

District 5, Oregon Area 58
Business Meeting
Sunday August 8, 2021,
Open with the Serenity prayer at 4:00p.m.

In attendance: Bonnie C., Kyle R., Jill B., Walt W., Carrie B., Jamie S., Kimber J., Mike W., Brenna , Beth, Phil M., Christine B.

Welcome New (General Service Representative) GSR's: Kimber J.

Visitor: none

Tradition 8 Long Form Discussion: *"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling Alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ Alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelve Step work is to never be paid for."*

District Secretary: Renee H. absent. Please email the DCM your report at dcm05@aa-oregon.org

Motion to accept secretary's report as written: Jill B. seconded by Phil M. Motion passes.

Treasurer: Walt W.

Contributions: \$1,257.55

Expenses: \$100.00

Reconciled Ending Balance: \$9,751.57

Prudent reserve \$2000.00

Any questions please contact treasurer@district5aa.org

Motion to accept treasurer report as written: Carrie B, seconded by Helen W., All in favor, motion passed.

DCM (District Committee Member): Bonnie C.

Hello District 5,

Please thank your homegroups for their continued support of the District. I appreciate each of you for attending the business meeting today and for your willingness to be of service. Since last month I have relocated to the East Coast and Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well here, just with different faces! As I have been attending new meetings I am once again reminded of the importance of recovery, unity and singleness of purpose that each homegroup has the opportunity to grow and share with each person that walks in the door. Even in these uncertain times through the pandemic it is important that your homegroup continues to grow and strengthen the message of AA to all of those attending. Just as our District will be hosting a District Inventory next year, your home group also has the opportunity to do the same. Please email me with any questions regarding the process of a homegroup inventory and get one scheduled for your group soon. Walking through the inventory process personally or in a group always highlights opportunities for growth and as members of the fellowship we are fortunate to have a blueprint for living to examine and learn from such processes. Remember the next time you have a new face in your meeting that they have arrived at that very moment in their lives due to a higher power. How can you as a GSR help prepare your group to be of maximum service to that individual? Are we too comfortable in our homegroups? How are you challenging your group to expand outside of the rooms? I know based on my own recent personal experiences that switching up my familiar, comfortable and repetitive processes has landed me personally at another level of learning and growth in my own recovery as well as deep gratitude and appreciation for how my homegroup as a whole chooses to operate. Challenge yourself and your group my friends, blessings await.

Here are some exciting events coming up that are taking place all over the state of Oregon!

1. Workshop: Fulfilling our Primary Purpose: Reaching any Alcoholic, Anytime, Anywhere on August 14, 2021, 1:00pm to 3:00pm. District 20 will be covering questions such as: What the heck is a Hybrid meeting anyway? and Why does my Group need to set up a Hybrid meeting and who could we reach? Ask questions and share your suggestions during the Q & A session and knowledgeable AA Panel members will share their experiences, strength, and hope about:

- Successes and challenges experienced while hosting and leading Hybrid meetings.
- Using technology to reach still suffering alcoholics.
- Learn how to set up a Hybrid Meeting from technology to budget.

2. District 5 is hosting the Delegates Post Conference Sunday August 15th from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Brooks Hall 469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703. The District will be providing a main course for dinner and a literature raffle. Please come and learn about the many conference actions which were taken at this year's General Service Conference, as well as share in our wonderful local fellowship of service. Feel free to pass this along to your groups.

3. The September Oregon Area 58 2021 Assembly is being hosted by District 22, September 17 - 19. Online/mail in registration is due by September 6th, 2021, see the link below to register.

<https://area58.wufoo.com/forms/oregon-area-58-service-assembly/>

It is important to attend this assembly for there are elections taking place and you have a vote!

4. CURRENT DISTRICT 5 OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS, SEPTEMBER DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH & FUTURE DISTRICT SERVICE POSITIONS COMING UP!

Current available District Committee Chair Positions:

Grapevine Chair

Archives Chair

Access Committee Chair

District Officer Elections to be held at the September Business Meeting, 2yr term starts October 1, 2021, open positions:

District Committee Member

Alternate District Committee Member

District Secretary

District Treasurer

Future District Committee Chair Positions, 2yr term starts October 1, 2021, open positions:

Cooperation with Professional Community Chair

Public Information Chair

Correctional Facilities Chair

Website Chair

Please spread the word to your homegroup members and have anyone interested contact me at dcm05@aa-oregon.org.

All job descriptions can be found at the following link:

<http://district5aa.org/files/documents/e2e6ecb0-4487-4870-b71b-7332ad94550a.pdf> Do not hesitate to contact myself or Kyle with any questions.

5. District 5 is hosting the September 2022 Oregon Area 58 Assembly. Contact Christine B for any thoughts or questions:

cdbergland42@gmail.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns and as Gus P. used to say: "Remember, this shit is fun!"

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Yours in Fellowship and Service,

Bonnie C.

District 5 DCM

Alternate DCM: Kyle R.

Hello District 5!

My name is Kyle R and I am an Alcoholic. It is my humble pleasure to serve as the Alternate DCM for District 5. Thank

you as always for your groups' support of the district.

I am very excited to be preparing for the upcoming Post Conference Report with our delegate Amber N. This will be hosted in person, at Brooks Hall at TEC, August 15th 4:00pm-6:00pm. Amber has put together a really wonderful and comprehensive presentation. So if you would like to learn about any of the conference actions, which were taken this year, or would like to ask any questions about those actions, please come and support our AA service structure. This is a great opportunity to show your groups where the money we contribute to GSO goes, as well as how their voice can be heard in AA. If you have any questions feel free to email me at dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org. I have also attached the poster in my full report

Since this is our first return to in person events there are lots of opportunities to be of service. If you would like to help by picking up food or literature, or helping set up or take down, please let me know as soon as possible. This event is coming up fast and I will need all the help I can get. I also know that a few of our members are in need of rides as well, so if anyone would like to help with that email me, and I will connect you as well.

Thank you all for your support of the district and our fellowship as a whole. We have a wonderful fellowship here in Central Oregon and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the conference report next weekend.

Yours in loving service,
Kyle R

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.

Please contact me at cdbergland42@gmail.com. If you are interested in helping.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Over our prudent reserve. Bonnie reminded GSRs to take this back to your home group and bring a motion back to the District5 business meeting with how you want to spend the excessive money.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tabled Motions for upcoming 2021 September Assembly (2), please take back to your home group to discuss <https://www.aa-oregon.org/taled-motions/>

Committee Reports:

Access: Position Available

Archives: Position Available

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Carrie B.

My name is Carrie and I'm an alcoholic. My Home Group is the New Horizons Group. I am currently serving as District 5 CPC Chair. (Cooperation with the professional community)

Joe, Oregon Area CPC Chair and Tim C. California Public Information Rep will both be presenting on **Friday August 27th** at the workshop

PLEASE make the following announcement at your Group

This is where our MEMBERS have an opportunity to do some personal CPC work and **invite their Doctors, attorneys, clergy, and Teachers. Please equip all AA members with this information, so that we can all help to carry the message to the professionals in our lives, by inviting them to this free workshop to learn about AA!**

Use the flyer via email, text or print out and distribute. Please start inviting any and all local professionals throughout Oregon.

Thank you for allowing me to serve District 5
Carrie B. (CPC Chair)
541-788-7276

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): Rob L.

No report submitted.

Corrections: Matt F.

No report submitted.

Grapevine: Position Available

Public Information (PI): Ryan F

No report submitted.

Website: Ben R.

Hello All, I am available to add or update the website, just send anything to my email. Please contact me webmaster@district5aa.org

Intergroup: Helen W.

Intergroup Report

Aug. 8. 2021

Helen W., IG Vice-Chair

Our last IGR meeting was live at TEC on August 25, 2021.

There were no discussion or decisions that would impact the general population of AA in District 5. Several discussions related to internal business were carried out.

Thank-you for letting me be of service, Helen W.

GSR Reports:

WFS: Brenna L.

WFS Report 08/08/21

WFS continues to meet Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7pm, we are meeting hybrid on Zoom and live in the TEC basement room. We moved from the St. Helen's Hall to the basement room last week. In person meetings are starting to see more people attend and we continue to work out the kinks of meeting hybrid. I plan on attending the September assembly virtually.

Thank you,

Brenna L. GSR

Sisters in Sobriety: Jill B.

Sisters in Sobriety meets every Saturday at 5PM. Three weeks ago the group opted to have a Cyber Sisters in Sobriety and an in person group at TEC. There has been some confusion relating to positions for the group due to this split and hopefully this coming Saturday's business meeting will rectify that. Currently we have been collecting 7th tradition donations and making the splits every six months. The treasury is in good shape despite lower than usual attendance. Part of the issue may be that the Cyber version has not been regularly meeting and there has been confusion with respect to COVID policies. We are not giving up and will meet this coming weekend, August 14 to determine how we can and should proceed.

Sincerely

Jill B. GSR (for now)

New Horizons: Carrie B.

My Name is Carrie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons.

Our Group is currently meeting 4 days a week. **Monday through Thursday at Noon** on the Zoom platform.

We are still currently splitting our contributions 50% to the GSB and 50% to COIG. We will resume our regular 4 way split when the district and area don't have so much money.

We have been holding our Business meetings at TEC. We are encouraging members outside of the Central Oregon area who come to our meetings to get involved with their local AA Community and to find a local

group where they can be part of the decision making of their local intergroups, districts, and areas. To support our Zoom babies, *or our Pandemic Pioneers*, if you will, our home group has been zooming on field trips to meetings in the areas of our Zoom babies, with the intent to help them to find a solid local Home Group in their own area. It has been super fun and effective. We have made new friends and helped to find new Homes for many. We are beginning to plan our 2021 Group inventory. For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our Website

NewHorizonsGroupAA.com

In Gratitude, Carrie Blake

Home Away from Home Group: Pilar T.

GSR July 2021 Report- Home Away from Home Group

Happy Summer! The HAFHG continues to meet via virtual platform. English speaking meeting currently meets every other Wednesday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm, and Spanish meetings are every other Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. The English meeting has had great consistent attendance of about 15-20 members and Spanish continues to be at a lower attendance of about 2.

We have just recently heard from our inside sponsor that the DOC is working to start in person volunteer activities soon, including programs in AA! This is a reminder for outside volunteer members to get current with their badges and DOC training. Both inside and outside members are looking forward to seeing our brothers and sisters in person!

Our Area 58 delegate attend a couple of our meetings, sharing her experience, strength and hope with the group, as well as to receive feedback and questions on the plain English version of the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous, What an experience! As a result, the HAFHG inside members, have had another opportunity to see how they can contribute to and be a part of AA as a whole.

It has been a joy to welcome many newcomers and to acknowledge milestones in sobriety in the HAFHG!! The earnestness and joy that is felt is a testament to how the program of Alcoholics Anonymous works!!

As always, any AA approved literature contributions to the HAFHG are still welcomed and greatly appreciated. Your contributions continue to be the AA light to our inside members! I love to keep in mind, that "literature can go where we can't!"

If any groups and/or individual members are interested in sponsoring a La Viña or Grapevine subscription to our inside AA members or would like to contribute other AA approved literature, you can contact myself or Tim C.

Another way to be of service to our inside members is to register with GSO for the Corrections Correspondence Service that matches inside member with outside members. If you would like more information, please visit:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/corrections-correspondence-service.

Currently, the badging process has been placed on hold until further notice. There are still ways, however, that we can be of service! If you have any questions, please speak to Tim C or Pilar TC.; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

The Firing Line: Jamie S.

My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line, we meet every Monday at 7:30pm and are a Big Book Study except for the last Monday of the month which is a speaker meeting. Our speaker meeting for August will be 8/30. We will have a short Tradition 8 presentation and main speaker will be Jena C from New Horizons. Last Monday we voted in a greeter to our newest homegroup member. We have decided to stay on the zoom platform for until we can find a permanent in person location.

In service, Jamie S

Safe Harbor: Helen W.

Aug. 8, 2021, My name is Helen W., and I am the new GSR for the Safe Harbor Group. My sobriety date is June 2, 2007.

Safe Harbor has been meeting in Pioneer Park on Bond and Newport at 5:30 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. After last week's business meeting, we will now meet Monday through Thursday. Attendance has varied tremendously, ranging between fewer than 10 up to 24.

We have several open positions in our group besides the Wednesday Secretary's position. We filled the Birthday person position and the IGR position, as well.

We are planning to move indoors sometime this month. Our plans are to meet at the United Methodist Church, where we met before the pandemic. We will meet in the gym instead of the small room where we met before. The date is uncertain. The Church is waiting until their reroofing project is completed. We will communicate with the Intergroup Schedule Chair and post changes as they occur.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Helen W.

Announcements to take back to your group:

- District is above their prudent reserve. How would your home group like to spend this money?
- Current Open District 5 Service Positions: Access Committee Chair, Archives Committee Chair and Grapevine Committee Chair.
- September District Elections: District Committee Member, Alternate District Committee Member, District Secretary, District Treasurer.
- District 5 is hosting the September 2022 Oregon Area 58 Assembly. Contact Christine B for any thoughts or questions: cdbergland42@gmail.com
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- Please take back the following motions to discuss with your homegroup at the upcoming September Area Assembly <https://www.aa-oregon.org/taled-motions/>
- CPC can use your help! please see the CPC Committee Chair report for opportunities to be of service.

Motion to Adjourn: Jamie S., seconded by Phil M. All in favor, motion carries.
Close with responsibility statement 5:30pm.