

# District 5 Oregon Area 58

## Meeting Minutes

### May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

**Attending:** Carrie B (DCM), Jamie S (Alt DCM), Christine B (Secretary), Rob L (CTF), Walt W (Corrections), John S (Website), Amanda B (GSR-Firing Line ), Carmack (GSR-Men's Book Study), Mario H (GSR-New Horizons), Sarah B (Alt GSR-New Horizons), Charles K (GSR-Not A Glum Lot), Pete L (GSR-Redmond Early Risers), John K (GSR-Redmond Rebels), Shannon M (GSR-Rising In Recovery), Todd H (GSR-Steps To Sobriety), Jake M (GSR-Tuesday Night AA), Brandon (GSR-Weathering The Storm), Anders W (GSR-WFS), Wes (GSR-Recover At Your Own Risk)

**Welcome to new GSRs:** n/a

#### Tradition 5 Presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m5oJ2Db3lxWNJmnlL1eVMXSeqQvBI3NDLy92Owyr2Ek/edit?usp=sharing>

#### District Secretary – Christine B.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March meeting as written, by Mario H and was seconded by Shannon M. **Motion Passed.**

#### Treasurer Report – Christine B / **Position Vacant - Learn More**

Reported March: Group contributions: \$ , Expenses \$ , Ending Balance \$ . A motion was made to accept the April Treasurer's report as delivered by and was seconded by . **Will be presented when complete. No Motion.**

#### DCM Report – Carrie B.

**District 5:** Hello D5! First things first. District 5 needs a Treasurer ASAP. Please announce this open position at your Home group and all other meetings you attend. I have enclosed a help wanted flier for you to post on bulletin boards, put into clipboards, and pass out to all interested members who have experience balancing a checkbook. We need to fill this position ASAP. Our Alternate Area Chair Joe, will be visiting our district meeting to give us a 5-10 min presentation on district and area motion writing. We have our District Inventory scheduled for Saturday June 11th from 10am to 12 Noon to take place IN PERSON at the Bend downtown library in the Brooks room. Amber, our delegate, is unavailable, so Penny, our Alternate delegate, will be coming to Bend to facilitate this for us. We are hoping to make it a fun event. Thank you Todd from Steps to Sobriety for suggesting to make this event a Potluck! If you are a GSR, Alt GSR, Committee Chair, or District Officer, please mark this in your calendar and plan to participate. Our delegate is home from 1 week in NY at the General Service Conference. She will be giving her conference report back at the upcoming assembly. But we will also have her coming to District 5 to give our entire local fellowship her report back IN PERSON on July 16th at 12:00 Noon at TEC in Brooks Hall. This one EVERYONE is

welcome and encouraged to come!! We will need a service committee to put this one on. Please join us at the first planning committee meeting THIS THURSDAY at 6:30pm (the 12th). We will be meeting in this zoom room. Meeting ID: 869 0310 1724 Passcode: 164 Please invite everyone from your home group who would like to be of service! We will need a Greeter chair, Clean up chair, Set up chair, Literature rep, Speaker Host, Refreshments Chair... and more.

**Area 58:** The Oregon area assembly is in less than 2 weeks! (May 19th-21st)! 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. Where: Zoom OR or back IN PERSON at the COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE! <https://www.aa-oregon.org/upcoming-assemblies/> If you havent reserved your room yet, you will want to do that ASAP. If you are wanting to room share or rideshare, please let the rest of us know in your report today, or during announcement at the end of the meeting. Thank you for trusting me to serve our District. In Gratitude, and Service, Carrie B. D5 DCM 541-788-7276 [dcm@district5aa.org](mailto:dcm@district5aa.org)

#### **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 and am serving as your Alternate District Committee Member.

I have been attending various in person meetings to present necessary announcements and I still continue to encourage any committee members to do the same.

This last Wednesday I had the opportunity to meet with a newer GSR to do a GSR Orientation! If you have never had the chance to go through an orientation as a GSR please reach out to me at 971 297 5419 or email me at [dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org](mailto:dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org) and I will make the time to meet up with you.

This afternoon District 5 held the first Assembly Orientation of 2022. I look forward to the next one that will be held before the September Assembly. I strongly encourage attending these so you know what to expect at the upcoming Assembly.

I also look forward to seeing all of you next month on June 11th at 10am in the Brooks Room for the 2022 District Inventory. Our Alternate Delegate Penny will be coming to Bend to facilitate this for us. Please put it in your calendars in advance so you are able to participate. Please fill out your answers to the inventory questions in advance. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yJkBYPnDIK6NboVVw8JaDU5\\_W1644MG7TT3BcPKhel/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yJkBYPnDIK6NboVVw8JaDU5_W1644MG7TT3BcPKhel/edit?usp=sharing)

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
In love and service, Jamie S.

## Unfinished Business

- Motion to change to hybrid meeting as of May 2022. / New motion would be needed as May is now..

Carrie B (DCM) - At the end of the last district meeting, there was a last minute motion to make the district meetings **hybrid**. It was tabled so that we could collect more information and the motion maker could put together a more detailed motion.

Christine reached out to the motion maker in an attempt to form an ad hoc committee in regards to putting together a service position description, to figure out where it would be included into our guidelines, cost associated, what the service commitment would entail, and putting together a more complete motion. So far the ad hoc committee has not yet been formed.

I reached out to Amber, our delegate, to see if she might have some guidance and/or experience helping other districts get a **hybrid** meeting going. She asked if we were going to create a new **hybrid** chair position, or just add the responsibilities to the access committee or IT Committee. I told her that we had not yet discussed any of our options yet. She reminded me that the assembly is this month and this is the *exact entire* reason for the DCM sharing sessions. That this is a great question to ask of the other Oregon area 58 dcms. This was actually pretty exciting for me because I have not yet had an opportunity to take any questions from our district to DCM sharing and this is a perfect opportunity to get feedback on how the other districts in the Oregon area are doing this. She also suggested in the meantime, for me to send out an email to the other DCMs to collect information. I sent the email out Wednesday and I have received some email responses already from other Districts. I can forward those onto you or even read them allowed. So far it sounds like not many districts in Oregon area have decided to go **hybrid**, but responses as to the reasons for that vary considerably.

I also talked to my service sponsor, who reminded me that it's better to do things right in AA rather than right now, and that while an ad hoc committee could be working on figuring out the logistics and defining the parameters of the service responsibility, that this is a good opportunity for GSRs and committee chairs to read, study and learn more about concept X.

Therefore, I would like to suggest we table this motion until next month, in order to give us all an opportunity to bring back shared experience from the area assembly. Unless we have someone in service currently who does not have access to a computer or a way to zoom into the district meetings, then this would not be considered urgent and I would like to encourage you to table this discussion until after the assembly.

Lastly, I would like to assure you that I am personally neither for or against this motion. I am happy to continue doing the meetings online, I am equally happy to do them in person again. I am also happy to put in the work to help get a **hybrid** going, if that is what the district decides. I just want to make sure as a body, we have ALL the information before the group votes.

# Committee Reports

## **Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.**

There are no updates at this time. Looking forward to learning all about the hybrid world at the upcoming Assembly which I will be attending.

## **Access Committee: Vacant - Learn More - Please Announce**

## **Archives: Joe H. -**

Nothing to report.

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

I am Ron, your alcoholic district 5 CPC chair. On April 23rd we held our healthcare professional packet making party. It was quite a success. Nine other district 5 AA members joined me to make almost 150 packets. I'd like to thank those nine members from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and service to our community!

The next step is to distribute these packets to GSRs and group members so they can, in turn, give them to their healthcare professionals. Our alternate DCM, Jamie, has asked if I would like to make the rounds of district 5 group business meetings to make announcements about our outreach to professionals. Looking forward to it!

Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Ron

Ronald Bertram  
CPC Chair, District 5  
New Horizons Group

## **Cooperation With Treatment Facilities (CTF): Rob L.**

Things are opening up in the land of treatment facilities! Your CTF committee is growing in response to the increasing demand for panels, and **we still need more home groups to create a service position called the CTF representative**. Contact Rob L. (District 5 CTF Chair) for more information at [ctf@district5aa.org](mailto:ctf@district5aa.org).

And in other CTF news:

- Ann P. and friends had their first Spanish-speaking CTF panel in Madras. If you are fluent in Spanish and would like to serve on one of these panels, please contact Ann at [arpfing3@bendbroadband.com](mailto:arpfing3@bendbroadband.com). Thanks, Ann!
- Our panels at Pfifer and Cascade Crest Transitions are going strong. Thanks to Brian W. of the Men's Thursday Book Study group and Vicki S. of the New Horizons group for their service as panel facilitators!
- We hosted four CTF panels for Best Care of Bend and they were a big hit! Thanks to Stephen, Kendra, and Emily for stepping up to facilitate!
- We are anticipating more demand for CTF panels, and are in need of more home groups to create a CTF Liaison service position. Contact Rob L. at [ctf@district5aa.org](mailto:ctf@district5aa.org) for more info!

- We are creating a "Speaker Pool" which our CTF panel facilitators can use when they need speakers for their panels. GSRs, please pass around the attached "CTF Speaker Sign-up sheet" at your home groups and any other meetings you attend.

Thanks for letting me be of service!

Rob L.

District 5 CTF Chair

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

### **Corrections: Walt W.**

Efforts continue to return to in person meetings.

Here is the latest information

Application and instructions were posted on the website.

With the help of Alice a pitch for corrections volunteering was posted in an amended version of the Intergroup Newsletter.

Recruiting

o With the assistance of everyone who announced the Jail Volunteer opportunity, 20 applications were sent out.

o Out of the 20, 11 were filled out, returned and submitted to the Programs Director.

o Deadline for submitting applications has closed.

Next steps

o For new applicants

Background check

Interview by phone

UA

Attend orientation.

o For existing approved volunteers

Attend orientation

(There is an yearly internal review of each volunteer)

o Orientation

Two orientation sessions are offered

May 16 and 18, 6PM – 10PM

May 21, 8AM – 5PM

o Not sure when in person meetings will start, until then virtual will continue.

Numbers to date

o Out of 55 previously approved volunteers

29 have indicated a desire to continue

16 have moved or indicated a desire not to continue

10 have not responded to multiple contacts, and I guess I will remove

o 11 new applications submitted

o So potentially 29 (previous) + 11 (new) = 40 volunteers of which some have indicated to be on reserve.

o An ideal compliment would be 7 per week (4 for main jail, 2 for work release facility, and one backup) x 5 weeks = 35 volunteers, so enough but will all depend on final count of those who only want to

be on reserve. There are 5 months this year with 5 Tuesdays.

#### Footnote

o As you can see the process to volunteering is long, takes time and commitment to filling out application, participating in an interview, getting a UA, attending an 8 hr orientation and committing to 2-3 hours of time once a month, so those willing to do this represent a real desire to pass the message. This is gratitude in action that you have heard about in meetings.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service  
Walt W.

#### **Grapevine / La Vina: Vacant - Learn More - Please Announce**

We are looking at putting on a storytime event.

#### **Literature: Vacant - Learn More - Please Announce**

#### **Public Information (PI): Artha P.**

Nothing to report due to illness.

#### **Website: John S.**

Nothing to report.

## **GSR Reports**

#### **We Are Not A Glum Lot (Charles K, GSR)**

My name is Charles, and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is (above).  
Our Group meets MWF at Noon, 554 Newport Avenue, Bend, Oregon.

We held our first "monthly business meeting" on Monday, May 2, after our group conscience switched from quarterly business meetings, in April.

And, for some reason, even though the Agenda was long, we moved swiftly through reports and a half-dozen Motions on the Agenda.

One Motion which passed, was to re-distribute our contribution pie chart, to give District 5 a whopping 50% until further notice !!

We also passed a Motion to invite our DCM, Carrie, to attend our next business meeting and give a presentation on the why's and wherefore's of the Group Inventory. And Carrie has accepted. Stay tuned.

We have a few still-open positions, like Alternate GSR (ahem) and Treatment Facilities Liaison, which we will continue to announce.

We voted to expand the list of Trusted Servants who must state that We are their Home Group. Previously, it had only been IGR and GSR. We are continuing to explore what it means to announce one's home group, and thus be a member. We previously voted NOT to "keep track of members."

In Service,  
Charles K, GSR

### **Redmond Early Risers (Pete L, GSR)**

My name is Pete and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is *Redmond Early Risers*; we meet Monday through Friday, at 7:00 AM. We hold a business meeting on the first Tuesday of every month.

Our group conscience this month resulted in the following:

- Our prudent reserve amount was briefly discussed and the option of adjusting it was tabled for another time.
- After an unexpected opening, I accepted the position of GSR, and we will be announcing our need for a new Alternate GSR this month. We're hoping to vote in a new alternate during our regular elections next month.
- We discussed changing the format of one of our meeting days to avoid consecutive meetings on the same step. It's been suggested that the repetition is contributing to a drop in attendance on certain days of the week. The topic was tabled for further consideration.

That's it for now!

Pete L.

GSR || Redmond Early Risers

### **Thursday Night Men's Book Study (Carmack, GSR)**

May 2022 gsr report: my name is carmack Mc,I'm an alcoholic. My home group is Thursday night men's book study, we meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian church at 230 NE 9th st.

We are still doing Hybrid meetings. At our last business meeting we voted to make our disbursements: 25,25,25,25 to spread the wealth evenly :)

In service  
Carmack  
thursday nite men's book study

### **WFS (Anders W, AGSR)**

WFS continues to meet Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7pm, we are meeting hybrid on Zoom and live in the TEC basement room. Our meetings are starting to increase in the number of people attending, we have an average of 40-50 people per meeting on Wednesday/Sundays and Friday's are a smaller book study. GSR plans on attending the May assembly and has registered.

WFS is hosting our 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday party on May 25<sup>th</sup> 6-8:15pm in Brooks Hall (upstairs TEC), this will be a speaker meeting with Billye sharing her Central Oregon AA history knowledge, we will also have 2 other speakers. WFS will supply a birthday cake and coffee, this will be a dessert

potluck, we welcome everyone to join (flyer attached).

I.L.A.S  
Brenna L. GSR

### **Steps To Sobriety (Todd H, GSR)**

Greetings District 5

I would like to confirm the Steps to Sobriety's group inventory is now scheduled for Sunday June 12th at 1:30 pm. If you haven't received your Group inventory questions sheet and your a member of Steps to Sobriety please get ahold of me and I can get that inventory worksheet in your hands prior to the June 12th date.

The Steps to Sobriety currently has a few group service positions open including business meeting chair which is one of my favorites please show up to your groups business meeting on the third Sunday of the month at 1:15pm.

One final item the Tuesday night Awol meeting is winding down in May so the Tuesday night 5:30 pm meeting will be transitioning back to more of a registered meeting format as we head into the summer.

Thanks for my sobriety ,  
Todd H  
GSR  
Steps to Sobriety

### **The Firing Line (Amanda B, GSR)**

The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday night at 7:30pm on the Zoom platform. We are continuing our outreach as a group to find a good fit for a location to return to in-person meetings. We are a Big Book Study except for the last Monday of the Month which is a speaker meeting. Attendance has been smaller, but consistent. We usually see a lot more at our monthly speaker meeting. May speaker meeting will be on Monday, May 30. There will be a short presentation on Tradition 5 as well. Everyone is invited to attend.

In love and service,  
Amanda

### **New Horizons (Mario H, GSR)**

My name is Mario and I am an Alcoholic. My group is New Horizons. Our group meets Monday - Thursday at noon at TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church) 469 NW Wall St, Bend, Oregon.

It has been a great month! We finally went back to in-person meetings, we are meeting Monday to Thursday at noon at the TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church). The meetings are as follows: Monday 11 step study, Tuesday Big Book study, Wednesday Speaker meeting, and Thursday Beginners meeting. The first week we were not on the Intergroup schedule that was why the attendance was slow but as time has passed the attendance has increased. It has been really nice to have contact with my home group members and members of other groups and of course NEWCOMERS, face to face.

For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our website: [NewHorizonsGroupAA.com](http://NewHorizonsGroupAA.com).

Yours in Service,  
Mario H  
New Horizons Group GSR

**Redmond Rebels (John K, GSR)**

My name is John K. and I'm Alcoholic. My home group is Redmond Rebels. Our group meets every Monday & Thursday at Noon, at Church of God Seventh Day, 205 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street Redmond Oregon. We are a hybrid, on phone 855-852-5852, or in person. One block North of the Alano Club in Redmond. We have our normal business meeting after the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday every Month. We are very excited as Samantha B. is our new secretary for the Monday meetings. We wish James P. the best on his new and exciting path, and thank him for his service to AA. We also thank Mike for his continuing service being the secretary the Thursday meeting.

In Service

John K..

**Rising in Recovery (Shannon M, GSR)**

No report from Rising in Recovery

Shannon Maurer

## **Liaison Reports**

**Intergroup:** n/a

**Alanon:** Vacant

**YPAA:** Vacant

## **New Business**

-District 5 Treasurer needed.

-If your meeting space requires insurance see Joan/COIG office regarding umbrella policy.

# **Closing Announcements / Questions**

- Open Service Positions: *Until the 2024 rotation:* Access, Grapevine/La Vina, Literature

Motion to adjourn: Charles K

Motion Seconded: Jamie S

**Motion passed.**

**Meeting was closed with the Declaration of Unity at 5:30pm.**

## **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](#)