

District 5 Oregon Area 58 Meeting Minutes August 11, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Helen W, Walt W, Lauren S, Lisa H, Tim C, Jill B, Valorie R, Kail R, Christine B, Larry K, Bridgett M, Patrick C., Kyle R, Patrick E., Mac F, Ryan B, Bonnie C, Allyssa T, Ron E, Rene H, Christy T, Mike S. Brenna L, Stephanie S,

Welcome to new GSR: Ron E: Make My Day, Redmond

Mike S alternate GSR: Huntington Hut, LaPine

Tradition 8 Presentation – “*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional but our service centers may employ special workers*”

District Secretary – Lisa H. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the July meeting as written by Bridgett and was seconded by Lauren S Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Lauren S.

Lauren reported Group contributions are \$1147.56. Expenses were \$1185.36 Ending Balance was \$4788.55. Larry K made a motion to accept Treasurer Report as reported. Kyle R seconded Motion Passed.

DCM Report – Brad L.

Please extend my gratitude to your groups for their contributions to the District so that we can continue to do the 12 step work of carrying the message outside the meeting rooms to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and participate in the Delegate’s Report on July 24th. Vera sent me a message to pass along to all of you. “Please convey my sincere thank you to District 5 for their participation in the Delegate Post Conference Report last Wednesday night. It was great to see some new faces! The conversations and questions were most excellent and I thoroughly enjoyed them. The GV display was right on time and very popular. As always the food was very good! Especially the chicken of which I enjoyed tremendously! Great job everyone!!”

The Area 58 Delegate would like me to remind all of you that the General Service Board's Treasure’s Report, the 69th GSC Electronic-Interim-Report-Anonymity Protected, (English & Spanish), and the internal communication Audit are available for download on the Area website on the Delegate's page. (<https://www.aa-oregon.org/delegate/>)

Last week I emailed you a list of topics for the Area Inventory that will be taking place on Sunday September 23rd at the Area Assembly. Please take the time to discuss these with your groups and get me your list of top 5 items your groups would like discussed at the inventory. If something comes up that is not on the provided list please feel free to add it. I need to have your responses no later than September 1. Sooner is better.

Speaking of Inventory. How effective is your group at fulfilling its primary purpose. What is your group’s message? Are you self-supporting? Is your group cooperating or affiliating with

outside entities? An inventory can shed some light on these questions and many more. I have a bunch of information collected from A.A. literature and other group's experiences that I can share with you. If you are looking for a facilitator for your group's inventory I can help with that too. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, is July 2-5 in Detroit, MI. Registration will open on September 9th. You will be unable to reserve a room from one of the room blocks until you register. Advanced registration is \$115 until April 14 at which time the fee will rise to \$140. So mark your calendars. I will continue to forward you all the information that I receive and there is more information available on the AAWS website. You can find it here: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020

Part of my responsibility as DCM is to keep the Districts guidelines up to date and reflecting current practice. I am in the midst of a final update before my term comes to a close. Some of those updates revolve around DCM and Alt DCM responsibilities, GSR Scholarship, grammatical and spelling errors, and adding duties and responsibilities for the new Accessibilities Committee Chair. As a final duty the Accessibilities Ad-hoc committee has provided the information necessary and helped craft the District's guidelines for this new position. My goal is to have all this completed prior to the September District meeting.

It's coming!!! A GSR school will be held here in District 5 on September 7th from 11-2 at Brooks Hall in Bend. Please mark your calendars to join Jim F. the current Area 58 Alternate Delegate and Reilly K. Area 58 past Delegate and current Area 58 Grapevine chair for an in depth look into the role of the GSR and connecting to A.A. as a whole. There will be a Taco bar, raffle prizes, tons of free literature and lots of information to share. If possible please bring a copy of the Area 58 GSR School Workbook. You can find it on the Area website on the GSR Resources tab. (<https://www.aa-oregon.org/gsr-resources/>) I look forward to seeing all of you there.

And if that isn't enough the District will be holding the Area Assembly Orientation on Sunday September 8th at 2:30 just prior to the District meeting. Come join us and learn all about the September assembly and what to expect. This is a potluck event so please feel free to bring a favorite dish to share. The district meeting will follow immediately after.

But wait!!! There is more!!!! I've been telling you for months that September would be on us before we knew it and BAM!!! Here we are!!! Less than 30 days away from the 2019 District Elections! There are flyers available for the elected positions and the open committee positions for you to use to spread the word about these opportunities. On September 8 at the district meeting we will be electing members for the following positions: DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer. Whomever is elected DCM will be appointing the following Committee Chair Positions: Corrections, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Website and coming soon, the newest chair position Accessibilities. You can find details and the flyers for these openings under the "Service Opportunities" tab on the D5 website. Please have any and all interested parties contact me. I would be happy to share my experience and get them in contact with others who have served in these positions before. It is vital that we fill these positions so that we maintain the momentum that the current committee chairs have created and continue our primary purpose of carrying the message to all those that suffer from alcoholism within D5. You must be present at the September 8th business meeting and be prepared to give your service resume if you are making yourself available for any of the elected positions. If you are not sure how to prepare a service resume or what might include I will gladly send you a copy of mine to give you some ideas.

The hits just keep coming!!! At the September Assembly (21-23) you will be voting for a Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, and Alt Chair. It is extremely important that you are there to represent your group's voice as the Area elects new leadership. If you are interested in standing

for any of these positions or simply want to know more about what you are electing members to do for your group please refer to the Area Guidelines and the A.A. Service manual for the responsibilities for these positions. Half of the Area Committee Chair positions will be available too.

Lots and lots of opportunities to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Service has been a big part of my program since I came to A.A. over 5 years ago. It's a simple way for me to try and repay all that has been freely given to me. If you might even have a thought of being of service to the District or Area I ask you to please at least have a conversation with me about my experience. As always if I can be of help in anyway please let me know.

I hope you all will prayerfully consider making yourself available for one of the positions that will be available in coming weeks.

Thank you all for being here today and participating in connecting Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

To serve is a privilege that I will be forever grateful for.

Yours in love and service,

Brad L

Alternate DCM Report-Bonnie C.

Hey District 5!

I want to start by thanking everyone that attended the GSO sharing session this past month. I was very happy to see all the support for our fellowship and our Delegate. For those of you who were unable to attend there is a 69th GSO final report available electronically and hard copies are in the process of printing. Please let your DCM know and the information will be supplied to you.

Lucky for us...! The District has lots of ways to be of service to your fellow and still suffering alcoholic at the moment and in the near future! Next month we will hold elections for DCM, Alt. DCM, District Secretary, and District Treasurer. Summary of job descriptions are in the service manual, our district guidelines hold information on certain responsibilities and anyone who holds or has held a position will be happy to share their experience, strength, and hope. For myself, service keeps me growing, learning, seeking and out of my head. Service is how information is spread through our fellowship, how people are reached, welcomed and given a purpose to stay. Please take the flyers available here today and help spread the word about all the open opportunities.

Guess WHAT!?!?! Next month is our District Potluck Assembly Orientation!! Yay! Our Potluck will start at 2:30 as we go through the agenda for the upcoming September Assembly. Anyone is welcome to this orientation. It would be a great way to involve your home group in the role of a general service representative. I hope to see you all there.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Love with boundaries,

Bon.

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

Helen reported that Central Oregon is not able to accommodate a group as large as our assembly in September 2020 but that the River House in Bend has been "penciled in and somewhat negotiated for the May 2021 assembly that is it seems the best we can do at this

time.

Old Business

Tabled motion: Place a bid to host the May 2021 Area Assembly

Intent/Purpose:

Our negotiations with the River house in Bend for the September 2020 Assembly were unsuccessful. However, the River House did indicate that they would like to work with us on another date that is not in their "high" season. Penny H area 58 Alternate Chair informed us that the May 2021 Assembly is available. The River House would like to work with us on the Assembly.

Current Practice: NONE

Budgetary Impact: Area 58 will forward funds to the District 5 to begin the process. Repaying this amount is our responsibility. All other expenses will be met by fund raising events in the District.

Discussion was as follows:

New Horizons – opposed Area 58 is one of two areas that do not pay for its assembly. It should be the responsibility of the area to put on assemblies. When you look @ budget there is no live item for an assembly. His belief is that we do not do fund raising.

Valerie R- brought up that the large part of the fund raising is for the meals and we as individuals pay for our meals other money is for mugs.

Not a Glum Lot - Larry K brought up he moved here from Western Washington and his area did not pay and neither did his district. The Assembly paid for itself by registration fee taking in to consideration what it costs by purchasing mugs meals and room rental. Then each person was charged that amount. He brought up Do we want to have an Assembly and not worry about the Money? I am personally in Favor.

Tuesday Night AA – Kyle stated his group was exited and wanted to be a part of helping to fund raise or do what is necessary to get the Assembly.

Monday Night Sunriver- Bridgett M stated that our fundraising was fun and unifying for our District 5. We were united as Alcoholics to raise that money. Her group did vote yes to host.

Sunday Morning Serenity – Rene H: She believes that it is an opportunity to see service and to get involved. Her group wants her to vote yes.

D5 Corrections – Walt W I was treasurer for the last Assembly we put on and when we had left over money we donated it back to Area. I didn't understand why that was done. Bonnie stated the committee voted to do it that way to help Area fund smaller areas.

Attitude Adjustment Mac F. Asked how much money are we talking about? Walt stated probably about \$3600.00 depending on the Venue. Mac said he felt that was a minimal amount that could easily be raised in our district before May 2021.

Valerie R Called the Question Kyle R seconded.

Vote to end Debate was asked and all agreed none opposed

Vote on the motion 16 yes 1 oppose

Minority Opinion was heard: New Horizons objection is simply that we shouldn't do fund raising and the Area should fund Assemblies.

Question was asked does anyone want to change their vote. None did.

MOTION PASSED

New Business

No new business was brought to the floor.

Committee Reports

Archives- Valorie R.

Things are going on as usual. Supplies have been ordered for the year, and I have brought the receipts to today's meeting.

I am very grateful to be of service.

Access- Vacant

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)- Brenna L.

CPC is working on school pamphlets to get out next month and securing a date with DHS for a presentation. Anyone interested in taking on CPC let me know! Thanks happy summer. Brenna

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Tim C.

The Primary Purpose of District 5's Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Committee is to carry the AA message to alcoholics who still suffer. Experience with alcohol is the one thing all AA members have in common; sharing our members experience in the AA Program of Recovery with those yet to reach, or find their way back to Alcoholics Anonymous focuses this Committee's efforts. Your Cooperation with Treatment Facilities Committee is simply a conduit to help connect you, your Group, and/ or your Committee to alcoholics, particularly those receiving treatment for alcoholism, though not established in AA.

As a basic "tool" for pursuing its Primary Purpose, CTF facilitates Speaker Panels, where 2-4 sober AA members share their experience with our Program of Recovery. Panels typically close with a question & answer period focused on the AA panelists' experience with Sponsorship, working the Steps, meetings and home groups, challenges in sobriety, etc. AA literature and meeting schedules are also available at all CTF panels. Please note that personal experience receiving medical and/ or therapeutic treatment for alcoholism is not the focus of CTF Speaker Panels, nor is it a qualification to join a CTF panel. AA experience and literature suggests that "solid sobriety [i.e., experience practicing AA's 12 Steps], a knowledge of the Traditions and absolute dependability are qualifications needed to serve."

At present, CTF facilitates panels at treatment facilities in Bend, Redmond, and LaPine on recurring bases of once every 2- to 10-weeks. CTF also facilitates (3) weekly Speaker Panels. Two (2) are held Tuesdays evenings at separate detox/ mental health, and detox/ residential treatment facilities. The third is held Saturday afternoons at St Charles Hospital in Bend. This panel is increasingly taking on the feel of a speaker meeting; it's open to all and appears on

the C.O.I.G.A.A. schedule as "CTF Saturday Speakers."

Last month, all twenty (20) of CTF's scheduled panels were held. No new facilitators joined the CTF Committee, and none rotated out. Three (3) Home Groups committed to sponsoring the panel/ meeting at St Charles, Bend, the first and third Saturdays every month, as well as the second Saturday every other month. Thanks to the Attitude Adjustment, The How and the Why of It, and Eastside Early Risers groups, respectively, for your commitments!!! Additionally, one (1) new panel was added at BestCare Intensive Outpatient (IOP) in Redmond. This panel will be held every six (6) weeks on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. The next panel will be Wednesday, 9/11/19.

At present, CTF seeks AA members and/ or Home Groups (Hospital panel/ meeting only) for the following ~16 commitments that are currently or soon to be open:

St Charles, Bend (every Saturday, 1:30-2:45): ~3 facilitators/ groups Monthly, every other month, or periodic commitment

OPEN: 4th Sat odd months; 4th Sat even months; 5th Saturday

General information regarding this panel/ meeting is included at the end of this report

BestCare Residential, Redmond (every Tues, 7-8pm): ~3 facilitators monthly, or every other month commitment

Brooks Detox, Redmond (every Tues, 7-8pm): ~6 facilitators monthly, or every other month commitment

BestCare IOP, Redmond (Wed evening every 6-weeks beginning 9/11/2019): 1 facilitator

Pfeiffer IOP, Bend (2nd Wed AM, every 3rd month beginning 9/11/2019): 1 facilitator Sept & Dec 2019; March, June, Sept, & Dec 2020

Pfeiffer In-Patient, LaPine (1st Mon, every other month): 1 facilitator Nov 2019; Jan, March, May, July, Sept, & Nov 2020

Serenity Lane, Bend (Wed evening & Fri Morning every 10-weeks): 1 facilitator every 10-weeks beginning 1/8 & 1/10/2020

CTF Commitments are typically 2-years. AA experience and literature suggest that "solid sobriety [i.e., experience practicing AA's 12 Steps], a knowledge of the Traditions and absolute dependability are qualifications needed to serve." The next CTF Committee meeting is Monday, 9/30, from 5:30-6:45pm in the Hutchinson Room of the Downtown Bend Library. Members of the CTF Committee will continue visiting Home Group business meetings over the coming quarter. Please let us know if you'd like us to attend your business meeting to discuss CTF service. We love to share and learn how we can better cooperate -- not affiliate - - with institutions and facilities while trying to carry the AA message to those receiving treatment for alcoholism.

Please let me know what I can do to help connect you, your group, and/ or service committee with those yet to reach, or find their way back to Alcoholics Anonymous. For fun and for free, with love in active service,

Tim C. <d5aa.ctf@gmail.com> 541-610-4431

Correctional Facilities – Walt W.

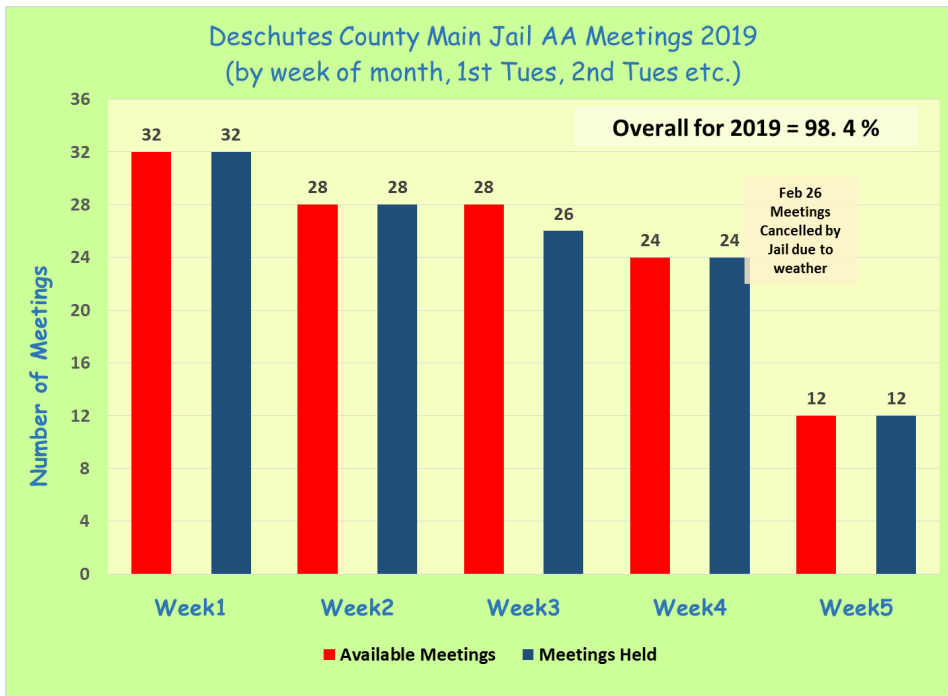
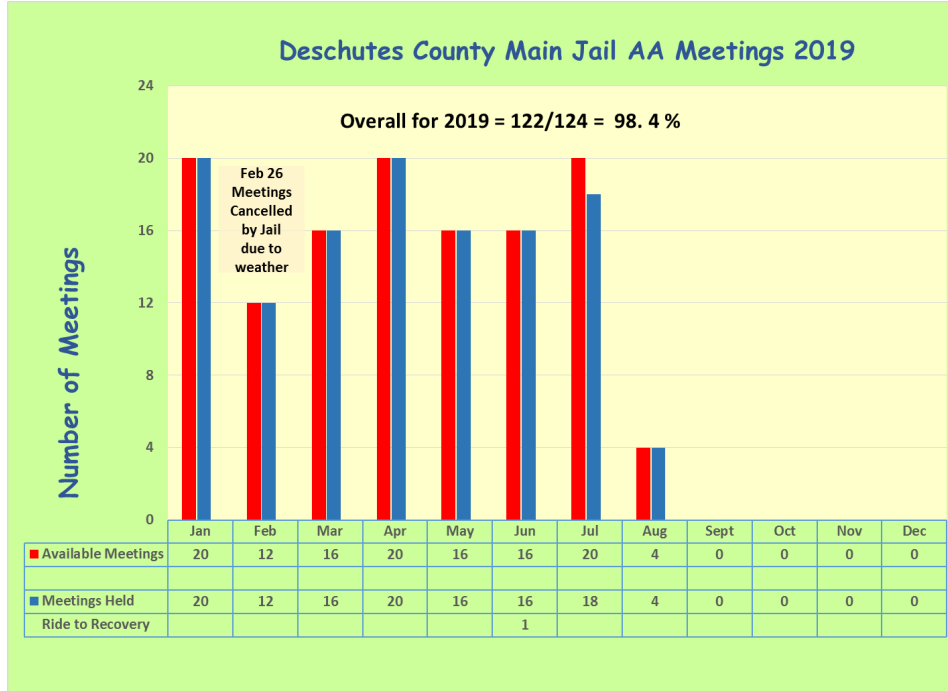
Missed 1 set of meetings on July 16, bringing our participation down from 100% to 98.4%.

No takers on our ride to Recovery program, so still just one for the year.

Received 2 more cases (60 copies) of the Grapevine Magazine and ordered one case of Big Books.

Prineville (Crook County) is in the process of moving into a new jail facility. I contacted Deputy Kerfaan (541 447 3315) of the Parole Dept. who will be handling the programs for the new facility and asked her about bringing meetings into the jail as we do in Deschutes and Jefferson

County jails. She said they were definitely interested but needed more time to get organized and would contact me when they were ready. Also spoke with a Prineville AA Member you said he and one other would be willing to go in to start the Program
 Thank you for letting me be of service
 Walt W.



Grapevine – Mike C.

No Report submitted

Public Information (PI) – Donn C.

Dear all, the following is the August report for Public Information:

August is here and it's hard to believe there's only one more month left in my term in PI. That said, the committee is in a good place as of now. We recently went through the re- allocation of schedule/pamphlet delivery routes within the committee in order to accommodate our increased volume in the district. As of now, we've completed all but half of one of the summer delivery routes.

In the remaining weeks, it's my personal mission to hit as many out of town meetings as possible in the name of both Public Info. Committee awareness and District 5 outreach. It has been fun so far and I look forward to whatever I can squeeze in before rotating out in September. Ryan B., our alt. chairman, will be standing for the chair position and we have been meeting to discuss how to make that transition as smooth as possible for the committee. Again, I'd like to thank all of those District 5 service persons who've helped PI & CPC over the past two years by putting out the word of our needs in both committees - it worked!

Thank you and "All the Best" Don

Website – Vacant

GSR Reports

Eastside Early Risers - Valorie R.

Eastside Early Risers meets at 7am Monday-Friday, upstairs in the Heritage Hall of First Presbyterian Church. All meeting formats are AA literature-based, and all is going very well. Tim came to our Business meeting this last Tuesday, where we voted to adopt an available slot to facilitate the panel at St. Charles. Our group will be coordinating the second Saturday in odd months. All of our service positions are filled, except for Alternate GSR and IGR.

Safe Harbor – Helen W.

At our last Business Meeting, I gave a snapshot summary of the information we received from Vera F., our delegate to the General Service Conference.

I gave a status report about the bid for the May 2021 Area Assembly.

I also resigned as GSR, effective October 1, 2019. My resignation was accepted. I will be available to mentor a new GSR and I plan to attend the September Assembly.

Stepping down as GSR was very hard for me.

I will remain as Host Committee Chair for the May, 2021 Assembly bid.

I want to thank the group and the District for allowing me to serve for so long in so many capacities. I have truly enjoyed it.

Helen W.

Sunday Morning Serenity- Renee H

Our meeting is going well, attendance is down due to summer. Most of our position are filled. It is nice having monthly business. That is all I have to report Renee H.

Monday Night Sunriver- Bridgett M

Sunriver meeting is Monday night from 7-8:30 in the pozzi building at the nature center.

This is my last district meeting as GSR. No one has stepped forward to be the new GSR.

I have enjoyed working with you all in district 5 and will keep reiterating to the group how important it is to have a GSR.

We are Not a Glum Lot – Larry K.

Location: Riverbend Church, 334 NW Newport Ave, Bend When: 12 noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Attendance: Avg. 40 50

7th Tradition: Avg. \$40

No current issues or projects except hosting the Intergroup pot luck on the 24th this month.

Girls Gone Sober – Thursday

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 at 4:00, also at the Alano Club. Attendance is still up and down for the Thursday meeting, but it's still going strong. The attendance on Sunday's is growing every week even though it's a new meeting. The ladies are saying good things about this new meeting!

The business meeting attendance is still minimal, but we're getting positions filled on the rotation schedule. After discussing ideas for a safety plan, we tabled it for the next meeting. We still need an alternate GSR and a treasurer (in November). These positions are difficult to fill due to the length of sobriety requirements.

Living Sober - Christine B.

The Redmond living Sober Group meets Monday nights at 7 pm at Grace Gate Community Church on Hwy 97 and Veterans way, Behind Verizon and Cindy's Chinese Restaurant. Attendance at our last business meeting was good. Most service positions are full, we are adding more, our meeting attendance is sizeable but, with many new comers - Most from Best Care - unable to contribute money is tight. We would like to see growth in attendance, including people with more time and looking for service opportunities. We have made a shift away from the Living Sober book and are experimenting with other formats. Quiet month with not much new to report.

24 & Alive – Lisa H

Our meetings are going well. No issues.

Men's Straight Talk – Greg S

The group has a consistent number attending the meetings. Unfortunately no one chose to stay for last month's GSR report. Our next scheduled business meeting is scheduled for August 17. I continue to encourage members to be concerned about participating beyond their own small circles. Yours in Service, Greg S.

ABC Meeting – Christi T

Meetings have been 20 to 25 in attendance, newcomers, but still no new home group members. We did our distributions and still had a surplus of funds, voted on sending additional money to GSO. It passed and we sent additional 20% also discussed organizing a panel to go to St Charles once every 2 Months as suggested still need more info for that. No new business.

Intergroup Liaison Report – Carrie B.

My name is Carrie, I'm an alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons. I am currently serving as vice-chair for Central Oregon Intergroup. This is a liaison position between our local intergroup

and General Service

1. The **Intergroup potluck** speaker meeting on **Saturday the 24th** will be here upstairs in Brooks Hall this month. 6:00 potluck 7:00 speakers.
2. There was talk about possibly adding an Alateen speaker to the monthly potluck. Take back to the groups to discuss
3. If any group would like to take a hotline position, there's a Tuesday night shift from 9pm to 9am currently open. See service position description attached.
4. On your Groups Hot line 12 step call list, please make sure members are adding their **email addresses**, so that the Hotline Chair can email you to confirm you would like to be on the list.
5. Our office manager Rene, requested we pay to send her to the National Intergroup conference in Phoenix Arizona. IG decided this is a good opportunity and agreed to reimburse up to \$500 for her travel expenses and registration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service! Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG 541-788-7276
JandCBlake@gmail.com

Hotline Rep

To represent your Home Group on the Intergroup Hotline committee. Take one hotline shift a week where you answer calls that get forwarded to your personal phone when someone calls the COIGAA Hotline.

Service Position Requirements:

- 6 month sobriety /6 month term
- A working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, or have a Service Sponsor

Duties:

- You will answer the Hotline through your personal phone which calls will be rerouted through during your once a week shift for 6 months. You will 1.) *Pass calls onto 12 step volunteers* 2.) *Provide information for anyone looking for a meeting* 3.) *Direct anyone looking for help with a problem other than alcohol to the proper hotline or 12 step fellowship*
- Attend your group's monthly Business meetings to give a report and sign people up for the 12 step call list.
- Starting one month before you rotate out of this position, start announcing the position will be open and when. Start looking for someone who may want the position when you rotate out.
- Possibly attend an intergroup meeting and get acquainted with the Hotline chair and inquire about open shifts
- When the Hotline Chair rotates out consider standing for the Intergroup Hotline Chair.

Closing Announcements

Larry K. -motion to adjourn Jill B. –Seconded Motion passed. Meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm

GSR's: Things to take back to your groups

- 1. The time has come!!! New officers will be elected** (DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer) on September 8, 2019 at the District 5 Meeting. There are also **5 District Committee Chair Positions** that will be available. Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Website, and the newest position Access. The committee positions will be appointed by the newly elected DCM. It is vital that all of these positions are filled and that this work continues and that as a District we maintain the momentum that the current committee chairs have put so much into. Not sure what these positions entail. No need to worry!! You can find the responsibilities for all of these amazing opportunities to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in the District Guidelines located on the District website: If you have further questions feel free to contact the DCM. Dcm05@aa-oregon.org or 435-612-2449.
- 2. A GSR school** will be held here in District 5 on **September 7th from 11-2** at Brooks Hall in Bend. Please mark your calendars to join Jim F. the current Area 58 Alternate Delegate and Reilly K. Area 58 past Delegate and current Area 58 Grapevine chair for an in depth look into the role of the GSR and connecting to A.A. as a whole. There will be a Taco bar, raffle prizes, tons of free literature and lots of information to share. If possible please bring a copy of the Area 58 GSR School Workbook. You can find it on the Area website on the GSR Resources tab. (<https://www.aa-oregon.org/gsr-resources/>) I look forward to seeing all of you there.
- 3. REQUEST THAT YOUR HOMEGROUP CONSIDER "SPONSORING" A SATURDAY SPEAKER PANEL/ DISCUSSION MEETING AT ST CHARLES BEND ON A RECURRING BASIS**
Basic Facts:
St Charles Bend has no official detox unit
Currently ~50% of beds on the Hospital's 4th floor are occupied by alcohol & drug patients
AA had no presence in St Charles facilities for over 25-years
An AA committee (CTF) has facilitated a weekly panel at St Charles since Oct 2018
This panel runs from 1:30-2:45pm every Saturday
It presently appears on the COIGAA meeting schedule as "CTF Saturday Speakers"
It is open to all and affords a scheduled "meeting" at a time when there are no others
WE ARE ASKING YOUR GROUP TO HELP TO MAINTAIN THIS AA COMMITMENT
How You Can Help:
Have your home group "sponsor" 1x Saturday every other month
This translates to only 6x Saturdays per year for a 1-year commitment
No solid commitment is needed up front! We can simply try it out! What Is Involved?

Have 1x home group member, sober in AA, act as a Coordinator/ Facilitator
The Coordinator/ Facilitator would coordinate 2-3x speakers to share their experience with the AA Program of Recovery for ~15-minutes at the speaker panel/ discussion meeting

The Coordinator/ Facilitator would also announce the upcoming speaker panel/ discussion meeting at your home group, as well as other meetings they attend
The Coordinator/ Facilitator would run the speaker panel/ discussion meeting, much like a meeting secretary

How the CTF Committee Will Support Your Group:

Maintain the cooperative relationship with St Charles Hospital, the host facility
Provide AA literature packets and Big Books for distribution at the speaker panel/ discussion meeting

Provide, and/ or cooperate with your group to develop a Format for the speaker panel/ discussion meeting

Help connect your group to other AAs in District and Area also committed to carrying the AA message into treatment/ medical facilities

Ensure the scheduled speaker panel/ discussion meeting happens

Thank you for considering this service request! Please let me know how I can help connect you and your group to still suffering alcoholics

Tim C, for District 5 CTF, 541-610-4431, d5aa.ctf@gmail.com

4. **Inventory, Inventory, Inventory.** Let's clean out the closet! How effective is your group at fulfilling its primary purpose. An inventory can shed some light on that and help you be more effective. I have a bunch of information collected from A.A. literature and other group's experiences that I can share with you. If you are looking for a facilitator for your group's inventory I am available to do that as well.
5. **District Committees need your help!!!** The District Committees are in need of help. Help is needed to do all the current work that has been established and there are so many other ways that the committees can carry the message if they only had the hands to help do it. Please continue to announce the need for committee help within the district at the meetings you attend. I have found it helpful to also to share that the commitment can be tailored to fit your availability. The commitment can be **as little as 1-2 hours every 3 months** or as much as you are able to do. Every little bit of help counts.
6. The Home Away From Home Group **needs volunteers!** We meet Thursdays, 7-8: 30 pm, and Sundays, 2-3: 30 pm, 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) for more information or to obtain a background check form.
7. Ride to Recovery: **Volunteers are 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. correctionalfacilities@district5aa.org 713-586- 9150

8. 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 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