

District 5, Oregon Area 58
Business Meeting
Sunday April 11, 2021
Open with the Serenity prayer at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance: Bonnie C., Kyle R., Jill B., Walt W., Reed K., Jamie S., Pilar T., Jason T., Christine B., Renee H., Helen W. Reed K., Mark L., Paul S., Beth T., Carrie B. & Rob L.

Welcome New (General Service Representative) GSR's:

Beth T., New Horizon Alt. GSR
Paul S., WFS Alt. GSR

Tradition Four Discussion:

(The Long Form) With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

(The Short Form) Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

District Secretary: Renee H. Please email me your report at d5aa.secretary@gmail.com by Wednesday following the District 5 business meeting so I can get the minutes posted on the website by the end of the week.

Motion to accept secretary's report as written: Reed K., seconded by Jill B. All in favor none opposed.

Treasurer: Walt W.

Contributions: \$671.33

Expenses: \$15.00

Reconciled Ending Balance: \$7620.63

Any questions please contact treasurer@district5aa.org

Motion to accept treasurer report as written: Mark L., seconded by Reed K. All in favor none opposed.

DCM (District Committee Member): Bonnie C.

Hello, District 5!

Please express my thanks to your homegroup for their continued support of the District. I also appreciate all the hard work that you, as GSR, do to keep moving information forward and connecting your group to AA as a whole. The A.A. Group Pamphlet: (https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/p-16_theaagroup.pdf) states "The entire structure of A.A. depends upon the participation and conscience of the individual groups, and how each of these groups conducts its affairs has a ripple effect on A.A. everywhere. Thus, we are ever individually conscious of our responsibility for our own sobriety and, as a group, for carrying the A.A. message to the suffering alcoholic who reaches out to us for help." Your role is so vital to our fellowship as a whole and can have effects on A. A. everywhere! How cool is that! Thank you for your efforts and that you keep showing up. Each individual GSR inspires me and you each are a reminder we can not do this alone. Thank you for being a part of my journey in service.

Guess what!! This is exciting news! The Oregon Area registrar has taken our Group Change form, District Change form and Create a Group form ELECTRONIC. Yay! I would like to request that everyone please access the following link and fill out a form to help update our Area roster and also update GSO's database. This is exciting as we move forward into the technology age. Here is the link: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/registrar-duties-and-responsibilities/> Please take a moment to update your group and contact information so we can make future connections within our fellowship.

District 5 still has the following service positions open at this time: Archives, Grapevine Chair and Accessibility Chair. Here is a link to our District 5 Guidelines with a summary of the job descriptions: <http://district5aa.org/files/documents/e2e6ecb0-4487-4870-b71b-7332ad94550a.pdf> These are appointed positions so please forward any interested parties to Kyle and I or any questions or concerns. Our District 5 homegroups voted to have these positions here at the district as resources for Central Oregon. Please spread the word and remind your homegroup members of the responsibility that we as fellowship members have to fill these positions.

As most of you know, Deschutes County was just put back in the high-risk category this week. This is up from a moderate risk in weeks' past. Deschutes County has seen a steady increase in cases over the past couple of weeks. Graph below, take to your homegroup? We are not finished with COVID19 yet. We need to continue being vigilant and safe and I hope this information will help your groups make an informed decision with future meetings. Here is a link to our Oregon Area 58 COVID Resource page: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/covid-19-resources/>

Did you know that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services has a YouTube Channel? Yes, it's true. The ASL Big Book and 12x12 are now available on there. Please go check it out! This is the official YouTube channel for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and is maintained by the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of the U.S. and Canada. Here is the link, please share:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc/featured>

Thank you all very much for your service. Again, I appreciate all of you for showing up, your willingness and being able to walk this road together. Please let Kyle or I know of any way in which we can be of help.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,

Bonnie C.

District 5 DCM

dcm05@aa-oregon.org

435-612-2449

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.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Pre-Conference Discussion last month. I had a wonderful time discussing all of the upcoming literature agenda items and learning about the needs and wants of our local groups. I love watching our upside-down triangle in action and listening to our group members discuss issues that will be talked about by AA as a whole always makes me grateful for this wonderful fellowship.

There has been interest in a literature workshop, so I am beginning to make plans for one or even two literature zoom workshops to fill out our summer. Because this is such a big topic, I was hoping that I might get some volunteers to do presentations on their favorite piece of conference approved literature, both books and pamphlets. If you or someone in your group would like the chance to be involved, please email me at dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org. My hope would be for 10-15 minutes presentation.

Thank you all for your support of the district and our fellowship as a whole. I am looking forward to another wonderful year in service with all of you!

Yours in loving service, Kyle R

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.

Hello. My name is Christine, and I am an alcoholic. As your May 2021 Assembly Host Committee Chair, I am announcing that the committee met and voted that May of 2021 is too soon for an in-person Assembly. It was agreed, by substantial majority, that it cannot be done safely or well at this time. We are supported in this decision by Area 58 and the May 2021 Assembly will be held on Zoom. That being said, the Host Committee, with the approval of District 5 – you, would like to reschedule the hosting of an Assembly to September of 2022. This is the first opening available to

us. The majority of Committee members want to continue in their positions. The River House will be available to us for the September dates as Gabriel, Oregon Area 58 - Alt Chair, has done a fantastic job working with them. The Committee has collected \$2,561.28 in contributions, as well as raffle ticket and mug sales. There are two baskets yet to be raffled and quite a few mugs left. The mugs were not dated against this possibility and I expect we would move forward with the same message of Recovery, Unity and Service in a Time of Change.

The groups did vote to have an Assembly. It would be a privilege and a pleasure to bring this event to Central Oregon. It would also be a wonderful opportunity for our local AA community to come together to demonstrate our unity. The Assembly Host Committee hopes you will consider all of the effort that has already gone into putting this event together and the benefits to the District of hosting this event.

Yours in service, Christine B. cdbergland42@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Filling open positions at District.

We were going to have a speaker about one of our open positions to offer insight, ideas and help if wanted. Unfortunately, they had to cancel about 25 minutes before the District 5 meeting. Bonnie C., DCM has updated the agenda for our meeting today. Just a reminder, our home groups voted to have these position at District 5. So please announce these open positions at your home group: Access Chair, Archives Chair, and Grapevine Chair. Bonnie C., DCM or Kyle R., Alt. DCM is available to answer any question you may have and direct anyone to any resources that would be helpful with these positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christine B., Assembly Chair, reported that the District 5 Assembly committee voted to postpone the in-person May Assembly hosted by District 5 until September 2020 due to Covid19. The committee with Area 58 help was able to secure the venue for the Assembly in September 2022 due to the circumstances with Covid19. It was decided that this would then need to be brought back to District 5 business meeting to be voted on by GSR's and officers.

Mark L. made a motion: I move District 5 host the September 2022 Area assembly utilizing the 2021 May Host Assembly Committee. 2nd by Jamie S. Then Discussion.

Then, it was voted on if this was urgent or administrative: 6 votes yes and 6 votes no, the DCM had the tie breaking vote, she voted yes. So, this meant that now it would be voted on at today's business meeting. The motion was read again. Mark L. made a motion: I move District 5 host the September 2022 Area assembly utilizing the 2021 May Host Assembly Committee. 2nd by Jamie S. 12 votes yes, 1 vote no and 1 abstain.

Motion was passed.

Christine B. Assembly Chair and Carrie B. Assembly Alt. Chair would like to encourage AA members to get involved there is a lot of service work to be done to host the Assembly. Christine B. asked to rally our AA community to get involved, we have the opportunity to put on an amazing event, in an amazing venue and at beautiful time of the year in Bend. Also, there will be great speakers. Carrie B. wanted to remind all the GSR's that you voted to host this event and you and your group's participation is needed. We still have open positions on the committee. We will need more AA members to help.

Committee Reports: (time allowing) **No time was left after the new business**

Access: Position Available

Archives: Position Available

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

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF): Position Available

Corrections: Matt F.

Grapevine: Position Available

Public Information (PI): Ryan F

Website: Ben R.

Please let him know if you see anything to be corrected or need added to the website. Please contact me webmaster@district5aa.org

Central Oregon Intergroup: Helen W. Vice-Chair

Central Office

- Hours Monday – Friday 9:00 – 1:00
- Wednesday 2:00 – 6:00
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays 900 – 1:00
- Joan lives in Bend and is willing to deliver orders to Bend. To make arrangements with her call the Central Office during business hours (541-923-8199)
- Our central office is self-supporting. All AA approved literature is sold at cost. All other literature and sundries are sold at a small mark-up. Purchasing of literature, pamphlets and non-AA approved material and group contributions is what keeps the office open.

Many meetings are going either live or hybrid. Our Webmaster Barry had started an interactive page concentrating on the technical aspects of doing hybrid meetings. Check it out! Open positions are: Entertainment Committee Chair and Potluck Committee Chair. These positions are currently dormant, but soon (I hope) they will become active, and we want to be ready. The Chair of these committees does not have to do all the work! They organize a committee, and the committee does the work. The Chair manages the committee. Please announce these openings to your groups an “talk it up a little!” MEETINGS WILL BE OPENING UP MORE AND MORE AND WE WANT OUR PRINTED AND POSTED SCHEDULES TO BE CORRECT AND UP TO DATE! Please send all schedule changes to Maura W. at schedules@coigaa.org or call her at 541-362-6586. If you have trouble, contact me at olddoc20@gmail.com.

GSR Reports: No time was left for reports these are the submitted reports.

WFS: Paul S. Alt. GSR

Greetings,

WFS continues to meet on Wednesday's, Friday's and Sunday's at 7pm via Zoom. Our business meeting is on the first Sunday of the month. We recently sent contributions to GSO/Intergroup/District/Area.

WFS is looking into possibility of in-person meetings around June timeframe if venue County and State Guidelines allow.

Thank you, Paul S.

Sisters in Sobriety: Jill B.

Sisters in Sobriety meets on Saturdays at 5PM on zoom for now. The group has discussed in person meetings but for now we are waiting to see where things go this summer. The group typically has between 12 and 20 participants with several people zooming in from California and other parts of Oregon. We hold business meetings every second Tuesday and have been making the distributions to Intergroup, the District and AA in New York. We also are beginning to have more newcomers so hopefully that will continue.

The treasury is solvent, and the group is solid. All service positions except GSR are filled. I am over my two-year time limit but so far no one has stepped up for the GSR position. I will continue until the summer but will have some time

commitments this summer that will make it necessary for me to resign. Hopefully someone will come forward.
Jill B.

New Horizons: Carrie B.

My Name is Carrie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is New Horizons. Our Group is still currently meeting 7 days a week at noon on the Zoom platform. Our Bylaw writing committee has finally finished our Group's Bylaws, and they will hopefully be approved by the group conscience at the next business meeting We are still currently splitting our contributions 50% to GSB and 50% to COIG. We will resume our regular 4 way split probably next quarter or whenever we are back in the church. In February our group put on an all-weekend workshop where we had 2 speakers take us through all 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. We will be having both speakers back THIS SATURDAY for a 2-hour follow-up Q&A Ask-it-basket session. If anyone would like to attend or participate in that, please let me know. As a result of accidentally collecting more contributions than intended for this workshop, we have decided in keeping with the clearly stated purpose of the collected funds, to use the extra money sending workshop packets out with the AA Group pamphlet, and a "Chief Responsibility" Big Book sticker to whomever wants one. If you would like one of these mailed to you on us, request your packet through our Website NewHorizonsGroupAA.com and the committee will get one out to you as soon as possible. Same goes for recordings of the workshop. For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our Website NewHorizonsGroupAA.com In Gratitude, Carrie Blake

Sunday Morning Serenity: Lauren S.

My name is Lauren, and I am Alcoholic. My home group is Sunday Serenity at 10 AM. Our attendance is growing. We have a speaker, then a sharing session. We are looking for an Alt. GSR, IGR, Alt. IGR, and an Alt. Treasurer. Zoom ID 897 2556 9078 Password Serenity. In Fellowship and Service, Lauren S.

Home Away from Home Group: Pilar T.

Happy April! Last district meeting I announced that the HAFHG would be resuming its virtual AA meetings this last month. Unfortunately, due to another COVID outbreak, meetings were once again put on hold. Happily, we just received news from our inside sponsor that both Spanish and English-speaking meetings will resume this coming week. I am thrilled for this news and I am so looking forward to seeing our inside members soon!

As always, any AA approved literature contributions to the HAFHG are still welcomed and greatly appreciated. Literature is of true value to them at this time. It continues to be a main source of connection to our program of recovery. 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, 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.

Yours collectively, in love and service "the inside- and outside-members of the HAFHG of AA".

Announcements to take back to your group:

- To get involved with Assembly Host Committee email Christine B. Chair, at cdbergland42@gmail.com
- Open positions at District 5: Access Chair, Archives Chair, and Grapevine Chair.

Motion to Adjourn: Reed K., seconded by Rob L. All in favor none opposed.

Close with responsibility statement 5:41 p.m