

District 5 Oregon Area 58 District Business Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Brad L, Helen W., Diane R., Richard C., Steve M., Bridget M., Kail R., Janet B., Kyle R., Lauren S., Walt W., Patrick C., Carrie B, Heidi E, Jill B, Louise L, Mary W., Larry K., Wendy H., Greg S., Christine B., Christi T., Ben R., Bonnie C., Lisa H., Mike S

Welcome to new GSR: Ben R New GSR for Are We Done Yet?

Tradition 5 Presentation – “Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

District Secretary – Lisa H.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of April meeting as written by Steve M and was seconded by Louise L. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Lauren S.

Error in the total expenses for the month of March; should read \$727.63.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report as amended by Louise L., seconded by Carrie B. Motion passed.

April Report Balances: Contributions \$1038.68 Expenses \$557.90 Reconciled End Balance \$5132.12

Larry K stated that our balance seems pretty high. Brad L. explained that our prudent reserve is \$2000.00. There are workshops and obligations for its further use.

Lauren requested that an effort be made to deposit checks as soon as possible.

DCM Report – Brad L.

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

As a reminder I have the 2019 PRAASA recordings to share with you. If you are interested in getting the files please let me know.

On June 8th from 12-3 at Brooks Hall the District will be hosting a 7th tradition workshop. Food and beverages will be provided. Come here from the experience of how Money and Spirituality mix from Anne M, Past Delegate and Madeleine P., Past Trustee and how you and your group can participate in the important part of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Learn about the current financial position of A.A. as a whole, put a question in the ask-it-basket and pose any question you may have during the Q&A session. There will be free literature, a raffle, fun, and fellowship for all. I hope you all plan on join us in the discussion of this important topic. I have put together a flyer for you to use to spread the message. Please, Please, Please, enthusiastically share about it at every opportunity you can!!!

You may have seen a recent email about the D5 web chair having to step down. That position is currently open and would be an interim position until October 1st at which point a web chair would be appointed for the next two year term. Please have any interested parties contact me for more information. In the meantime I am filling in as needed and time allows.

September is rapidly approaching!!! Elections and new Committee Chair appointments will be here before we know it. I have created flyers for the elected positions and the open committee positions for you to use to spread the word about these opportunities. I have reworked the D5 website and you can find details about these openings under the "Service Opportunities" tab. 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 can continue and build upon all the great work that has already been accomplished.

There will be a multitude of Area positions open as well. At the September Assembly we will be voting for a Delegate, Alt Delegate, Chair, and Alt Chair. Half of the Area Committee Chair positions will be available too. More on that to come as I get the details together.

And of course the Assembly Host Committee is going to need everyone's help and support as the preparations to host an assembly get underway.

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. As always if I can be of help in anyway please let me know.

Registration is now open for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) June 21-23. The event will be held at the Holiday INN Portland airport. The original block of rooms has been reserved however a new block has been made available. If you have not made a reservation; now is the time! This is the oldest AA conference started by Bill W. in 1948. I like to think of it as a mini PRAASA. Make your reservations today! Visit pnc1948.org for all the details.

Bonnie and I met with the Host Committee Chair for the 2020 assembly, Helen W and discussed how the bid is coming along. Helen is working very hard to bring it all together and working to fill the host committee positions. She will be giving a report of the status of the bid in a separate report.

Be sure and make a room reservation for the September Assembly. There are many events going on that same weekend in La Grande and it is expected that rooms will go fast. You can always cancel your reservation or transfer it to another member if you end up not being able to go.

As a reminder I have the 2019 PRAASA recordings to share with you. If you are interested in getting the files please let me know.

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.

Information about the 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, July 2-5 in Detroit, MI is starting to come out. 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 The D5 Web Chair will be creating a page on the D5 website so that all the information pertaining to the convention can be found in one place.

After much prayer and discussion with my sponsor and my service sponsor I have made the decision to accept the invitation to attend the General service Conference this year as a Delanon. An invite and an opportunity that I'm not going to pass up. Due to the moving of the conference to May this year I will not be in attendance at the May assembly. I have asked Lisa and she has agreed to stand in my place for this assembly. I look forward to sharing my experience with all of you upon my return at the June District meeting.

Amazing things have happened in my life since I was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous. My life is richer and fuller than I could have ever asked for or could possibly imagine. I don't know how I could or if I could put into words my gratitude for A.A. and each and every one of you in a way that you would truly understand how I feel. There have been lots of surprises for me in sobriety. Some things that I had hoped for but thought they were longshots like having my Sister-in-Law back in my life with a closer relationship than we've ever had. It's really been amazing. However if you would have told me that I would be moving out of Central Oregon after 40 years to the southern part of Nevada I would have said that's never going to happen. But it is! My wife and I who have a deep appreciation and love for the desert have decided to relocate so that we may explore new parts of this beautiful world. My earliest memories are of living in Central Oregon and this has been a long process coming to this decision filled with excitement at times and downright terror at others. But with God's help, my sponsor and my friends, my guidance has been to walk through the fear and follow the path laid before you. I have chosen not to step down but to fulfill the commitment I made to you when you elected me as DCM to the best of my ability as my family and I make this transition. I may have to ask Bonnie to fill in at a District meeting for me between now and the end of September but between having roots here and my business being based here I will be back and forth for the foreseeable future. No matter what happens I will always consider all of you my friends and will make myself available should you ever need to reach out. More than anything I will continue to make sure that the hand of A.A. is always there always with the constant thought that it may not be my hand that you grab but you know that the hand A.A. is there and where to find it.

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

I am ever grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and service,

Brad L

Alternate DCM Report – Bonnie C.

Hello District 5!

Guess What! Your District has many opportunities to be of service now and in the future. Yay, we all get to practice the fifth tradition during our fifth month! I have been reading through the fifth tradition this month and wanted to share with you all:

Tradition Five: “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” Better do one thing well than many badly. The life of our Fellowship depends on this principle. The ability of each A.A. to identify himself with and bring recovery to the newcomer is a gift from God . . . passing on this gift to others is our one aim. Sobriety can't be kept unless it is given away.

The District is looking for individuals to serve on all our committees; Committee Chairs would be happy to get you plugged in. We will be also looking to fill District service positions in September. The DCM, ALT DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer will be open in September. If you think you cannot do one of these positions don't worry, I know you can! There are many willing to share their experience strength and hope with you.

I hope everyone is excited about the upcoming assembly this Month! I want to thank Lisa who will be filling in for our DCM and all the GSR's that are making the effort to be in attendance- You will not be disappointed. I have the honor of traveling to NYC for as a guest of the Delegate for the General Service Conference. I am very thankful to be taking this adventure with two people that have been walking this road of sobriety with me from the moment I meet them. It will be my pleasure to share my time there with you all when I return.

I am thankful to be of service.

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

Hello, everyone.

As you know, we are putting in an Assembly bid for September 2020.

We have hit a snag in that the venue at which we held the 2012 and 2016 Assemblies is not available. That means that we are “homeless” thus far. There are actually few places in the Bend/Redmond area that can accommodate a group of our size.

I put in bid requests at Eagle Crest in Redmond, but they are booked that weekend. The same is true for Sunriver. I have a request in to the Mt. Bachelor Resort, but I haven't received a response yet.

On Monday, Penny, our Area Alternate Chair, and I are meeting with Heidi at the River House on 3rd Street. She has all of our information and has been working on a bid since last week.

Our Host Committee has a few spots filled, but we will be looking for volunteers after we know we have a venue. Besides me and our Treasurer, Valorie A., Walt W. has signed on as our Registrar. Ann S. from Prineville has volunteered as Hospitality Chair.

We will need these positions filled:

- Co-Chair
- Secretary

- Facility Liaison
- Fundraising Chair
- Volunteer Chair
- Re-Cap Chair
- Archivist
- And Prayer Chair

We will be looking for people to work on the following Sub-Committees:

- Accessibility
- Dance/Entertainment
- Greeters
- Marathon AA meetings
- Publicity
- Speakers
- Theme and Decorations

And a lot of support Volunteers!!!!

Yours in Loving Service,

Helen W.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion: To create a District Access Committee Chair.

Intent: Gather and share information and experience from groups on access issues and needs.

Financial Impact: \$300.00

Reason or Pros: Reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers that may have extra difficulties to receive the message and the program.

After much Discussion Ben R. called the Question and all were in favor of ending the debate by unanimous vote. Brad then called for the vote to ad a District Access Committee Chair...10 votes for, 8 votes against; no 2/3rds majority which is required.

Motion Failed.

Brad L. feels the group was at a standstill due to needing more information. Brad L. asked Larry K. to stand for an ad Hoc Committee Chair. Larry K. accepted and then asked for some help. Kyle R, Mary W, Jill B and Lauren S volunteered to help. Tim C. will be contacted to give some guidance.

2. District Inventory Discussion: No time.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Committee Reports

Archives – Valorie R.

Things are going as usual, with the usual materials being collected.

It remains my intention to continue the indexing work, and to catch up on archive materials, specifically those resulting from District and Intergroup minutes, flyers, calendars, etc. There are yet some historical holes to be filled.

I have near-term plans to interview some of our longtime members, and look forward to doing that soon.

Please let your groups know that help is needed for the Archives, particularly to establish a steering committee. I am available to assist groups with creating documentation of their special histories.

Thank you all for your consideration, and always for the opportunity to be of service to the Fellowship.

Valorie R.

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

Greetings, I apologize for missing the meeting again this month. I will be back next month! CPC is going good, we got a first round of mailings out to Bend area lawyers and we met for an informal meeting at Market of Choice on 05/02/19. We have three people working on mailings for lawyer in district 5, and hope to have them out in the next few months and then move onto schools & colleges. Hope your enjoying this great weather. 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 the alcoholic who still suffers. 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 3-4 sober AA members share their experience with our Program of Recovery for ~10-15 minutes each. 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 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. The hospital panel is open to all and appears on the C.O.I.G.A.A. schedule as “CTF Saturday Speakers”. Like all panels, the CTF Saturday Speakers is not an AA meeting. It does, however, afford opportunity to hear 3-4 sober AA’s share their Experience, Strength, and Hope for 10-15 minutes each. All attendees are also welcome to participate in the question and answer period. CTF asks all GSRs and D5 Committee Members to help generate support for this Saturday afternoon as we head into the summer! Please announce details at your Home Groups and, perhaps, consider having your Home Group “sponsor” a weekly panel every one or two months as a standing commitment.

Last month, all of CTF’s sixteen (16) scheduled panels were held. Two (2) new facilitators joined the CTF Committee. And two (2) facilitators will be ending their commitments this month. In total, the Cooperation with Treatment Facilities committee needs approximately 5-6 facilitators to make 6-month or 2-year commitments to facilitate weekly and more infrequently recurring panels, respectively.

Please let me know what I can do 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>

541-819-0488 (voice only, call for alternate contact number for texting)

Correctional Facilities – Walt W.

All available meeting were covered since last report, maintaining the 100% coverage so far for 2019 (72 available meetings, 72 meetings facilitated year to date).

No takers for ride to Recovery program.

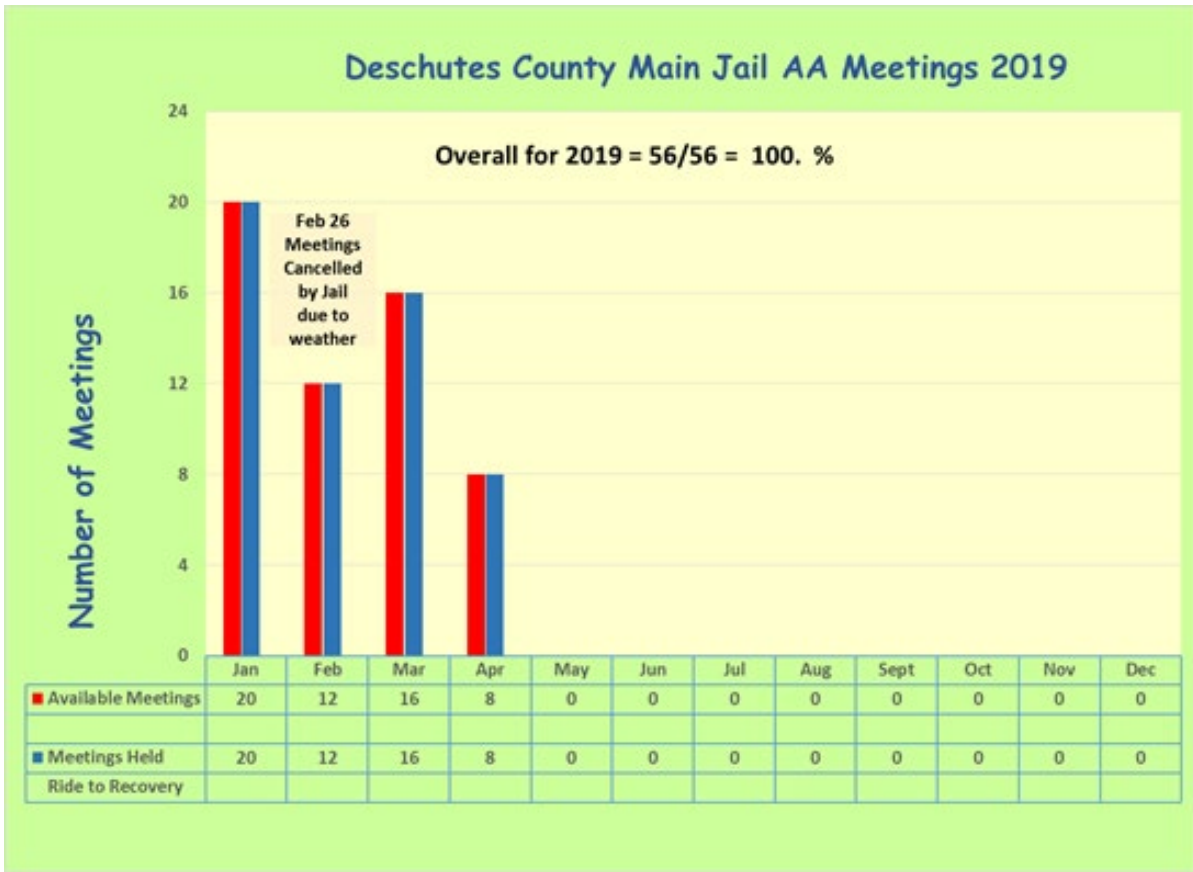
Spoke with Jefferson County Jail Committee Representative to get an update on activity there. It was reported that it was less stressful for volunteers there since going from meetings every week to every other week.

Two boxes of Grapevine reprints for Deschutes county jail and one box for Jefferson County Jail were ordered and received.

The Thursday Night Men’s Book Study contributed a case each Big Books and Grapevine reprints. We thank them for their continuing support to the jail Program. Thank

you for letting me be of service

Walt W.



Grapevine – Mike C.

No Report.

Public Information (PI) – Donn C.

Hello all, and happy Mother's Day to you all.

We are moving into summertime at full speed ahead in PI with a great committee these days. Spring brought us a couple of more new members and the work has gone quite well as we continue to get into new places with AA literature in our district. Currently we are just a couple of routes away from wrapping up the Spring schedule deliveries throughout D5.

It's hard to believe that July - Sept will be my last quarter serving as chairman! I'm dedicated to spending my final months on the road for PI more often, hitting the smaller out of town groups to reach out at meetings and carry the message of unity and participation at the district level - a plan from let year that is finally taking shape. I hope everyone is enjoying this great weather and thank you for letting me be of service.

All the Best,

Donn C.

Website – Position Unfilled

GSR Reports

24 & Alive Redmond – Lisa H

We meet 7 days a week at the Redmond Alano Club.

Our Group Conscience meeting was cancelled this month due to the Run 4 Recovery which most of our Home group was either running in or volunteering for. We are having a situation with a member that is acting out and causing many to feel uncomfortable. We are planning to do a Safety in AA workshop OR have a committee to help.

Living Sober – Christine B.

The Redmond Living Sober Group meets at Grace Gate Community Church at Hwy 97 and Veterans Way, behind Verizon and the Chinese restaurant. Attendance at our last business meeting was good. Most service positions are full. We had an informative Grapevine presentation and there were requests for more information about getting involved with Ride to Recovery and Panels. A seed was planted and we will talk more about scheduling a group inventory. We are expecting to have two speakers in June. Flyers will be put out in advance. The Oldtimers Meeting has not been forgotten. Due to scheduling challenges we are now looking for a date in July. Our meeting attendance is sizeable but, with many new comers unable to contribute, money is tight. We would like to see growth in attendance, including people with more time and looking for service opportunities. I am looking forward to my second assembly.

Men's Straight Talk – Greg S

We are doing well, we have about 10 men regularly. I will be attending the Assembly and will drive my motorhome if folks want to catch a ride.

Are we done Yet- Ben R

We recently hosted a YPA event at our meeting some of our home group members are looking at developing a Central Oregon Committee for YPA.

Monday Night Sunriver – Bridget M.

We had our elections and no one stood up to be a GSR or Alternate GSR I will not be able to attend the assembly this time.

Keep it simple Saturday- Jim M

I am the new GSR for this group and I will try to attend the assembly. KISS is 35-40 people that attend regularly, Business meeting was held yesterday and our finances are doing well

Attitude Adjustment – Phil M Alternate GSR

Our Business meeting is 18-20 members, we approved a CTF person to help in March meeting. We had a safety issue come up but working as a group to resolve. Attendance is great and we have many service positions we are hoping to fill next month.

We are not a Glum Lot – Larry K

We meet at Riverbend Church our attendance is very good we usually have 45 to 50 people at every meeting. We have no alternate GSR we only have Group Conscience meetings Quarterly

Rule 62 – Patrick

Our Attendance is good there are about 50 people with lots of young people. Our 7th tradition is ok as we only meet once a month. We are trying to make some contributions but our funds are still light

Safe Harbor – Helen W.

Last month, we showed an increase in attendees. There were 700+ as opposed to around 600 the month before. We usually have 4-6 attendees with less than 30 days at each meeting. We have 35 home group members.

Our finances are sound.

We have one open position for Monday night secretary. I feel that the group members are doing an excellent job accepting service commitments, but we are still struggling with getting group members to attend our business meetings. We are planning to change our business meeting to Friday or Saturday after the regular meeting.

That is about all for this month!

Yours in Loving Service,

Helen W.

Sisters in Sobriety –Jill B

We meet here at TCS at 5:00 on Saturday we had a very successful women's retreat that was sold out practically the minute they became available. We have usually 25 women that come on a regular basis. The Retreat was great!

Sunday Morning Serenity – Renee H.

All is going well in our group. Attendance is great. We had our largest business meeting since I have been GSR. Lots of input. Many of our service position are filled. We decided to take some of our money and help pay for another AA meeting to be interpreted for the deaf.

Thursday Men's Book Study – Richard C.

Nothing new to report.

Tumalo Book Study – Louise L.

Greetings from Tumalo Monday book study at 6:00 and Friday speaker discussion meeting at 7:00pm at the little white church in Tumalo.

Attendance at both Monday and Friday meetings has been outstanding!

At our first Monday of the month potluck Brad came and facilitated our group inventory. We are going through 4 questions of the short form each month. So grateful for Brad!!!!

Tuesday Night AA – Kyle R.

Not much to report attendance is good. We have fliers for our speaker meetings on Tuesday now.

Intergroup Liaison Report

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

General Service Mike S. of Safe Harbor has recently been elected to chair our intergroup meetings on the interim until October when a new term begins. It was fun standing in as chair and I feel like I learned a lot about our intergroup in the process.

We finally got the newsletter position filled!! Joan C of Eastside Early Risers stood for this position and we voted her in to start immediately! Joan is a past office manager of our intergroup and I think she will do a great job with the monthly newsletter. Hotline Chair Mac of Attitude adjustments has asked the intergroup committee to consider helping him out with a workshop on how to do 12 step calls. To take a call, to go on a call, who to bring with you, what to bring with you, where to take the person, to the Hospital, to detox, to a meeting... The intergroup has voted to do this workshop. Look for upcoming details soon. Does your Home Group have a hotline position? It may be time to create one. The CO Hotline is always looking for help and this is a great way to get your group involved in good old fashioned 12 step work. Requirements are a working knowledge of the 12 Traditions and Six months sobriety. Call Hotline committee chair - Mac F. at 650-388-8555 or talk to me after the meeting to ask how you or your group can get involved.

New Meetings in Bend:

1. A Gathering of Men, Sundays @ 7 am, 16 NW Kansas, Bend, Men's Meeting
2. Veterans at the Ranch, Fridays @ noon, 65920 SW 61st, Bend, Veteran's Meeting
3. Sisters in Recovery, Sundays @ noon, 1435 NE 4th Street, Suite B, Women's Meeting
4. Living Sober Mens Big Book Study Tuesday @ 7 pm 1854 NE Division, Bend

A local member recently contributed a ton of printer ink along with a new printer to our intergroup office! This makes color copy's only .10 each for any group that may need to print flyers or announcements! Feel free to take advantage of this! :)

Speaking of flyers... I brought in limited flyers for local monthly speaker meetings, events as well as the WFSs Birthday party. Raise your hand and claim one now.

Thank you for allowing me time to report on your local Intergroup

Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG 541-788-7276

Closing Announcements

Want to serve on the Assembly Planning committee? You can locate the Job descriptions and responsibilities here <https://www.aa-oregon.org/area-assembly-planning/>. Please contact Helen W. for more information.

Larry K. -motion to adjourn

Jim M. -Seconded

Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm

GSR's- Things to take back to your group:

- Come Join D5 for a Tradition 7 workshop on June 8th at Brooks Hall from 12-3. Madeleine P and Anne M will be there to share their experience strength and hope about this very important tradition. Food, Fellowship, raffle prizes and Fun.
- **The time has come** to start considering to stand for the open positions in the District election which will be held on September 8, 2019. The following positions will be open for your consideration District Committee Member (DCM), Alternate District Committee Member, Secretary, and Treasurer. 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 here on the District website: <http://www.district5aa.org/files/documents/b08ed3a9-ea93-4620-ae87-9d86f3d8e398.pdf> . If you have further questions feel free to contact any of the incumbent officers or the DCM. Dcm05@aa-oregon.org or 435-612-2449.
- With **September rapidly approaching** and new officers to be elected there are also several District Committee positions that will be available. The committee positions will be appointed by the newly elected DCM. The committee chair positions that will be open are Web Site Committee Chair, Public Information Committee Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Chair, and the Correctional Facilities Committee Chair. **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 here on the District website: <http://www.district5aa.org/files/documents/b08ed3a9-ea93-4620-ae87-9d86f3d8e398.pdf> . If you have further questions feel free to contact the DCM. Dcm05@aa-oregon.org or 435-612-2449.
- **The District 5 AA Meeting schedule is now available on the app: Meeting Guide.** You can find more information about this exciting new way to find a meeting at <https://meetingguide.org/>

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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