

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2010

ROLL CALL BY SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present:

Peter S. –CTF Chair/GSR, Mitch S. –DCM, Tina O. –CPC/PI Chair, Brian R. –GSR, Ian C. –Secretary, Barb R. –Visitor, Barbara D. –GVR, Jim S. –GSR, Kelley S. –Treasurer/GSR, Tanea B. –Assembly Host Chair, Russ S. – Outgoing Schedules Chair, Kelly K. –GSR, Carrie H. –Alt. GSR, Mike S. –GSR, Eric S. –Alt. GSR, Anthony G. –GSR, Richard R. –GSR, Andy L. –GSR, Ryan D. –GSR, Jason E. –CF Chair/GSR, Marla S. –DCMA, Michael B. –Incoming Schedules Chair, Roxanne W. –GSR, Adam L. –GSR, Wayne T. –CO Liaison, Shelley S. –GSR, Rene W. –GSR, Craig C. –DCMB, Matt V. –GSR, Linda P. –CPC/PI Co-Chair, Daniel M. –GSR

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer: Mitch S.

Reading of the 12 Traditions: Eric S. Reading of the 2nd Concept: Eric

Reading and approval of last month's meeting minutes:

Russ S. pointed out that his replacement for the Schedules Chair is Michael B., not Michael V., as previously documented.

Motion to accept presented by Craig C., Seconded by Andy L. Motion Approved

Treasurer's Report: Kelley S.

These are the activities for the period of 1/20/10 through 2/17/10. The total contributions for District 16 were \$ 541.00. The total expenses were \$ 534.05. This leaves us with a net income of **-\$ 6.95** for the month. District 16's checking balance as of 2/15/10 was \$ 2,338.98. When we subtract our \$1,250 prudent reserve, the district is left with a working balance of \$ 1,088.98.

Motion to Accept presented by Barbara D., Seconded by Tanea B. Motion Approved

New GSR'S:

Eric S. is the new Alt. GSR for the Medford Hole In The Wall Group, which meets Monday nights at 7:00 pm at the Probation Office, located at 1101 W. Main St. in Medford.

Carrie H. is the new Alt. GSR for the How It Works Group, which has a Big Book Study meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm, and a Topic – Discussion meeting on Friday nights at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Christ of Unity Church located at 540 N. Holly St. in Medford.

Rene W. is the new GSR for the Stick In The Mud Group, which meets Saturday afternoons at 3:00 pm at 36 S. Central Ave in Medford.

Richard R. is the new GSR for the Just For Today Group, which meets Friday nights at 6:30 pm at the Church of Christ, located at 2320 Siskiyou Blvd. in Medford.

Announcements: See pg. 2

One of the announcements Mitch read was involving his upcoming attendance to PRAASA, which prompted Carrie H. to inquire more information about the event. Fortunately for her, Chase B., our Oregon Area Alt. Delegate just happened to be in attendance to give a presentation to the body regarding the upcoming February Area Assembly, and with his expertise in the room, Mitch happily let Chase take Carrie's question. Chase explained that PRAASA - the **Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly** - is a yearly assembly held in different parts of the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of A.A. This year's theme is "Practicing AA's Principles – The Pathway To Unity, and will be held March 5-7, 2010 in L.A. For more information about PRAASA please visit praasa.org. Regarding the assembly, Chase explained that the February one is the pre-planning assembly for the Oregon Area Delegate. On Saturday, the districts will be grouped together and assigned to different committees. Once grouped together, these districts will discuss various topics attached to their specific committee. This will give the DCM's and GSR's more information to bring back to their district and groups.

Once home the DCM's will host a discussion meeting where GSR's in the district can carry their groups voice regarding the specific committee topics. Once a consensus is formed, the DCM will relay the information to the Alternate Delegate, who in turn passes it along to the Delegate so they will have a general understanding of all the information being discussed at the yearly Conference in New York. District 16 will be assigned to the Agenda committee this year. The Oregon Delegate will be assigned to the Trustees Committee in New York. The General Service Conference will be held April 18-24, 2010 in New York. For more information please visit aa.org.

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): Tina O.

Tina reports that she has been very busy and has provided schedules and general information to several new contacts. These include RCC (Rogue Community College), Harry and David and two shelters in the Medford Area. She also reports that the annual 12 Step Information Panel that has taken place at the Smullen Center the last two years in March will not be occurring this year. This is due to the lack of time Tina has had to prepare (she has only been the Chair for 2 months), the lack of participation from groups who have assisted with the event in previous years, and that the Smullen Center is not available this year. On a happier note, District 16 welcomes Linda P. into the CPC/PI Co-Chair position.

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF): Jason E.

Jason reports that meetings are still not allowed in the county jail, and after extensive networking, he still has no concrete idea as to why. On a brighter note, he has been put in touch with the Chaplin at the facility, and reports that there still is literature available to the inmates. With this glimmer of hope, Jason is working on putting together a "care" package of sorts, consisting of meeting schedules, information about Central Office, flyers for upcoming events, etc. Barbara D. informed Jason that the Grapevine is now available without staples, and that District 16 used to buy two subscriptions for the facility, suggesting that it might be worthwhile to pickup this old practice. Someone in the body, possibly Mitch, asked about other facilities that we could be of service too, such as the juvenile facilities and the Talent work center. Jason agreed to check into these other possibilities. Roxanne W. asked Jason why there were no meetings allowed in the jail, and Jason's best guess was money. Kelley S. shared that she had heard through the county "grapevine" that the decision to discontinue meetings was because if the current County Sheriff, and that change will probably not happen until he is out of office. Carrie H. suggested that we pray for the Sheriff.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): Peter S.

Peter reported that the in-patient treatment centers are covered at the moment, and that in the upcoming months he would focus his energies on reaching out to the outpatient and DUII diversion programs.

Telephones: Absent

Grapevine: Barbara D.

Barbara reported that Grapevine subscription forms are available at the District meeting, and that the Pacific Positive Action Group, which is a Speaker Meeting that meets Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at the W. Main Church Of Christ, located at 1701 W. Main St. in Medford, recently bought two subscriptions.

Schedules: Russ S.

Russ was passing around a sheet for meeting changes, and after three short years of happy and joyous service work, he said thank you and goodbye to the Schedule's Chair and introduced his successor, Michael B. District 16 would like to thank Russ for his service, and happily welcomes Michael aboard.

Web Site: Brian J.

Though Brian was absent, he had been in contact with Mitch recently, who reported on Brian's behalf. The website is being visited and all reports about the website appear to be positive. Jason E. asked if the District website address could be something he adds to his correctional care package. Mitch believes so.

District 16 Liaison to Central Office: Wayne T.

Wayne reports that the Central Office Breakfast will be on the second Sunday of April this year (4/11/10). He had brought flyers for distribution, and shares that the Central Office is in need of Donations for the Breakfast. He also reports that Carol T., a Central Office volunteer, was unable to find information about Central Office on the District 16 website. Barbara, utilizing her smart phone, was able to verify that there is a link to Central Office from the District's website. Bill S. would like to get in touch with Leah, District 16's current Telephone Chair, in hopes of cleaning up the answering service's phone list. Kelley S. asked Wayne if he knew whether Central Office received the invoice for their share of the District 16 meeting schedule's printing cost. Wayne believes so.

Al-Anon Liaison: Gayle J.

Gayle brought the newest Al Anon schedules for District 7 down for distribution. She also reported that beginning on March 19th and going through the 21st, Al Anon is hosting their Assembly at the Phoenix High School, located at 745 N. Rose St. in Phoenix, OR. There will be a Potato Salad Bar from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, and a Desert Auction from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. She also reports that their annual Chili Feed will be pushed back to May. More details to come.

Local DCM's:

A: Marla S.

She reports that Talent, Phoenix, and Ashland are doing well and still providing meetings. The Sunday morning Step Study meeting that previously met at 1699 Holmes Ave. has moved to Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm at the Peace House, located at 543 S. Mountain Ave. in Ashland.

Group Report for area A: None

B: Craig C.

Craig reported that he is in the process of verifying all of the meetings that are currently residing at 36 S. Central. He is also still tracking down whom he needs to contact in order to rent out the Mary Norbert Hall at Providence Hospital, on behalf of parties interested in starting a new meeting.

Group Reports for area B:

Russ S. shared that it is a constant upkeep in regards to meeting times at 36 S. Central. For example as of 2/17/10, there had been four meeting changes in the previous two weeks. Peter S. shared that the rule of thumb used to be to give a meeting six months before adding it to the schedule. Richard R. reports that Church Of Christ located on 2320 Siskiyou Blvd. in Medford, which houses the Friday night Just For Today Group, also has an Al Anon meeting occurring at the same time in a different room. Richard added that the Thursday Night Roundtable meeting, which used to meet at the Methodist Church on W. Main St., has moved to the Church Of Christ on Siskiyou Blvd.

C: Rick B.

Though Rick was absent due to work, Tina O. reported, on his behalf, that there was not much to report at this time. Rick would also be in touch with Mitch in the near future regarding his availability to fulfill his DCMC position.

Group Reports for area C:

Barbara D. reminded the body that the No Name Group, which meets on Friday nights at 7:30 pm at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, located at 745 N. 10th St. in Central Point, has eliminated the podium and changed the meeting length to one hour with no breaks. She shared that these changes came from a group inventory performed by members in attendance, not just home group members, at a meeting late last year. Furthermore, the group has added a separate 7th Tradition basket solely for District contributions.

Peter S. reported that the Jacksonville Book Study, which meets Wednesday nights in Jacksonville at the Jacksonville Library in the Community Room, located at 340 W. C St., will begin the third step on March 1st. David M. will be sharing his experience, strength and hope.

Wayne T. reported that the Spanish meetings that meet at 7561 Highway 62 in White City have cut back from 7 days a week to 4 days a week.

Daniel M. shared that the elections for the SOYPAA (Southern Oregon Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) committee positions will be held on 2/21/10 at the Medford Alano Club, located at 1921 Elm Ave. in Medford.

DCMC: Mitch S.

My name is Mitch I am an alcoholic and present district 16 DCM. I am delighted to say that it seems as though the E-mail system has been going well lately! I was pleased with the responses I got via E-mail on the September assembly issue. To everyone else in the district here is an explanation of what had happened; the September 2010 Area Assembly was scheduled at the same time as the 100th anniversary of the Pendleton Round Up so there wasn't going to be enough accommodations for Area 58 AA. The new assembly dates are September 3rd- the 5th. This does fall on Labor Day weekend so hopefully there will still be a nice contingency of District 16 representation there. I had to utilize E-mail for this issue since there was a definite time restraint on the matter I was alerted to this 5 days before the Area Orientation that we needed to have a vote in as to what our preference was the district response was good I carried that vote and we were out numbered. The Area Orientation was very fun and informative there were a great deal of new DCM's and I was very pleased to see that during one of the presentations done by our delegate that she actually used our same District Meeting Agenda. I was able to assist other Districts who have not gotten their guidelines done yet by letting them look at my copy of our guidelines, (which one of them tried to take home) I am already utilizing one of the topics discussed, which was to include our Area officers at the District level Thanx Chase for giving us that presentation. As it is right now there is going to be 3 other DCM's going down to PRAASA with me in March so the cost should be relatively low to the District. The February Assembly in Bandon starts on Friday night with a GSR sharing session taking place at 7:00 p.m. I advise all GSR's attending the assembly to try and make that; I always found them very informative and useful. We have been filling our open District Committee Positions and am very pleased with that, but we still have openings in the ACCESS comm. And The Archives comm. If you know of someone in your home group that you think would be good for the job have them E-mail me or invite them to the District meeting and we'll let the AA railroad swoop em' up. (that was my attempt at humor ha-haa) As always thanks for allowing me to serve you, and if there is anything I can do to help please let me know! (so that I can pass it off to Ian. Ha-ha another attempt!) Yours, in love and service, Mitch S.

Assembly Chair: Tanea B.

Hello my name is Tanea and I am an alcoholic. The Host committee for the November 2010 Area Assembly has made some serious progress this month. Our bank account is established with signature cards and our email address on the District 16 web page is active. Please feel free to send me an email if you would like to get involved in our committee. Here are a list of the positions we will be voting in later on in this process: Fundraising Chair, Volunteer Chair, Archivist, Pray Chair, Accessibility, Dance/Entertainment, Greeters, Chair Hospitality, Marathon Meetings, Speakers, and Theme & Decorations, and Registration Co-Chair. We are excited to have Al Anon with us on this planning journey as they will be attending our planning meetings starting this month to facilitate a smooth co located event. Thank you all for your service, Tanea B

Old Business: None

New Business:

The first item of new business was the possible CPC/PI event co hosted with District 7 (Grants Pass). Mitch S. polled the members present to see who was in favor of moving forward with this idea. All members present were in favor of the proposal, with no one opposed.

The second item on the agenda involved GSR scholarships. Daniel M. made a verbal request for funding to the February Assembly in Bandon. Kelley S. mentioned that Daniel had been the second GSR that night to request funding, and she reminded the body that with those two scholarships, in addition to the expense of sending our DCM to PRAASA, the District's working balance could be severely handicapped. Chase B. asked the body if they were interested in offering a partial scholarship to both of them (two partials would equal the amount of one full scholarship, which is usually \$150). Carrie H. asked if the funds would be coming out of the prudent reserve, or if there was a line item in the budget for the scholarship program. Mitch S. shared that there isn't a traditional line item budget, so the scholarships, as it also reads in the District Guidelines, states "funds permitting." Mike S. offered to share all that he had, a ride, room, and food with the GSR's in an effort to make it possible for them to attend. Craig C. made a motion to partially fund two GSR's, \$75 a piece, to attend the February Assembly. Peter S. seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote in favor, the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn: Jason E., seconded by Eric S.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30