

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2020

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending:

Welcome to new Group Service Representatives:

Lauren Sunday Serenity and Valerie East Side Online

Concept 7 Discussion: "The Conference Recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purpose for its final effectiveness."

District Secretary – Renee H.

Please submit your report districtsecretary@district5aa.org by Wednesday following the 2nd Sunday of the month District 5 meeting. This helps with accuracy and time constraints. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the June meeting minutes as written by Peter C. and was seconded by Reed.. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Walt W.

Reported contributions \$430.11 expenses \$0.00 Balance \$6362.61

A motion was made to accept Treasurer Report as reported by Tim C. and Peter C. seconded. Motion Passed.

See Treasurer full report on pages following minutes.

DCM Report – Bonnie C.

Hello District 5!

I want to first thank everyone for your continued District support through your attendance today and the continued contributions from your homegroup. As we navigate this fluctuating time with caution and working our spiritual principles.

I have used this past month to focus on witnessing what is taking place in other districts across the country as well as in our own. I have attended some in person meetings here in District 5 that are following the county add facility guidelines given to them to move forward with returning to live meetings. I was able to attend an online meeting at the Deer Ridge Correctional Facility to witness how the message is alive and well in district corrections. Those men are eager to keep their in-house fellowship strong and it was cool to see them moving toward a GSR election. I have been personally attending Big Book studies across the county as well as other Area Assemblies. Alcoholics Anonymous continues to serve in updated ways and you too can participate! The Area has sent out a letter regarding returning to online meetings which I will forward to you all. Whatever your homegroup decides, there is an opportunity to educate and move forward in a spiritual manner using our traditions. Here is a piece of that letter highlighting as such: "Tradition 4 states that "each group is autonomous" and decisions are made through individual group conscience. The second part of the 4th Tradition is just as important: "except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." Tradition 1 tells us that "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." These traditions remind us that we must ensure that our group decisions do not negatively impact our fellow members or A.A. as a whole and that we as individuals should act in a way that ensures our common welfare. Traditions 1 and 4 are important now more than ever as we consider the health and well-being of both A.A. members and nonmembers, as well as protect the positive reputation and goodwill of A.A. in the community."

The District is here to support you and your homegroup, please do not hesitate to contact Kyle or I. Be safe and be well as we grow through this time.

Alternate DCM Report- Kyle R.

Hello District 5!

My name is Kyle R and I am an Alcoholic. It is my humble pleasure to serve as the Alternate DCM for District 5. I hope you are all healthy and safe, and able to stay connected to our wonderful fellowship during this unusual time. Thank you as always for your groups' support of the district. I know that groups are continuing to carry the message and we will continue to support you as best we can.

I was happy to participate in our Assembly Planning Committee's most recent meeting. I am so humbled to see so many active and enthusiastic members showing up to bring the Area Assembly to District 5. I know we have lots of work ahead of us, but I'm sure it is going to be a joyful journey. If you are interested in helping, there are a number of committee positions still available, as well as countless opportunities for service as the year progresses.

My summer has been a little overwhelming thus far, but I am still looking to schedule more workshops for the coming months. I haven't heard yet if the september assembly is going to be remote or in person, but given the current uncertainty I feel like it's probably best to plan for both. Either way I am looking forward to holding our usual Assembly Orientation on the 13th of September prior to the District Meeting. These orientations are always a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our service structure and the assemblies and I hope any of you who have not attended a September Assembly will join us!

Yours in loving service,

Kyle R
Alt DCM

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

Assembly Host Committee

Zoom meeting will be sent out to the entire district.

GSR Reports

Mens Books Study

GSR Reed Report Emailed to Renee

New Horizons

My Name is Carrie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons. We meet 6 days a week. Monday through Friday at noon, and Saturdays at 10:30

We are still holding our meetings on Zoom, as well as our business meetings and committee meetings. Even a lot of our One on One 12 step work right now is being done in our Zoom Room

Depending on the day, we get anywhere from 30-100 attendees. Our room only holds 100 people. We have about 25 home group members, and we have been finding ways for most of our members to be of service in this new medium. We have a Technology Chair for those having trouble figuring out Zoom, We have newcomer chairs, making sure our newcomers get a newcomer packet, phone list, a coin, and a big book, we have a Literature rep, who is willing to deliver any conference approved literature to anywhere in the central Oregon area, a website chair as we have started a website. *Please visit us at threelegacies.com*, and we started a Beginners Orientation that allows for Two additional service positions. This orientation is offered only once a month, and we would like to invite you to bring or send the beginners coming into your groups, to this informative orientation held on the Last Saturday every month at 12:00 noon. This meeting is geared mainly toward first time AA members. Joel, the facilitator gives a 20 minute presentation explaining what a Big Book is, a Sponsor, a Home group... Then theres a speaker who shares their story for 20 minutes focusing on early sobriety, (*This last month the speaker was Mark L from prineville*) Then for the last 20 minutes is anonymity protected Q&A. so that the new person feels comfortable asking any and all questions. Again, Please announce this at your meetings when you have new members or beginners to AA. Make sure they are given this information and have the opportunity to put this once a month Orientation on their calendars.

We've been taking advantage of the fact that it's easy for speakers to travel via Zoom, so we have been asking people to speak who we don't normally get to hear from. It's been exciting. We have had authors of the stories in the big book speak, conference speakers, current trustees and past trustees, and current delegates.

So all in all, for now, although we can't wait to get back to regular meetings, we are making the best out of the situation.

In Gratitude, Carrie Blake

Sisters in Sobriety

July 12, 2020. Sisters in Sobriety meets on Zoom at 5PM Saturdays

The group continues to meet on Zoom with between 10 and 17 members participating. There was a business meeting last month and this month with good attendance of home group members. The group decided last month to send money to General Services in New York and also to pay the Trinity Church a small amount in lieu of rent since we are storing materials in the meeting room (we are not currently paying rent)

The group decided to continue to meet on Zoom for now and some members opted to explore possibilities for informal social events in a park or outside venue. This would not be in place of a group meeting but for those who wish to see people face to face.

For now everything is going well .

Sincerely

Jill B

Redmond Monday Night Living Sober

The Redmond Monday Night Living Sober Group has decided to take a break for a while. We will be checking in with each other monthly to reassess the state of affairs in the world and any possible reopening.

Primary Purpose Bend

Mon-Fri 5:00

Now meeting in person, socially distancing with masks. Meeting in St. Helens Hall.

GSR Peter will Email

Huntington Hut

July 12, 2020

The Huntington Hut Group (the Hut) of Alcoholics Anonymous is in flux. We have a member actively campaigning to disband the group and turn over the meeting space to a committee of recovery members so N.A will have a stronger voice in what was once our AA's group business. This ought to be interesting. Our next business meeting will be on July 14th at 530pm.

We have a handful of face to face meetings at the Hut. We call it a soft opening with a check in every couple of weeks to see how its going. At our first check in last week, the secretaries reported that attendance was initially quiet low but it is growing. There is room for 8 to 14 depending on who you talk to. It is not clear if the members and secretaries are following our groups guidelines of keeping 6 feet apart; suggested face coverings (our guidelines were before Governor Browns mandatory face covering in enclosed space -we have not addressed this new requirement yet); sanitizing all chairs and touched surfaces; not serving refreshments or coffee; kids have to sit with parent; one person walks with 7th tradition basket; no hugs or handshakes. The group did not want to list meetings as open to the public until any and all bugs were worked out.

Our Sunday evening meeting is meeting outside at Rosland Park at 5pm observing social distancing and is well attended.

The activity chair coordinated the Hawaiian Lua barbecue at Roseland Park and a good time was had by those who attended.

There are several meetings still meeting online.

We are currently meeting our \$450 monthly lease and electricity bill by contributions by our members mailed into our po box.

In love and service, Mike S. GSR

Girls Gone Sober Redmond

Girls Gone Sober meets at the Alano Club in Redmond on Thursday's at 7:00 pm and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month for a Big Book study, also at the Alano Club.

Attendance is good for the Thursday meeting averaging 15-20. The Sunday Big Book study meeting is currently suspended pending a vote to restart at the July business meeting. We need to decide if we have the funds for rent to support 2 meetings per week.

The business meeting attendance has increased dramatically. We have been able to fill all positions including the positions that have been difficult in the past to fill due to sobriety requirements. The members have really stepped it up because of the love for this meeting.

I'll very grateful and blessed to be of service!

-Heidi E.

Mens Straight Talk

Now in person, has left Zoom due to lack of participation. Other Prineville groups are meeting both in person and via zoom. Attendance is miniscule at best, 2-4 on sat morning. Sent distributions to intergroup, gso, distric, and area. Socially distance, masks required, bring your own coffee. Capacity for about 12-15 people. -Greg GSR

Firing Line, Bend

Still meeting on zoom, 15-30 attendees. 7th tradition on Venmo. My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as General Service Representative. My homegroup is The Firing Line. We meet every Monday at 7:30 pm at Bethlehem Inn. And are a big book study. We are still meeting on zoom and when we will be able to meet in person again is to be determined. Meeting attendance has been 15-30 attendees every meeting each week. That is all I have to report at this time

Home Away from Home Group

The Home Away From Home Group (HAFHG) of Alcoholics Anonymous, prior to COVID-19 lockdown, met every Thursday, from 7-8:30pm, and Sunday, from 2-3:30pm, in Deer Ridge Correctional Institute (DRCI) -- a men's minimum/medium security prison near Madras OR. Meeting attendance ranged between ~8-40 inmates of varying lengths of sobriety. Thursday meetings are AA literature based. The third Sunday is an outside-speaker/ open discussion meeting. The fourth Sunday is an inside-speaker/ open discussion meeting. Other Sundays are open discussion meetings. The first Sunday of the month we hold our business meeting and also celebrate milestones in sobriety.

We have 6 current inside service positions; Thursday Secretary, Sunday Secretary, Literature and Coin Person, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and inside GSR. 4 of the 6 service positions are currently filled. We now have a new inside GSR and have also returned to having an inside secretary.

Due to COVID-19, the Deer Ridge Correctional Facility has suspended any volunteers from entering the institution until further notice. The HAFHG's new meeting schedule has changed-We currently meet regularly via virtual platform, every other Wednesday from 12:30- 1:30pm. Attendance is anywhere between 20 to 30 members. We have been able to bring in a variety of outside speakers to share their experience, strength and hope with inside members. These stories and outside members have been met with deep gratitude and appreciation by our inside AA family. I am thrilled to report that one of these speakers was our very own Area 58 delegate, Jim F! Jim shared his story, along with his experience of being of service in Alcoholics Anonymous! Even through a virtual format, I could feel the growing enthusiasm of general service among our members behind the walls.

The program of recovery, through the fellowship and the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous continues to grow within the HAFHG community! Just this last week, we had our first inside Spanish speaking meeting. The attendance and the gratitude from our Spanish members was a testament to the importance of carrying our A.A message and meeting our fellow alcoholics where they are at. We are currently looking to gather Spanish Big Books, 12&12s, any conference approved literature and La Viñas to support our inside Spanish speaking members. Please contact Pilar T or Tim C if you or your group would like to contribute.

If there are any questions regarding volunteer or badge processing, please speak to Tim C, Daryl L, Pilar T, or Roberto F; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

Yours, collectively, in love and service: the inside- and outside-members of the HAFHG of AA

Online Early Risers

As a meeting, the Online Early Risers started in the middle of March, and held periodic group conscience meetings from the beginning. At our business meeting held on June 12th, it was decided that we would continue meeting indefinitely on Zoom, and register with GSO as a group. We have since submitted our new group form to the Area Registrar, and are currently awaiting our group number.

Online Early Risers meets Monday - Friday at 7am on Zoom, with a different format each day. Monday is a Big Book Study, Tuesday is a Speaker meeting, Wednesday is As Bill Sees It, Thursday is Daily Reflections, and Friday is a 12 & 12 Study.

I have .pdf flyers to pass out, and a smaller .jpg version attached.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Valorie

Sunday Serenity

Hello, my name is Lauren S. I am an Alcoholic. I am the new GSR for the Sunday Serenity Meeting at 10 AM. We are a zoom meeting until the Norwegian Hall is opened again.

Are attendance has drop, we get around 12 to 20 people at our zoom meeting. We had a business meeting June 28, the last Sunday of the Month. We only had four people attend our business meeting. We elected a new secretary Howard, for six months. Our Alternate GSR is Doug for two years and Lauren S. GSR for two years.

As a new GSR, I am getting a meeting's list of our members and going to e-mail meeting the members and let them know I am the new GSR and that the meeting needs support.

Also, I will next business meeting, mention that the GSO Office in New York, and the Inter-group here in Deschutes County needs contributions.

In Fellowship and Service

Lauren S.

Attitude Adjustment, Bend

Attitude Adjustment meets Monday through Friday via zoom at 7am. We have made it very easy to access our meeting with a link available on the Intergroup website.

We have anywhere from 40 to 60 people and are going strong. Our 7th tradition is posted every meeting in the chat and is announced by the secretary. People can make contributions through PayPal and it has been going well. We voted to distribute our contributions differently during the month of July due to information brought to the group about GSO and Intergroup having paid employees, and more monetary needs, so we split it up accordingly. We chose to give 40% to GSO, 40% to Intergroup, 10% to District 5, and 10% to Area, after all or bills were paid. This was a short vote with all members on board. We still have a few service positions not filled, GSR, bookkeeper, and Monday secretary. We have a new CTF representative and she is doing the best she can, and educating herself about the position and keeping our group connected during the pandemic. She mentioned coming to the District meeting and going the CTF meetings to stay connected. I talked a little about the June Assembly and will bring back more information when it comes out and let them know when the Delegate is going on his General Service Conference tour, all around the state, to talk about his trip and everything he learned. I am excited for that! As far as new business was concerned, the group formed and ad hoc committee to help collect as much information as they could and bring it to the group about the possibilities of reopening the meeting. They met three times over the last month, collected all the information from the church about the procedures they would like to see us put into place, if we plan on opening in their space, and also the Deschutes county guidelines. The ad hoc committee came out with a twenty page report that was emailed out to all of the homegroup members and to any Attitude Adjustment attendees that cared to see it. It was very detailed. A motion was also brought to the group about a yes or no vote on whether to eventually reopen given the committees gathered information. The committee suggested two new service position and wrote guideline for these service positions. The motion passed. We will reopen, just don't have a date. Still need to discuss the details, including whether to make it a hybrid meeting. We are announcing these two new service positions all month to try and get them filled at our next business meeting. The new

position is a sanitizer and a greeter. The group thought that starting to open the meeting only two days a week might better to help fill these positions and and make for a smoother transition. A motion was made to announce service positions needed for a two day a week reopening and passed. So it sound like we are going to reopen, just don't know when, but when we do it is only going to be a few day a week to start,. More will be revealed! Il also announced the May Assembly in 2021, that we will be hosting, and put a plug in for it and will be encouraging people to step up to be of service!!! Go District 5. All in all, with lots to discuss, the meeting went great. We really stayed on topic and got a lot done. Lots of gratitude. Thanks for letting me report about Attitude Adjustment and to be of service. Excited to hear about new developments with the district and workshops to come.

Thanks, Kellyb

Tuesday Night AA

Hi my name is Kyle and I am an alcoholic and I serve Tuesday Night AA as their GSR. We are still meeting at our typical time at 7:00 every Tuesday. We have still been maintaining our usual format, with speakers the first Tuesday of the month and a discuss meeting the following weeks. We have been welcoming back some members from across the country and it is fun to continue to get to know them as we share together. We have also begun taking 7th Tradition contributions via Venmo. As the news of the pandemic continues to develop, we have been leaving it up to the church where we hold our meetings to guide or timeline for returning to in person meetings, but we are certainly going to continue carrying the message through Zoom in the meantime.

Yours in loving service,

Kyle R.

Tuesday Night AA GSR

Closing

5:30 Close w/the Responsibility Statement

Motion to Adjourn: Ben R. motioned, Christian B. Seconded. Motion passed: