$81.00 for Triple and \$91.00 for Quad. I am excited to report that Al Anon has indicated the space available at the Red Lion in the petite ball room (down stairs) will meet their needs for the November Assembly and they have accepted our invitation to co locate for this event. Thank you all for your service, Tanea B.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

Barbara D. took this opportunity to share with the group, that David K., the Oregon Area Web Master would like to post our District's Committee Chair's information on the Oregon Area website under their link to District 16 information. Just for clarification, The Oregon Area's web page has a link to District 16 information but this is not our District's web page. Their link contains information such as meeting times and information, as well as business meeting times and locations. The information the area would like to post would be the Chair's name and contact information. Tanea B. began discussion by stating that she believes that individuals have generic email addresses, for example, because they would like to protect their anonymity. Mitch S. suggested talking to each individual member and securing their permission before agreeing to post contact information on the area web page. Rick B. shared that he had recently read or heard something regarding personal information in AA is supposed to stay in AA, and then Russ S. reminded Rick that the point at hand involves the Internet, and the Internet is available to anybody. Kelley S. wanted

clarification on what information would be available. Barbara D. answered with whatever we are comfortable with. Kelley S. then suggested that we provide the area with the new district emails that Brian has recently set up. That way we could provide the area with contact information, but still safeguard our personal contact information. Tim S. then added to Kelley suggestion. He believed that by providing our first name, last initial and district email address, that the contact information could rotate with the position when a chair's successor rotates in, and there would then be minimal changes that have to be made to the area web page. Discussion then died out and we moved on to the next topic.

Mitch S. brought to the body's attention that he will be attending a couple of area events in the near future, and would like to ask the district for funding to these events. The first function will be the Oregon Area Orientation being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January in Eugene, Oregon. He shares that he has already secured a ride with a fellow member traveling up there and doesn't anticipate the cost being more than \$20 dollars. Mitch then asked the body for \$20 for gas to go up the orientation. Tanea B. accepted the motion and Andy L. seconded the motion. Craig C. interjected and wanted more information before the body voted. Barbara D. shared that at orientations the topics usually include email etiquette, how to give DCM reports at the area level, how the area funds DCM's, leadership, accountability, etc. Craig was satisfied with the answer. Kelley S. reminded the group as per our guidelines, the DCM is fully funded to this event if the district has the funds available. Mitch asked for a vote anyway, and after a unanimous vote in favor of the funding from the body, Mitch will be heading up to Eugene with gas money. The second funding issue involved Mitch heading to L.A. for PRASSA in March. Mitch is aware that the District Guidelines do state that the DCM will be funded to either PNC or PRASSA depending on available funds, though he is asking the body for funding as per the guidelines, which also states that the DCM will determine the funds needed for travel to be approved by the District Committee, preferably three months in advance. Mitch shares that he has been in touch with a fellow DCM in Eugene and they have plans to travel to L.A. together in hopes of minimizing the costs to both of their districts. His projected cost to be about \$400 for the weekend, which broke down to \$299.00 for gas and lodging, and the remaining \$101.00 going for food. Both Kelley S. and Marla S. were concerned that Mitch was not budgeting enough time for sleep, and recommended that he allow himself extra funds for another night stay. Peter S. was also in agreement. Barbara D. suggested that the funding be amended to \$550.00 but not to exceed \$600.00, and vouched for Mitch's prudence when it comes to the district's money. Tim S. seconded the motion and after a unanimous vote in favor of funding Mitch, the motion passes.

Jim S. reminded the body that the Dog On The Roof Group is hosting their annual bowling fiasco, which is being held at the Roxy Ann Lanes on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 3 pm. It will be \$3.25 per game and that includes the shoe rentals. This is an event for the whole family. Barbara D. shared that Virginia H. is the new Central Office Newsletter Chair, and has provided her contact information to the district. If anyone needs to contact Virginia, please refer to the Important Information Sheet for GSR's.

**Motion to adjourn:** Matt V., Seconded by everyone

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:55 pm