

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

September 12th, 2021

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Bonnie C, Christine B, Lauren S, Pilar T, Kelly B, Helen W, Kyle R, Walt W, Carrie B, Pat F, Brenna L, Mike S. and Glenn B., Jeff T., Beth A.

Welcome to new GSR:

Tradition 9 Presentation – “A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

District Secretary – Renee H. (Bonnie C. filling in)

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August meeting as written by Lauren Sand was seconded by Helen W. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Walt W.

Reported Group contributions: \$, Expenses: \$, ending Balance \$8,000. Treasurer is revising due to an error and will have corrected August treasurer report on district website.

DCM Report – Bonnie C.

Hello District 5,

Please thank your groups for their continued support of the district and I appreciate all of you showing up today to be of service to our fellowship. Remember that your homegroup members are welcome to attend the District business meetings to observe and learn what is taking place in the district.

The September Assembly (21-23) is less than two weeks away and has been converted to a zoom platform meeting only instead of a hybrid meeting. You received an email with updated details and if anyone would like me to resend that I can. September of this year is an important Assembly and here is why: You will be voting for a Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, and Alt Chair. It is extremely important that you are there to represent your group's voice as the Area elects new leadership. If you are interested in standing for any of these positions or simply want to know more about what you are electing members to do for your group please refer to the Area Guidelines and the A.A. Service manual for the responsibilities for these positions. I look forward to seeing you all there.

As I sit here today with you for one last District meeting as your DCM and I see all the faces who have been here all along and the new faces here today I cannot express in words the gratitude and love that fills my heart for the opportunity I have been given to serve as the DCM for District 5. It has been an honor and a privilege that I will forever carry with me. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your participation. Thank you for sharing your love of Alcoholics Anonymous with me. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve and most importantly this opportunity for growth.

My time in service to the fellowship has been a very powerful part of my growth in this area. I am learning to love others and not just the ones that are easy to love or that I feel ok loving. That in turn is teaching me that I can love myself and that I am good enough. It's teaching me that it's ok to make mistakes because that's how we learn and grow as individuals and as a fellowship. Growth comes in difficult moments not in the easy ones.

I wish you all the best as you go on from here fulfilling our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers and as Gus P. always said: "Remember, this shit is fun."

Alternate DCM Report-Kyle R.

My name is Kyle R, and I am an Alcoholic. It is my humble pleasure to serve as the Alternate DCM for District 5. Thank you as always for your groups' support of the district.

Thank you all for your support and help in making last month's Delegate Post-Conference Report such a great event! We had around 40 members in attendance, and it was really wonderful to see everyone there. We have such a great fellowship in Central Oregon, and it really shows when we all are there to support each other and this program. If you have any questions about Amber's presentation or about the conference, please feel free to reach out. We should also be receiving the written Conference Report relatively soon, if you want to dive deeper into the conference or its actions.

Unless I misunderstand our guidelines, this will be my last report to you all as your alternate DCM. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to our district! I cannot express the gratitude I have for being a part of our district over the past 2 years. I have had a wonderful time hosting workshops and events for you all, even though this very strange couple of years. I have learned so much about our wonderful program and fellowship, and I hope that you all have shared even a fraction of my joy and experience. I am excited to see what our district will have to share with you all in the coming years.

Thank you all for your support of the district and our fellowship as a whole. We have a wonderful fellowship here in Central Oregon and I look forward to continuing to see all of you at our wonderful meetings, workshops, and events!

Yours in loving service,
Kyle R, Alt DCM

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.

The Assembly Host Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 28, at 5:30pm. At that

meeting we will be discussing the contract for the September 2022 Assembly, that has not yet been signed. I expect to also have a proposal for the May of 2023 dates by the time of the meeting to compare and contemplate. With the decision having been made for Assemblies to be held virtually, at least through February of 2022, there is quite a bit of shifting going on.

District 22 - McMinnville, where this current Assembly was to have been held, has twice been forced by Covid to turn their event into a virtual happening. There are choices that need to be made. Anybody who has not yet seen the email from Penny - Area Chair, and Amber, Area - Delegate, regarding the change from in-person to virtual Assemblies through February, at least, let me know and I can forward it to you.

If you would like to attend our Host Committee meeting, to be held on Zoom, let me know and I will make sure you get an invitation.

I have a new email address: christinedb42@gmail.com Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thoughts, concerns...

Old Business

None

New Business

District 5 Elections

DCM

Elected: Carrie Blake as DCM and to be recognized as the Secretary and authorized representative on the district's checking account.

Alternate DCM

Elected: Jamie Southworth as Alternate DCM and signer on the district's checking account.

District Secretary

Elected: Christine Bergland as District Secretary.

District Treasurer

Elected: Kimber Jacobsen as Treasurer and to be recognized as the Alternate Secretary and authorized representative on the district's checking account.

District 5 utilized the Third Legacy procedure for this election. The job descriptions were read for each position. The secretary polled the room to see who was available. Voting was done by polling. Service Resumes were read. Thank you, Past DCM Glen B., for overseeing this election.

Committee Reports

Archives-Vacant

Access- Vacant

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Carrie B.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Rob L.

Correctional Facilities – Matt F.

Grapevine – Vacant

Public Information (PI) –Ryan F.

Website – Ben R.

Please let him know if you see anything to be corrected or need added to the website. Please contact me webmaster@district5aa.org

GSR Reports

Firing Line- Jamie S.

My name is Jamie, and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line. We are a big book study except for the last Monday of the month is the monthly speaker meeting. We will have a short Tradition presentation on T9, and main speaker is Sarah from Port Credit group in Ontario. At this time, we are still on the zoom platform and no eta when we can meet back in person at this time.

In love and service, Jamie S

Home away from Home – Pilar T.

Hello Crew and hello September!

With a heavy heart for our inside and outside members of the Home Away from Home Group, our current online meetings have been placed on an indefinite hold due to the spread of COVID 19 in the facility. Our inside members are in lockdown. As we were looking forward to returning to in person meetings, this is no longer the case. In the meantime, prayers for health, peace and connection are going out to our family on the inside.

In my experience, the hand of AA can come in many forms. After his release from isolation and a transfer, one of our inside members shared that he felt like he was losing connection with his Higher Power and that his light was dim. He started receiving grapevines that one of our districts members shipped out to him (he didn't know who they were from), but his hope and connection began to grow from there. The way he told the story was from the heart. A true experience of one alcoholic reaching out to a fellow alcoholic- sick and suffering on the inside. Literature CAN go where we cannot and the message of alcoholics anonymous can continued to be carried.

As always, any AA approved literature contributions to the HAFHG are still welcomed and greatly appreciated. Your contributions continue to be the AA light to our inside members! If any groups and/or individual members are interested in sponsoring a La Viña or Grapevine subscription to our inside AA members or would like to contribute other AA approved literature, you can contact myself or Tim C.

Another way to be of service to our inside members is to register with GSO for the Corrections Correspondence Service that matches inside member with outside members. If you would like more information please visit:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/corrections-correspondence-service.

Currently, the badging process has been placed on hold until further notice. There are still ways, however, that we can be of service! If you have any questions, please speak to Tim C or Pilar TC.; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

New Horizons – Carrie B.

My Name is Carrie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons. Our Group is currently

meeting 4 days a week. **Monday through Thursday at Noon** on the Zoom platform. We are still currently splitting our contributions **50% to the GSB** and **50% to COIG**. We will resume our regular 4 way split when the district and area don't have so much money. We discussed what to do with excess district funds. The ideas that came from our members are Literature, Workshops with Literature giveaways, Food at upcoming workshops, Big Books for the local Jails, and a Public Information project such as a bus stop add or local radio airtime. We are encouraging members outside of the Central Oregon area who come to our meetings to get involved with ***their local AA Community*** and to find a local home group where they can be part of the decision making of their local intergroups, districts, and areas. We are beginning to plan our 2021 Group inventory. For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our Website NewHorizonsGroupAA.com

In Gratitude, NHG GSR, Carrie Blake

Sunday Morning Serenity – Lauren S.

Hello:

My name is Lauren, and I am an Alcoholic. My home group is Sunday Morning Serenity at 10 AM.

We are still on Zoom until further notice. Our group voted to stay on Zoom, until we feel it is safe. We are a small group and like to see it become bigger. Our Zoom number is 838 6097 6285 Passcode is Serenity. We are looking for an Alternate Treasurer, an Alternate GSR, IGR, and an Alternate IGR.

Anneliese is our Secretary, Becky is our Treasurer, I am the GSR and Interim IGR. Also, Becky leads our Business Meetings. Which is the Second Sunday of the Month.

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy and Sober September

In Fellowship and Service

Lauren S. GSR.

Closing Announcements

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Motion to adjourn: Helen W.

Motion Seconded: Pilar T.

Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm