

**District 5 Oregon Area 58  
District Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2017 4-5:30**

Open with Serenity Prayer

**Attending**

Brad L, Bonnie C, Tricia M, Brian R, Mike S, Louise L, Dave B, Lisa H, Don C, Steve M, Walt W, John M., Bridget M

**Welcome New GSR's:** John M. as Alternate GSR for Attitude Adjustment

**Concept XII Presentation**

**Recording Secretary - Lisa H**

November meeting minutes read, Louise L made motion to accept, Bridget M seconded. All approved and report was accepted.

**Treasurer - Tricia M**

November treasurer report read Bonnie C made motion to accept, Louise L seconded. All approved and report was accepted.

Our Bank account doesn't seem to be documented as a 501C 3 so Tricia is looking into how the Bank Account is registered. We may need to do some additional forms to register the district with the state. Tricia is doing some investigating and will report back what she finds out.

**DCM Report - Brad L**

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for being here today. Please express my gratitude to your groups for their continued support of the district.

My first area assembly as DCM was an exhilarating experience. Thank you to all who were able to attend. I asked a lot of questions and I learned a lot. I got to spend time with old friends and make a few new ones. I was there to witness the rotation of officers and committee chairs. It's always a powerful and emotional event. The love for A.A. is never more prevalent than during this time.

The DCM sharing session was informative and sparked some new ideas. I was able to share about the assembly orientation Bonnie put together and a couple DCMs asked for more information about it.

Roundtables: I attended three roundtables due to either position vacancy at the district or the chair being unable to attend this assembly.

I first attended the Grapevine roundtable which was both entertaining and very informative. Did you know that there is a GVR resource tab on the GV page where your group's Grapevine rep can sign up for and receive a complete information kit from the Grapevine office for free? Go to <http://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr> for more details. I requested a copy of the outline that was used at the round table which could be a valuable tool to educate anyone about the Grapevine. Please let me know if you would like a copy.

I then attended the Website roundtable. A topic of discussion recently has been the district email and how it is handled. I learned at this roundtable that if the district is a registered 501c.3 nonprofit that we can get the Google suite of web tools for free. (Email, online document storage, etc.) I have been told that the district is registered as such but we are still trying to locate the paperwork. This would be a valuable tool for the district, for maintaining documents, email history, mailing lists, committee data, etc. I was also told that it is very secure.

After that I went to the Treatment Facility round table. The biggest topic of discussion was Bridging the Gap. This program helps facilitate getting a person coming out of treatment to an A.A. meeting straight away. Statistics show that if someone gets to an A.A. meeting the first day there is a 95% chance they will stay sober, second day it drops to 50% and by day three all the way down to 20%. If you have interest in being of service by signing up for Bridging the Gap or its sister program, Corrections Prerelease please see me after the meeting.

I have had the opportunity to meet with the committee chairs and discuss the website and what they could do to help them spread the message about what the committees do. The conversations have been great and a lot of fantastic ideas have been brought to the table. Content for PI, Corrections and CPC have been submitted to Keri so that she may work her magic.

Please welcome Donn C. to the district committee. I have appointed him as the Public Information Chair. On Saturday December 2, Donn myself and another trusted servant headed over to Sherwood, Oregon for a PI/CPC Workshop put on by Districts 23 and 37. You could feel the excitement from the committee chairs as they talked of the work these two committees are doing. The presentation was filled with achievements, goals for 2018, ideas that work, ideas that haven't and a hand was extended to help however they can. We were told that several districts in the Portland area hold a committee meeting each month for the PI/CPC committee chairs to get together to share their experience strength and hope. District 5 committee chairs have been invited to join. I believe this will be an invaluable pool of information for all those involved.

I have again updated the District guidelines. This new change is to reflect the current practice that the district's committee chairs have a vote at the district level. These were sent out with the agenda for today's meeting and will be available on the District 5 website.

The Grapevine (interim 11 months remaining) remains open at this time. Please announce this great service opportunity at any meetings you attend, hang up flyers where you can and encourage anyone with just a spark of interest to just have a conversation about what the positions entails.

The Area orientation is scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm in Eugene. You do not need to hold an area position to attend. Come learn more about area service at this one day event!

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The dates for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) have been set. The conference will be held June 22, 23, & 24 at the Wyndham Garden in Boise, ID. Save the date and attend AA's oldest service conference.

The Rogue River Round UP is going to take place May 4-6 at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. You can find more information at <http://rogueroundup.com/>

The Area Newsletter chair is looking for some creative help to name the Area Newsletter something other than Area Newsletter. The District who submits the winning name will get home baked cookies at the next assembly. You can submit your suggestions to the newsletter chair at [newsletter@aa-oregon.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-oregon.org).

Please let me know if there is anything I can do, questions I can answer or answers I can find. I am here to help however I can.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Yours in love and service,

Brad L

**ALT DCM – Bonnie C**

Hello District 5!

It was really nice to see many of you at the Area Assembly last month. Brad and I were able to update many of your home group's information with the Area registrar and will continue until our District information is up to date. The District will be preparing another GSR orientation prior to the February assembly to help guide and inform our GSR's for that quarterly assembly. Please bring anyone you think would be interested in learning more about our Area Assemblies and what takes place in Area service. Don't forget the District Grapevine Display is available to visit your home group and the District is also available to help facilitate if your group would like to conduct a group inventory. Thank you letting me be of service, Bon.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2018 Budget:** The original Budget that came out was changed as follows: 1. The treatment Facilities November assembly budget was reduced by \$50 to match the amounts budgeted for the other committees. 2. The budget amount for lodging at PNC was reduced by \$50 to reflect actual costs. 3. The supplies budget for the DCM was increased by \$50. The net change was a \$50 reduction in the total budget. Motion to accept Mike S, Bridget M Second Motion passed.

**Work Shops:** Work shop ideas were turned over to the DCM. Bonnie C Brought up that they will be working with the DCM to tally the votes for the Workshop Ideas. When we put on a District work shop it would be nice if we had groups to Sponsor each workshop and help with set up and cleanup. This would give groups a Service opportunity and help with participation....

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion Maker: Walt W.

Motion: To invest in a three year web hosting plan for the District website.

Motion Seconded by: Mike S.

Discussion:

Louise- What are the options for the cost in Web hosting plans that are available?

Brad L- Read directly from the Web Chairs report the following information

How long:	Total Cost:	Comes out to:
1 year (+ three free months)	155.85	10.39 monthly
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Walt W- What is the monthly cost of the current web hosting site?

Brad L- The current service charges are \$11.55 per month for a three year commitment.

Bonnie C- If this change is made in a web hosting service will it be user friendly for the next appointed Web Site Chair?

Brad L- Quote directly from the website chairs December report: "The site is rich in user friendly features that will enhance our abilities to provide people with a better looking, more accessible site that is also much easier to transfer to the next person, without requiring the person to be a web wizard to take it on."

Walt W- Do we have the money?

Tricia M-We have the monies!

End of Discussion

Motion determined to be urgent.

All in favor: Twelve

All Opposed: None

Abstained: None

Motion Passed.

### **Archives - Valorie R**

No report.

### **Public Information Chair - Don C**

Hello, I'm Donn Curry and this is my first PI Committee report as the new PI chair.

I'm proud to be appointed and working with you folks in District 5 service.

My report is short, as I was appointed Thanksgiving week. That being said, here's what has happened with me around thus far:

#### **PI Report for District 5**

Since Thanksgiving, the following has happened w/committee activity:

1. Met w/Brad L. to receive his cache of literature, and information from his time as the chair / read the GSO guidelines for PI.
2. Picked up Kris U. (Attitude Adjustment) & Tim G. (WFS) to the committee as a committee members
3. Attended the PI/CPC workshop in Sherwood, OR last Sat. w/Brad & Kris U. to field new info for my own knowledge of PI and networked. Met and exchanged contact info from Kayla (from Dist. 37) & Joe (PI Area North chair). Both offered assistance to us in the future of Dist. 5 PI work, including the potential for a panel on "Carrying the AA message outside of AA meetings" for us right here in Bend this winter.
4. With that in mind, picked up Halie T. (Sun. Morning Serenity) as another member, for potentially doing school panels later down the line.
5. Began an inventorying supplies in my possession for delivery along with the new mtg. schedules next month.
6. The Christmas Day Alcothon has been posted to the KTVZ Calendar and added to the Source Calendar. Don C

Additionally, I'll be hitting out-of-town meetings in the district often, (with other committee members, as well as solo) starting next week to do outreach, and field more PI opportunities for our committee.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

"All the best", Donn C.

### **CPC Chair - Brenna L.**

I was able to attend the November assembly and participated in the CPC, PI and financial roundtables. So much information out there, I heard some great ideas that I would love to implement and try!

I have scheduled the Hutchinson room at library for **01/13/17 at 12:00pm**, attaching flyers to this report, please announce at your home group. If you can't attend or are too busy for service at this time, but you have ideas or contacts in the professional community, please to hesitate to contact me.

I was able to get pamphlets, schedules and young people pamphlets into the Deschutes Behavioral Intensive Youth Clinic and made a great contact for the future.

### **Treatment Facilities - Curt R**

Hi Everyone. Sorry for the e-mail versus a Word doc but my Word app is in the process of a big update and I want to get this to you. This weekend, I will be in Grants Pass interviewing 34 potential Rotary outbound youth exchange high school students. Here's a quick update of CTF: First, I want to give a big "Thanks" shout-out to our panel facilitators. They are the best.

1) We have a CTF Committee meeting Tuesday, December 12th from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm. Deschutes Public Library, Downtown Bend, Hutchinson Room.

2) Thanks to Carrie B., we have a new Women's' panel in LaPine. I will get more details next week. Carrie has agreed to facilitate this panel until we find a full time facilitator. The plan was to have Brian R. (Attitude Adj. GSR) take over the co-ed LaPine panel and Marie would take over the women's panel. Brian's still up for the position when he returns early spring.

3) We still have not heard from Best Care Bend about John P.'s panel - our counselor disappeared! We think our counselor has left Best Care. I have called and left messages for "someone" to call me. I will call again and get more specific with my message.

4) John P.'s old Best Care counselor, Michael, contacted him about a panel in Madras. I have called Michael and he has called me - phone tag. It's my turn to call him.

Last, anyone interested in attending the CTF committee meeting next Tuesday is more than welcome!

Thanks again, Curt Rymer

### **Corrections - Walt W**

Volunteer drive for Jan 7 orientation has closed, final tally;

4 volunteers approved awaiting orientation

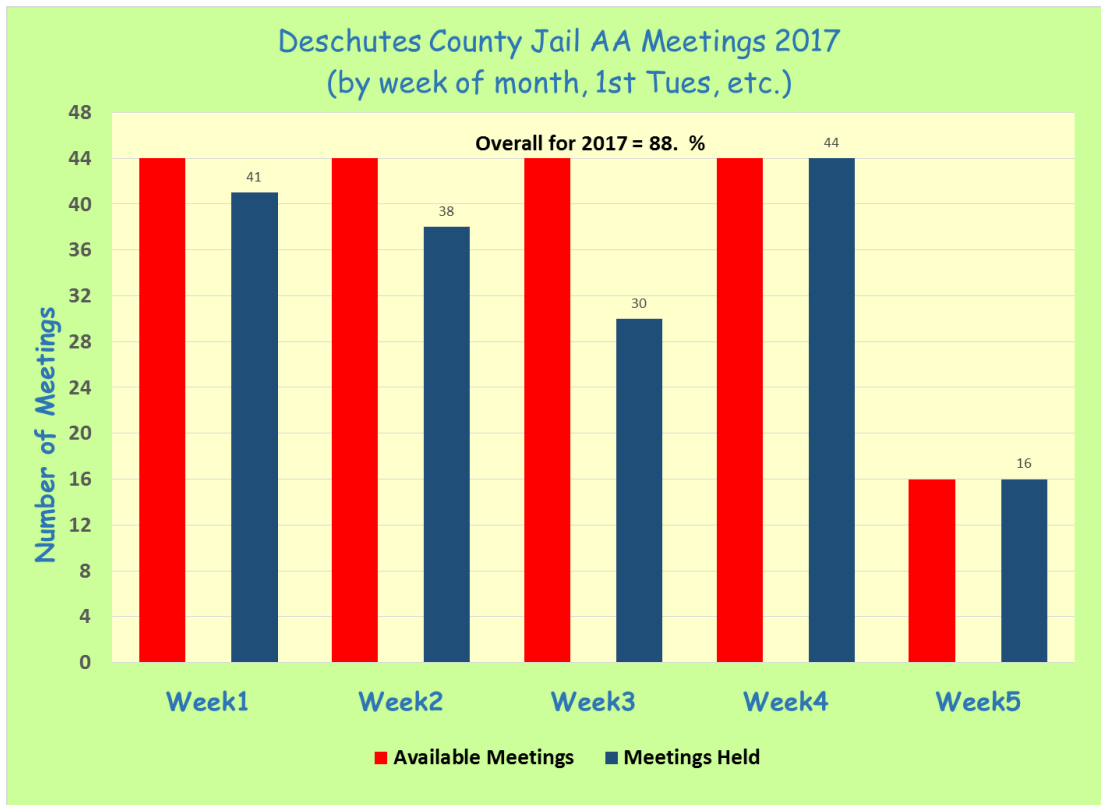
15 additional applications submitted

Set up a meeting with James T. in Madras for Dec 19 to discuss Jefferson County Program and deliver Big Books and Grapevines. Received 31 books purchased on remaining 2017 funds.

Researched various corrections websites and developed completed and submitted District 5 Corrections Committee webpages.

Attended Area 58 November Assembly in Salem. I found the experience very rewarding and want to thank the district 5 Committee for funding my trip.





**Website Chair - Keri D**

Hello all,

Sorry I could not make it to the meeting today. I want to be sure that what I had to bring with me still arrives safe and sound, so I have placed it in the hands of our fearless appointed DCM, Brad L.

The transition for our website was scheduled to take place in May 2018, but the overall functionality and our ability to utilize it to its full potential is hampered by our current, WordPress site. WordPress has a multitude of plug-ins that provide parts of the whole, but not always do they work together well, nor do the updates to each individual plug-in provide a seamless transition.

When I began to work with our current website, there were several plug-ins (the calendar is one of them) that needed to be updated, but updating them created havoc in the site. At one point, nothing was accessible, and I had to go back to the root files via ftp and change the coding in order to access the site at all. This is not something that can be done easily by just anyone, and it is part of the reason for the transition in the first place.



Bravenet has a host of features that are part of the whole site, they are not individually designed, and as such, are updated and work seamlessly with the site overall. The site is rich in user friendly features that will enhance our abilities to provide people with a better looking, more accessible site that is also much easier to transfer to the next person, without requiring the person to be a web wizard to take it on. It is for these reasons that I want to propose to you that we make the transition now, rather than waiting until May, when our current subscription runs out.

It will still take me some time to get things transferred and organized in a manner that will make the passing of the wand (in two years) to the next person in service a smooth process. I will be able to set up a structural foundation that will help streamline the monthly additions and create a more user friendly environment on the front end and the back end of our website. I was unable to go to the November assembly, and as a result there was two-hundred dollars that would have been spent to send me, which was not used that could be applied to the purchase price of this site. We have some options where that is concerned. The more time that we purchase up front, the less it will cost us overall.

Here are the options:

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This gives us unlimited space, web hosting, and professional level features that are built in to the service. It is less expensive than what we already have in place, with more options, and better transfer to the next person. For the sake of a timely transfer, and time well spent, it would be a good idea to make the change now, rather than waiting until May 2018.

Keri D.

Web Chair District 5 AA

[webmaster@district5aa.org](mailto:webmaster@district5aa.org)

### **GSR Reports:**

**Attitude Adjustment:** Attitude Adjustment meets at 7 am Monday through Friday at TEC. Our meeting has been well attended. We had a good discussion at our last business meeting concerning crosstalk as well as ways to welcome the new comer and make them feel safe. We

elected as new Alt GSR. We passed a motion for the sobriety requirement for the grapevine rep to change from 1 year to 6 months. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of the November assembly, I learned a lot and came away with gratitude for the opportunity. John M is the new Alternate GSR.

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Brian R

**Monday Night Sunriver:** Bridget reported learning a couple things at the GSR sharing at November Assembly, it was discovered that some of her groups members talk to long and they are trying to work out the pains of cutting people off. Bridget brought up that the Budget is tight for her group and will not be able to donate to the GSO at this time but they are working on a way to fit that in.

**Tumalo Meeting FRIDAY & Monday:** We had our quarterly business meeting Fri, Dec 8th with 14 in attendance. All positions for Monday and Friday meetings were filled with the exception of an Entertainment rep. Our group would like to do an inventory so we would like District to have a workshop on group inventories. Also interest in workshops on Safety and Concepts. We voted to increase our rent contribution to the church from 50% of 7th tradition to 60%. We have been successful in our goal to cover the cost for our GSR to attend 2 of the 4 conventions per year. Our Monday book study meets at 6 with an average of 15 attending. We are in the first chapters of the BB currently. Our Friday Speaker meeting has average of 35 attending.

Hoping for Peaceful Holiday Season!  
Louise L

**New Horizons: Denese S**

All is going well at New Horizons. Our meetings are full on most days and our 7th tradition is steady.

We have put together an ad hoc committee to discuss to and produce a procedure as to how New Horizons will handle safety issues within our group.

We are aware that AAWS's has requested that the litigation related to the manuscript be withdrawn and we are aware of Mr. Roberts request for reimbursement of legal fees. This was discussed at our business meeting and our group conscience is to continue to withhold funds until there is a final resolution and the case is closed.

In love and service,  
Denese

**Safe Harbor: Mike S** They have decided to give monies to GSO now that the law suit is in process of withdrawal. Our group has been attended over 600 times for the month of November which is considered to be slow compared to last year. I was not able to attend the Nov Assembly therefore that money was set aside for a fund to be used as follows for the jails: 8 big books, 8 12X12, 2 Spanish big books and 2 Spanish 12X12

**LA Pine Men's Group: Steve M**

Positions are being filled they are a ticket meeting first Thursday of the month is a Pot Luck and Attendance has been good. Meetings are going well.

**As Men See It: Dave B**

We continue to have good attendance. Men under the age of 30 seem to be increasing. More than 50% seem to be younger and we are very happy about that.

**Girls Gone Sober: Laura P**

Hello there, sorry neither Tanya nor I can attend the meeting today. Wouldn't you know it we are both sick. Yuck! Any how our group is fabulous, growing all the time. We took a vote on the workshop ideas and came up with 1. Unity and Sacrifice 2. Too many busybody cooks spoil the Broth 3. The many meanings of Anonymity thank you for your time and have a wonderful day.  
Laura

**Monday Night Living Sober: Lisa H**

Our Meeting continues to thrive. Attendance continues to be good. Our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition is steady but low. At our business meeting we thought we would put on a workshop every quarter with our first workshop planned for February. With regard to the workshops our group would be interested in the group chose: 1 Unity and Sacrifice 2. Anonymity 3. Rule 62 I have been voted in as GSR for our group and will serve a 2 year position we continue to search for an Alternate GSR and an IGR.

**Home Away from Home – Tim C**

Hello District 5! Tim Currie alcoholic here. I'm the proxy-GSR and outside sponsor for the Home Away From Home group that meets Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at Deer Ridge Correctional Institute near Madras.

All meetings are 90-minutes and open. The majority of our members are new or newly returning to AA. Thursday meetings are literature based, with an average attendance of ~8-12 inmates. The 3rd Sunday is a speaker/ discussion meeting often attended by ~30-50 inmates. (The pastries we provide for this meeting definitely gets more butts in seats.) Other Sundays are

discussion meetings; attendance averages ~15-25 inmates. Topics for these meetings are often drawn from the day's Daily Reflection.

Our business meeting is the 1st Sunday and is often quite brief: we have a set amount of time and recovery is given priority. We did recently fill greeter, literature, set-up, and Sunday secretary inside positions. We are currently without an inside or proxy-IGR. Most urgently, we need AAs -- women or men -- to make firm, sustained commitments to help maintain this corrections meeting.

We ask GSRs to announce this at your regular and/ or business meetings. Please contact Tim C (541-610-6404) for more information or to obtain a background check form.

Thank you, District 5, for gathering today in love and service of the program and power that continuously solves our problem.

With thanks and gratitude,  
Tim C

**Intergroup Report:** Brenna L.

This is my last month serving as the Vice-Chair for Intergroup, if anyone is interested in serving on the Inter-group, the following Inter-group positions will be for available for 2018: **Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter, Website, Newsletter, Hotline, & 2 Advisory Board positions.** Elections will be held at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:30 pm at TEC, all positions have a two year sobriety requirement and are two year terms.

Christmas Alcothon Potluck 12/25/17 8:00am- 8:30pm—extra help is needed, there are still many spots open, please go to website and click on intergroup, click on officers and you will find Alyssa's phone number.

New Year's Eve Dance 12/31/17 - 7:30pm to midnight Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Pleasant Ridge Community Hall 7067 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond OR \$10 per person at the door. Speaker meeting at 6:00pm (free) speakers are Ally L. and John J., coffee and snacks, feel free to bring a dish.

Spaghetti Feed, February 10<sup>th</sup> 108 Al-anon, AA, Al-teen

Motion to adjourn: Walt C.

Seconded: Bridgett M.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

## **GSR's- Things to take back to your group:**

1. **District Committee Chair Position available:** Grapevine (Interim 1 year remaining, 2 year sobriety requirement). Job descriptions are located in the District 5 Guidelines which can be found at <http://www.district5aa.org/sub-commitees/gsr-resources/> Please have any interested parties contact the DCM, Brad L. [DCM@district5aa.org](mailto:DCM@district5aa.org) or 541-419-9678
2. **District Committees need your help!!!** The district committees are always in need of help. Please contact any one of the committee chairs to find out how you can be of service within the district.
3. **District 5 Archives:** Preservation and history of our experience is vital to those yet to come. Would you like the District 5 Archives display or an Archives presentation to come to your home group or activity? Do you have something from the past that you would like to add to our Archives? Would your home group consider developing a written record of its history? Is there an "old-timer" in your home group whose story should be preserved? For details, contact your District 5 Archive Chair at: [archives@district5aa.org](mailto:archives@district5aa.org)
4. **The Home Away From Home Group** needs volunteers! We meet Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, and Sundays, 2-3:30pm, in Deer Ridge Correctional Institute (DRCI), near Madras OR. DRCI is a men's minimum security prison. We urgently need AAs -- women or men -- to make firm, sustained commitments to help maintain this corrections meeting. Thursday meetings are literature based. The 3rd Sunday is a speaker/ discussion meeting. Other Sundays are open discussion meetings. Attendance ranges between ~12-40 inmates of varying lengths of sobriety. AAs interested in supporting the Home Away From Home Group must first attend as a "visitor" before beginning the process of becoming a "credentialed volunteer." Visitor clearance usually takes 1 week; completing all requirements for volunteer credentials can usually be done in 3-6 months of 1st visit. Please contact Tim C ([541-610-6404](tel:541-610-6404)) for more information or to obtain a background check form.
5. **Ride to Recovery:** Volunteers are also needed to take inmates to meetings as they are released from jail. Please contact Walt W. for more information on this new and exciting program in District 5. [corrections@district5aa.org](mailto:corrections@district5aa.org) [713-586-9150](tel:713-586-9150)
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