

District 5 Oregon Area 58 Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2022

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Carrie B (DCM), Jamie S (Alt DCM), Christine B (Secretary), Nancy B (Access), Joe H (Archives), Brian R (Public Information), John S (Website), David R (GSR - As Men See It), Mario H (GSR - New Horizons), Sarah S (AGSR - New Horizons), Charles K (GSR - Not A Glum Lot), Joy H (GSR - Page 21), Lynn H (GSR - Rising In Recovery), Todd H (GSR - Steps To Sobriety), Jake M (GSR - Tuesday Night AA), Brandon C (GSR - Weathering The Storm).

Welcome to new GSRs: Joy H (GSR - Page 21) and Nancy B (Access Chair)

Tradition 9 Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xl_eoADVbxwJMCibHag9HtnXuDbI4tVHGOcpjUIR-3Q/edit?usp=sharing by Carrie.

D5 Ask-It-Basket Presentation: All are encouraged to submit questions.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLmZpf2ID4qdx14XVkyYpxq2-NvnLPQdUm6aT7gEB1vrclw2g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

District Secretary – Christine B.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August meeting as written, by Jake M and was seconded by Todd H. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer Report – Will D.

My name is Will D. and I am your District 5 treasurer.

We started August with \$5,805.67 in the operating account.

Contributions in August totaled: \$2,737.37 (some of these contributions were from July)

Expenses for the month were: \$442.95

Leaving us with \$8,100.09 to begin September.

Income wise, we are \$2,811.57 behind in contributions YTD. We will need contributions to average ~\$2,000 per month to complete the year on budget.

Expenses are still under budget for the year; however, I do not know if committee chairs are still planning on spending the remainder of their budgeted funds.

We still have an unclaimed deposit in May from Group 721992 for \$131.75. If anyone can figure out who group 721992 is it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Will D.

A motion was made to accept the August Treasurer's report as delivered by Charles K and was seconded by Todd H. **Motion Passed.**

DCM Report – Carrie B.

District 5: Good News! We finally got an Access Committee Chair! Please help me welcome Nancy B from the WFS Group. Nancy will be working to get our District meetings hybrid! This is her first order of business. In the absence of an access committee, I have been hosting a temporary online step study in the District zoom room for those with limited mobility, access issues or small children. This was only a temporary meeting until a local group stepped up to hold a mid day online meeting, or until we got an access chair. Now that this position has been filled, this meeting will most likely be no longer. It is not the district's job to carry the message. It is the district's job to support the groups as they carry the message. Now that we have an access chair, who has experience with hybrid meetings, there is support for any day-time group that is willing to step up and hold a mid-day meeting with online access. At this point since all the midday groups have gone 100% back in person there are no local online options between 7am and 7pm. Please take this opportunity to be of service to your local AA community back to your group and let them know that support is available to any group who would be willing to fill this need.

The Literature committee chair position is still open! The Literature Committee does pretty much the same as the GV/Lavina committee, only they represent AAWS Conference approved literature. This is the last empty chair position remaining in District 5. We have everything else filled!

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 was this weekend in McMinnville! I am writing the report before the assembly, but I'm sure it was AMAZING! This was the first time we did the Oregon Business meeting on a SATURDAY instead of Friday night and Sunday Morning! This makes SO much sense to me, as some GSRs are only able to make it for a one night stay. We also had a 2 hour Tradition Workshop today, which I'm sure was very informative and a great way to learn more about these vital principles!

GSO/AAWS:

I will be attending the Regional forum next weekend in Salt Lake City Utah. Sep 16th-18th. If anyone would like to attend with me you are more than welcome. This will be my first forum. We can do it together! I have included a link if you are interested. <https://www.2022aapacificregforum.com/>

Thank you for trusting me to serve you.

Yours in Fellowship & Service,

Carrie B.

District 5 DCM

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https://docs.google.com/document/d/17NVZFZqrEJTPBNctsJJCheOCSU0ZexVWAyy0E4kJ3_M/edit?usp=sharing

Alternate DCM Report- Jamie S.

Hello District 5, my name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My Homegroup is The Firing Line Group and am serving as your ADCM.

Thank you to Lynn, GSR from RIR and Sarah AGSR from NHG for attending the September Assembly Orientation and your participation on 8/28

Last Saturday we had part 2 of the Grapevine Storytelling Night. This was an opportunity for those that have submitted articles to have a chance to present them. Thank you for all in attendance and participation. Especially to Christine for her hospitality and Jessie for facilitating this. Marty from Redmond Early Risers presented a beautiful and moving story and I presented a Tradition 5 experience.

I would like to remind GSRs, AGSRs and Committee Chairs that we as a District will be studying Concept 9 on Sunday the 18th at 4pm in this room. Thank you to the committee chairs and to all GSRs who are making an effort to attend the Tradition and Concept studies to expand your understanding of these vital principles.

Lastly, we have an upcoming IN PERSON Workshop on The Home Group!! This will be Saturday October 22nd 11am-2pm at the Downtown Bend Library. Come share about your homegroup with the rest of the Central Oregon community and a great opportunity to get to know individuals from other groups. Please announce this at every meeting!

In love and service, Jamie S

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Zoom ID: 869 0310 1724

PW: 164

Unfinished Business

- n/a

Committee Reports

Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.

Hello. My name is Christine and I am an alcoholic. Hopefully everyone was able to attend, in-person or virtually, and participate in the Assembly just gone by. Thank you to all those who showed up to the Assembly Planning Workshop on Friday night. Please let me know how you would like to participate or if you don't know - call me and we'll have a conversation about it. We still have Host Committee positions to fill for our own Assembly: Alt-Chair, Facility Liaison, Volunteer Chair, Archivist, and Dance Entertainment as well, as many positions on the various subcommittees. There is a Host Committee meeting tomorrow, Monday September 12th, at 6:30pm on Zoom. Generally meetings are on the first Monday of the month. Exceptions are holidays. The Zoom information is in the chat or you may contact me for the Zoom information. I would encourage you to attend and help make our event a solid show of unity. An email was sent out with a flier regarding open positions. Please make sure this gets to your groups and is announced. We want for this to be a fun and informative event for District 5 and all of Area 58.

Access Committee: Nancy B.

Hello! I am Nancy B and I am an alcoholic. I am also the newly minted Access Committee Chair. Apologies to all for my tardiness in submitting my report.

I met with Carrie B, Jamie and Jen (District 9) to learn about my next steps as a DCM and I have registered as District 5's Access Committee Chair.

Thanks to Christine, I received and reviewed materials related to hybrid meetings and am looking forward to establishing a hybrid meeting for us. My expectation is that by the next meeting, I will have the following information ready to report:

- Recommendation on location for hybrid meeting
- Budget recommendation for establishing the hybrid meeting
- Survey responses from this group related to hybrid meetings
- Recommendation for how the hybrid meeting will be set-up based upon both surveying this group and attending other hybrid meetings
- Tentative "go live" date for hybrid meetings

Other related items that I will be working on are:

- attending the 10AM District 5 Traditions weekly online meeting
- reviewing the Access Committee page on the district 5 website and submitting materials for publication

I look forward to being of service!

Nancy B

WFS Group - Bend, OR

Short Survey

In an effort to create an effective hybrid meeting for this group, I would appreciate your feedback on your own experience with hybrid meetings. Please consider completing this survey and sending your responses to nancyboever@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time!

Nancy B

Access Committee Chair

1. Have you attended any hybrid AA meetings?
 - A. If you have, what has worked well?
 - B. If you have, what did not work well?
2. Are you interested in attending the District 5 meetings in person or on-line?
3. Are you interested in assisting with the new hybrid meeting for District 5?

thank you for your responses! Please email to nancyboever@gmail.com. If you would like to discuss live, you can also reach me at 408-482-8099

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Archives: Joe H.

The Archives traveling board and some other material will make an appearance at the Sons of Norway meeting at 10 am on Sunday the 11th. (Storage opens at 11:30 on Sunday).

The Travel board and some other material will also make an appearance at the Friday 9/16/22 Tumalo 7pm meeting.

Currently no plans to move archives to a non wood structure for storage. If others think it is a good idea. I will get pricing. Was mentioned a few months ago, but I didn't feel prudence with the budget in a deficit. I would like some input from D5 members.

Uploading is behind, but will get caught up.

Joe H the Archives Chair is celebrating 2 years sober today!!!!!!

Thanks

Joe

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

My name is Ron and I am your alcoholic District 5 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. My apologies for not making it to this month's meeting. Nothing new to report over the last 30 days. It IS almost time to get together and make 100 or so new packets. I'll be arranging that for next month. Thank you for letting me be of service and I hope you all have a wonderful month ahead of you! Thank you for letting me be a service.

Your brother in A.A.

- Ron B

District 5 CPC Chair

Area 58

541-668-5975

Cooperation With Treatment Facilities (CTF): Brian W

No report.

Corrections: Walt W.

Nothing new to report.

Grapevine / La Vina: Jessie C.

Hi, my name is Jessie and I am the District 5 Grapevine/La Viña Chair. Parking Lot Ladies is my home group and we meet Sundays at 8:30am.

We had a wonderful Grapevine/ La Viña Pajama Party in Redmond on September 3rd. There were 6 attendees. We heard two Grapevine authors read their stories. One author read her published story and the other author read a story that will be submitted for publishing. Kudos to Mario for wearing PJs!

I am working with the District 5 webmaster to set up a monthly Grapevine/La Viña meeting. I will give an update next month.

If your home group has a GV rep, please give them my contact information so that they can be on my committee. I am looking forward to meeting all the Grapevine reps in the District. My email is Grapevine@District5aa.org.

Literature: Vacant - Learn More

Outreach: Todd L.

The outreach committee continues to share information pertaining to upcoming events, any meeting changes, and vacant district positions at meetings we attend in the district. The option to receive these announcements directly in your email is available if you choose. Whenever possible we have been passing around a clipboard with a sign-up sheet and announcements in flyer form. Feel free to either take a flyer or take a picture of a flyer and sign up for emails if you like. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to email me. outreach@district5aa.org. We also have 2 new members to our committee: Sam and Mark L.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd L.

D5AA Outreach Chair



Public Information (PI): Brian R.

No report.

Website: John S.

Hi Folks:

My name is John S, and I am your alcoholic webmaster. Great to be with you all this month!

Here is my update for September 2022:

Website traffic for the past 30 days:

As of this past Wednesday, we have had 2,681 unique visitors to the website. That is up ~ 27% over August numbers. Unique visitors are only counted once even though someone may return to the site multiple times over the past 30 days.

Our top five visited pages are:

1. Calendar page
2. About GSR page (#4 last month)
3. Contact page
4. About District 5 page
5. District 5 Committee Job Descriptions page

Our busiest website traffic days for the past 30 days continue to be Monday's, Tuesday's, and Thursday's.

My activities this past month:

- - Calendar updates.
- - Added Contributions information on home page.
- - Started reviewing adding PayPal for contributions.
- - Discussions on updating D5 committee members email accounts.
- - Added and/or removed flyers from Home page and Calendar/Announcements page.

A couple additional items (recurring):

- - I am happy to add any events, etc. to the website that you wish as long as they meet the District 5 Guidelines.
- - Please review your specific page (GSR, Committee, etc.) and let me know if you want anything added or removed.

That's all from me! Have a great August everyone and remember to keep smiling.

Regards,

John S

D5 Webmaster Dude

GSR Reports

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

My name is Charles, and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is We Are Not a Glum Lot. We meet MWF 12 Noon, 554 Newport, Bend.

Our September business meeting fell on Labor Day, the first Monday of the month. We have postponed it until next Monday, September 12.

Therefore, there is nothing new to report from Not a Glum Lot. But, next month, I can give you a double dose, of two business meetings we will have had in the interim.

In service,

Charles K

GSR

We are NOT a glum lot

ctk787@gmail.com

Men's Book Study (Carmack M - GSR)

My name is Carmack and I'm an Alcoholic, My home group is the thursday nite big book study, we meet thursday nights at the first Presbyterian church 230 NE 9th st. Still doing hybrid meetings. We are having good attendance now that summer is over approx.30 guys young and old showing UP

In service Carmack GSR mens Big book study

Tuesday Night AA (Jake M - GSR)

My name is Jake and I am an Alcoholic.

My home group is Tuesday Night AA. Our group meets Tuesday nights at 7pm at Bend Church of the Nazarene. The church is located on 27 th just south of Neff. We are an open, one hour discussion meeting most weeks. On the first Tuesday of every month we have a speaker meeting.

We have had 20-30 at our meetings and are always happy to have more. At least during the summer months we have been lucky to get a visitor from out of town joining us on many weeks. We have not been seeing many newcomers however.

One of our members has been hosting a pre meeting gathering at Cibellis Pizza on highway 20 (near the east bend library) at 6 pm on Tuesdays, and I would like to invite anyone who would like some fellowship to join us. They do some good pizza by the slice.

We recently voted to, for now, not donate to area, because if I have it right they are flush at the moment, and to increase our contributions to every one else.

In grateful service,

Jake Marshall

GSR

Tuesday Night AA

jmarshall51@yhao.com

Page 21 (Joy H - GSR)

Hello fellow GSRs and District Committee,

The Page 21 Group's first meeting was on March 21 2022. We meet every Monday at 11:30 for fellowship then an AA meeting from 12 to 1. The meeting is held at the Prineville Christian Church located at 1685 Lynn Blvd. Prineville. The average attendance at this literature based AA meeting has been between 3 to 5 AA members. I've been told a few times that attendance is low due to having too many rules. Script reads "no inappropriate language""no crosstalk"ect. And there is a timer used. Respectfulness from attending members has been positive. Once a month there has been an out of town member that comes and shares their experience, strength and hope with us. I am a first time GSR that is happily excited to be on board but also a bundle of nerves!

Thank You District 5 and fellow GSRs for your support

Joy

Rising In Recovery (Lynn H - GSR)

Lynn H. reporting that we voted in a new treasurer at last business meeting 9/2/2022.

Our group meets Mon.-Fri. @7:00 a.m. and we are growing weekly with 50 plus attending this week daily.

At our last business meeting 9/2/2022 we voted on two items: a treasurer. Although our person lives in Canada the mechanics of handling this seems not to be a big challenge at this point in time. More shall be revealed I'm sure.

2nd item: Voted to honor birthdays verbally each day as they respond to our call out. We dropped the past practice of mailing out coins and cards due to privacy issues. As an online group we are bringing things up at each meeting for voting because we are sort of building the plane as we fly it. I read about another online group that solved their privacy issues by having a p.o. box for the person who handles sending coins out. Just an idea I will bring up this weekend at the Area Conference in McMinville.

We are a unicorn among online groups in this area because we are not only online, but international at this point; all are welcome. I am so grateful for our connection to AA as a whole is via District 5, Area 58. I will seek out information regarding online groups and especially concerning service positions and the online platform for new comers who have multiple access issues. It is an exciting time to be of service as we grow and face new challenges ahead.

Yours in service,

Lynn H.

Sept. 9, 2022

Weathering The Storm (Brandon C - GSR)

My name is Brandon and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is

"Weathering The Storm." Our Group meets at Miller's Landing, Monday – Friday at 7:00am. Our daily attendance averages (20) grateful alcoholics.

We had our monthly business meeting on Friday, September 2nd, as is scheduled on the first Friday of every month. Pertinent topics discussed included:

1. Service Positions:

- a. Filled vacant weekday secretary positions
- b. Appointed a new Treasurer
- 2. Contributions Breakdown:
 - a. Central OR Intergroup: 50%
 - b. District 5: 50%
- 3. Group Conscience:
 - a. Be respectfully vigilant of AA related announces pertaining to “retreats”
 - b. Especially those where money is being collected

At this time, our sole outstanding question for other District Home Groups relates to our current contributions breakdown, and whether we should also be contributing to the Area.

In Service,
Brandon C.
GSR
“Weather The Storm”
(971) 267-7017
Bsidethelegend@hotmail.com

The Firing Line (Amanda B - GSR)

The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Turning Points which is located at 389 SW Scalehouse Ct Ste 120 in Bend. We are a Big Book Study except for the last Tuesday of the Month which is a speaker meeting. Attendance has been 10-22 people, which is an increase from first couple weeks back in-person. September speaker meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 27 with Emily A. From the Chicks with Chips Group in Bend and there will be a short presentation on Tradition 9 as well. Everyone is invited to attend.

In love and service,
Amanda

Liaison Reports

Intergroup: No report.

Alanon: No report.

YPAA: Vacant

New Business

-Motion to extend Archivist term of service to four years. Jamie S. Seconded by Joe. **Motion Passed.**

-Motion to eliminate GSR Scholarship Program. Jamie S. **Motion Tabled.**

Closing Announcements / Questions

- Open Service Positions: *2024 rotation:* Literature.

Motion to adjourn: Nancy B.

Motion Seconded: Jake M.

Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with the Declaration of Unity at 5:34pm.

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](#)