

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2022

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Carrie B (DCM), Jamie S (ADCM), Christine B (Secretary), Kimber J (Treasurer), Mike S (Access), Walt W (Corrections), Artha P (PI), Frank W (Attitude Adjustment, GSR), Amanda B (Firing Line, GSR), Mario H (New Horizons, GSR), Sarah S (New Horizons, AGSR), John K (Redmond Rebels, GSR), Shannon M (Rising in Recovery, GSR), Rita S (Sisters In Sobriety, GSR), Todd L (Men's Book Study, Guest), David (Timer), Debra H (CAA09/D4), Steven (Guest),

Absent: Ron B (CPC), Rob L (CTF), John S (Website), Clayton M (As Men See It, GSR), Carmack (Men's Book Study, GSR), Charles K (Not A Glum Lot, GSR), Daryl L (Practicing Principles, GSR), Derek (Primary Purpose, GSR), John T (Redmond Early Risers, AGSR), Todd H (Steps To Sobriety, GSR), Towner M (Tumalo Grp, GSR), Forrest B (Tumalo Grp, AGSR), Brenna L (WFS, GSR), Anders W (WFS, AGSR),

Tradition 2 Presentation: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority... a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern.

- Come study the Traditions and Concepts with us on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month downstairs at TEC, 4:00pm.

District Secretary – Christine B.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January meeting as written, by Artha P and was seconded by Shannon M. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer Report – Kimber J.

Reported for January: Group contributions: \$ 100.00, Expenses \$ 1152.42, Ending Balance \$5,590.98. We have spent down contributions with some great ideas from the groups. I would anticipate that we will need to consider a reserve for the district account to keep up with expenses. I would also appreciate a receipt for any expense that the Committees acquire so as to pay in a timely manner. My email is d5aa.treasurer@gmail.com.

Thank you for letting me be of service

A motion was made to accept the November Treasurer's report as delivered by Christine B and was seconded by Mario H. **Motion Passed.**

DCM Report – Carrie B.

District 5: GSRs and Committee Chairs, I've had the pleasure of taking some phone

calls from some of you over this past month. It has been a joy being of service in this way and being able to answer your questions! Even getting to know some of you a little better. I'm so glad you are taking advantage of picking up the phone, and sharing your service experiences with me! That's what I'm here for. I'd like to remind everyone that I'm here not only by phone, but I am more than happy to facilitate your group inventory, bring your group a Tradition presentation or if you would like to invite me to your business meeting I can put it on my calendar ahead of time and come give a 5-10 minute District 5 presentation to your group and answer any questions your group may have about general service and the many committees we have serving District 5. That's my number one job as your DCM.

For anyone who does not know, District 5 has a Facebook group. Don't try to look us up on Facebook because you won't be able to find us. It's an unsearchable private group. It is set up this way not to exclude anyone, but for anonymity purposes. If you are a committee chair, GSR, or AGSR, and would like to be part of the District 5 Facebook group, either friend request one of the District 5 officers, and ask to be added, or use the following link. This link will only be active for 48 hours. Join D5 FB Group here: <https://fb.me/g/1FiL9t1s/A4cWctSp>

Committee chairs, please take advantage of our website calendar. When you have a committee meeting scheduled, please remember to send all the info to John, our website chair, so that he can get it put on the calendar. Also, make sure to check the calendar before scheduling your committee meeting on top of another local event going on. GSRs, please utilize this online calendar to make your announcements at your home group. The online calendar also includes any Intergroup special events, activities, or meetings. [Find the Calendar here: http://district5aa.org/calendar](http://district5aa.org/calendar)

Area 58:


The Oregon area assembly is THIS MONTH! GSRs, and Alternate GSRs, This is it! This is what your Group elected you for. I hope to see each and every one of you there. If you havent blocked out the time in your schedule yet, now would be a good time to do so. When: February 25 – February 27, 2022 Where: Zoom – <http://tiny.cc/area58assembly> Remember to invite members of your Home group along with you. Because it is virtual, this is a great opportunity for **anyone** to come along, no travel expenses, and learn more about general service. Committee Chairs are not required to attend this assembly. I will be available after this meeting to answer questions about this upcoming Assembly, and/or your involvement. On that note, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email for any reason any time.

GSO/AAWS:

Literature Sales is at an All time low right now and AAWS is doing all they can to sell books. They are asking the fellowship for help. One of the things they are doing is a Valentine's day special on the 1st edition replicas for only \$5! These are normally \$12.

That is a great deal and I plan to take advantage of the deal for workshop prize giveaways!

The final 2022 General Service Conference agenda items are now out. I have emailed them to all of you and will include a link here as well. If you have any questions regarding how to get your group's conscience around these items, or what to do with your group's conscience, please let me know. I'm here to help.

Agenda items:  72ndGSC_FINAL_ListofAgenda_Items_(English)_2_3_22.pdf

Thank you for trusting me to serve your District.

In Gratitude, and Service,
Carrie B. D5 DCM
541-788-7276

Alternate DCM Report- Jamie S.

Hello District 5! My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is my humbled pleasure to be serving as your Alternate District Committee Member for District 5.

Upcoming 2022 Workshops: Saturday March 19th, 2022 6-7:30PM District 5 will be hosting a workshop on The 12th Step. For 12 Step Calls and Sponsorship. This will be held in our zoom room.

In person workshop: Saturday April 2nd 2-4PM Grapevine/Archives Presentation held at Brooks Room in the Downtown Library

The third workshop of 2022 will be on line Saturday April 16th, Titled "What Are The 3 Legacies?" from 10-11:30AM.

Tuesday 2/15 I will be attending Access Chair Committee Meeting held at 61396 Parrell Rd Bend, Oregon 97702 at 5:30pm. I hope to see some GSRS there!

I would like to continue to encourage GSRS and committee chairs to attend the Traditions/Concepts meeting held at the Trinity Episcopal Church Downtown Bend @ 4pm on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. It is an opportunity for GSRs to learn more about our Traditions and for Committee Chairs to make necessary announcements.

In love and service, Jamie S

In love and service, Jamie S Alternate District Committee Member

Committee Reports

Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.

Nothing to report at this time.

Access Committee: Mike S.

accessibilities will be having a meeting on Wednesday 2/16/22 at 5:30 pm

where

61396 Parrell Rd, Bend, OR 97702

in the boardroom of my shop

discussion will be how we can best help those in special needs for attending meetings.

All those that voted to keep accessibility, are hoping to attend to put their decision into action instead of just talking and depending on others to do the work.

yours in love and service

Michael A Seeley

Archives: Vacant - Learn More

The District Archives position remains open. We are still looking for a reliable, responsible member to fill this position.

This position requires hardly any time. This is a great position for a busy person who needs to create their own schedule. The storage unit is downtown on Wall street, easy to get to, and already very well organized. This position requires you to make yourself available upon request to meet up with members of the fellowship when they would like to see something in the Archives. We also have a digital Archives on the New Website and that is another way to keep track of our history. Again this is a VERY easy and fun position. For more info: <http://district5aa.org/arc>

If you or anyone from your Group would like to inquire about this position, please give me a call. And know that none of this stuff we have to do on our own. Your district is here to help, train, and support you.

Yours is Service,

Carrie B

District 5 DCM

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Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC): Ron B.

My name is Ron B. and I am an alcoholic. I am the new District 5 CPC Chair.

Distribution of the Medical Professionals packet has been ongoing and successful. With the help of New Horizons's new GSR, Mario, we are planning to gather a group of committee and home group members to make over 100 of these packets, distributing them to district 5 home groups and members who are interested in educating their healthcare providers. This includes respiratory and physical therapists, doctors, chiropractors, nurses, dentists, any Healthcare professional that we may access and educate about A.A.'s program of recovery.

I have the distinct pleasure of working with Artha, our District 5 PI Chair, whose leadership continues to be an inspiration to me. Her organization, professionalism, and enthusiasm was on display at the well attended PI committee meeting held on February 5th.

I look forward to working with all the wonderful alcoholics and bringing the message of AA to our communities through interactions with healthcare professionals in District 5.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Ron

Cooperation With Treatment Facilities (CTF): Rob L.

The CTF committee continues to meet monthly to support each other in our outreach work and to think of ways to carry the message to facilities during these challenging times of COVID. We will be reaching out to all known treatment facilities in the next month to offer literature drop-off and to offer Zoom or in-person AA panels. We have two active panels at this point, one on Zoom and one in-person, and are hoping to add one each month as a result of our upcoming outreach efforts.

Corrections: Walt W.

Nothing to report at this time

Grapevine / La Vina: Vacant - Learn More

The District Grapevine/LaVina chair position remains open. We are still looking for a reliable, responsible member to fill this position. This position requires much time, reliable transportation and availability to get to most local events to set up the Grapevine table, sell subscriptions, books and distribute information.

Anyone who is interested in this position should be assured they won't have to do it alone. I am here to help get them started and I am willing to spend as much time as needed training in.

For more info: <http://district5aa.org/grapevine>

GSRs, please continue announcing this open position. This position as well as the Archives Chair position, should be in your report back to your group.

*Yours is Service,
Carrie B
District 5 DCM
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Public Information (PI): Artha P.

My name is Artha P., and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is WANAGL, and we meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Noon at Church of Christ at 554 Newport Ave, Bend. My sobriety date is September 11, 2000. I do not do this alone; therefore, I have a sponsor and a bunch of Sponsees that I treasure.

I am the new PI (Public Information) Committee Chair for District 5. Before I get started, I want to thank everyone who continues to help this member succeed- You know who you are-Joan, Carrie, Bonnie, Ron, Christine, Vera and Kimber. Teamwork makes the dream work. Most importantly, I want to thank my committee members: for all your hard service work. Its obvious that you are the backbone of this committee, and I am truly GRATEFUL. So, thank you, to Candace, Jeanette, Jennifer, Dena, Teddie, Hillary, Betsy, Fred, and Mark.

I am so excited to report that our Public Information (PI) Committee along with Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee chaired by Ron B, executed our second very successful committee meeting on February 5, 2022, from 9:00am to 12pm at the Downtown Bend Library in the Brooks Room. We took 15 hostages for our second meeting which is an excellent turn out. PI consists of 9 committee members, and, AGAIN, I want to shout out a BIG "Thank You" to my members for attending and wanting to help reach out to someone like us in the public -that one person- that might not know that there is a solution and a way out of his or her misery. COVID has wreaked havoc on our country and getting AA Information out to the public is paramount. See some of the Highlights as follows:

1. I am so grateful-Members have already been updating his or her "Contact List" by making calls to those on the list to see if we can continue to put our AA Literature in their designated areas for the public to take.
2. Now with all inventories in hand-Members will now go out and deliver Big Books to 8 Libraries in the surrounding counties, distribute AA Pamphlets to over 100 businesses on the "Contact List," and 1 Big Book and 2 Grapevines and 2 La Vinas to 90 registered "Little Free Libraries," with the help of Christine and Vera. I am sad to note that quite a few on the Contact List are denying our access and literature due to Covid. They are not allowing any items from the public to be displayed. Bummer for the alcoholic in those areas who still suffer. I will leave it in God's hands.
3. Members agreed to Monthly Committee meetings vs Quarterly
 - a. Next meeting is on 3/5/22.

4. Handed out PI Committee Guidelines
5. Went over Proposed Budget which is subject to change due to being too high. Public Information projects to double, triple the efforts from the last budget. Our first project in our first quarter already costs the Public Information Budget over \$900 in Literature and Supplies. This does not include Racks that need to be purchased to display our pamphlets in the public. Thank you District 5 for allowing our committee to help the suffering alcoholic that would otherwise not be reached.
6. Mario has taken on the adventure of getting new D5 blue PI Cards made in Spanish-Thank you Mario.

I am working closely with the D5 CPC Committee Chair, Ron B. who the PI members and I are delighted to work with to get the message out to the community which encompasses the professionals and the alcoholic, and I am delighted to have him join us at our next committee meeting on March 5, 2022.

Next, I had the opportunity to attend the Oregon Area 58/D5 PI-CPC Orientation on zoom on 1/15/2022, "How Do We (PI-CPC) Carry the Message," and Ron's CPC Orientation on 1/29/2022.

Lastly and most importantly, thank you for this opportunity to be of service to D5. I can be reached at 315.723.8867 or d5aa.pic@gmail.com.

Artha P.
PI Committee Chair

Website: John S.

Website Committee Report

Website has been working as expected. No issues to report.

Website "unique" visits the last 30 days: 2,892

Website daily average unique visits the past 30 days: 96

Top 5 Pages visited in last 30 days:

/Home Page

/district-5-archives (Not sure why?)

/calendar

/gsr

/contact

Here are the key changes to the website:

Normal small tweaks and updates.

Changed home page announcements (images and links) several times.

Updated calendar of events.

o Send any D5 specific event announcements to me.

Per D5 Guidelines, I changed all contact info. to the DCM email address.

Added "District 5 Business, Motions and Budgets" page to the website under the "About District 5" dropdown in the top navigation bar.

o This is also linked from the "About GSR" page in the right navigation sidebar.

Updated Vera about Archives for her future presentation.

That's all.

Thank you,
John S.
D5 Website Committee Chair

GSR Reports

We Are Not A Glum Lot - Charles K (GSR)

Not able to attend. Nothing to report.

The Firing Line - Amanda B (GSR)

The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday night at 7:30pm on the Zoom platform. Attendance has been steady and we had a new member join our homegroup at last month's business meeting. We want to get back to in-person meetings, and are continuing our discussion and outreach as far as locations go. We are a Big Book Study except for the last Monday of the Month which is a speaker meeting. The February speaker meeting will be on 2/28 with Christine B. There will be a short presentation on Tradition 3 as well. Everyone is invited to attend.

In love and service,
Amanda

Redmond Early Risers - Kimber J (GSR)

Hi my name is Kimber and I am an alcoholic and GSR for the Redmond Early Risers. We meet Monday through Friday at 7am-8am at the Zion Lutheran Church in Redmond. The Monday meeting is reading the Big Book, Tuesday is a step study, Wednesday is a page from As Bill Sees It, Thursday is Daily Reflection and Friday is the 12 X 12. The second half of the meeting is a discussion. I am so happy to announce that we try to keep the message of recovery as the topic of each meeting though at times it doesn't hurt to extend a little grace and an ear to a suffering alcoholic. Much of January the meeting had lower attendance than usual as some of the members contacted Covid and were either exposed and quarantined or sick and recovering. Our contributions reflected that this month. We are still contributing strictly 50/50 to GSO and Intergroup. You may remember that I reported last month that it was 60/40 and I was incorrect in that. We had our monthly business meeting and discussed the budget that was passed, the need for an alternate GSR, and the importance of participating in the workshops that were passed by the members. There seemed to be some concern about the GSR also having a commitment to the District as Treasurer but after further discussion have agreed to leave it as is. Thank you for letting me be of service and for participating in my recovery.

Sincerely
Kimber J
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Kimberj32319@gmail.com

WFS - Brenna L (GSR)

Nothing to report for WFS. Thank you.

New Horizons Group - Mario H (GSR)

My name is Mario and I am an Alcoholic. My group is New Horizons. Our group meets Monday - Thursday Noon in Zoom, Meeting ID 914 633 670, Password 164164.

It has been a great month! We are still meeting on zoom 4 day a week, and in our next business meeting we are going to evaluate if we are committed to going back to in person meetings. It has been almost 2 years since we started our meeting on Zoom, and we believe that a healthy group is one that has a personal interaction among its members. This is why we have been busy with group fellowship activities like "Walk the Butte" on February 7th and our first Traveling meeting on February 12th. The Traveling meeting is a meeting that is not on our regular schedule, and group members will be deciding when and where to have it. We have updated our website! Check it out at NewHorizonsGroupAA.com For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our website: NewHorizonsGroupAA.com.

Yours in Service,

Mario H
New Horizons Group GSR
[541 948 2220](tel:5419482220)
billsfriendmario@gmail.com

Liaison Reports

Intergroup: Vacant

Alanon: Vacant

YPAA: Vacant

Unfinished Business

- Budget worksheets went out to the Committee Chairs and conversations were had with each. A proposed budget will be sent to the groups for approval.

New Business

- Motion to reconsider motion passed to adopt 2019 budget for 2022. Brought by Christine B and seconded by Walt W. **Motion Passed**
- Motion to create District Literature Chair position. Brought by Jamie S and seconded by Kimber J. **Motion Passed** Minority opinion chose not to speak. Vote did not change.
- Motion to maintain District's Prudent Reserve at the level represented as six months of the budget approved by the groups. Brought by Christine B and seconded by Shannon M. **Motion Passed** Minority Opinion heard. Vote did not change.
- 72nd General Service Conference Committee Agenda Items list. (Attached)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GrItN1ohEv641ZtkPrGoly9WulrtQd-h/view?usp=sharing>
Take back to your home groups to discuss and come up with a group conscience to share with our Delegate. Additional material available upon request.
- Need help with the next in-person workshop on April 2nd.
 - Anyone with a Costco card willing to help with food?
 - Speaker Host
 - Set-up Chair
 - Safety Officer
 - Coffee Maker

Closing Announcements / Questions

- Open Service Positions: *Interim positions to 2022 rotation OR full until the 2024 rotation*: Archives, Grapevine/La Vina.
- Central Oregon Intergroup has a **Newsletter** again! Newsletter chair Alice is requesting content! Committee Chairs, if you have an announcement you would like to have included, or the details for an upcoming committee meeting, please have the info into Allise by the 20th of the prior Month. Her Email is newsletter@coigaa.org

Motion to adjourn: Kimber J

Motion Seconded: Rita S

Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with the Declaration of Unity at 5:00pm.

Tools for GSRs

[GSR report ideas for District report \(1\) \(2\).pdf](#)

[Sample GSR Report to your Group \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

[Service Resume Ideas: Service Resume for DISTRICTS \(5\).pdf](#)

GSR Pamphlet: [P-19 - GSO General Service Representative](#)

District 5 Alcoholics Anonymous Presents:
Central Oregon's 2022
12 Step Workshop!

***12 Step Calls *Sponsorship**



Saturday
March 19th
6:00pm (90 Min)

Zoom ID:
869 0310 1724
Passcode: 164



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