

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2023

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Carrie B (DCM), Christine B (Secretary), Will D (Treasurer), Nancy B (Access), Joe H (Archives), Walt W (Corrections), Trisha M (Literature), David G (Outreach), Dawna A (24 & Alive - GSR), Chris M (Attitude Adjustment - GSR), Carmack M (Men's Book Study - GSR), Mario H (New Horizons - GSR), Beth (New Horizons - AGSR), Elizabeth V (Nooner Group - GSR), Joy H (Page 21 - GSR), Jared J (Redmond Early Risers - GSR), Lynn H (Rising In Recovery - GSR), Chandra (Sisters In Sobriety - GSR), Todd H (Steps To Sobriety - GSR), Jake M (Tuesday Night AA - GSR), Marie K (Tumalo Group - GSR), Nick M (Young At Heart - GSR), Kestin (Young At Heart - AGSR), Jenine (Primary Purpose - Guest), Jen (D9 DCM - Guest), Mark L (Guest)

Welcome to new GSRs/Visitors: Jenine (Primary Purpose - Guest), Jen (D9 DCM - Guest), Mark L (Guest)

Tradition 5 Presentation:

Short presentation on Tradition 5.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qz6_rqEtiFCvAue-2QzhYmjwG3pIOaTkiPdZgzPnGI/edit?usp=sharing

Concept V:

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

District Secretary – Christine B.

Good afternoon. Christine B. I am an alcoholic and I am your Secretary.

The Roster is being recreated and will be available again by the time of our next meeting.

Are there any questions about or corrections to the April Meeting Minutes?

A motion was made to accept the April Meeting Minutes by Jake M and was seconded by Will D. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer Report – Will D.
Greetings District 5

My name is Will, and I am your District 5 treasurer. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

We started April with \$9,757.13
Group Contributions in April were \$1416.60
Expenses in April were \$186.36.

Leaving us with a balance on April 30 of \$10,987.37

We are currently behind in group contributions by \$1,339.46 YTD.

To meet the 2023 budget we need group contributions to average: \$1,702/per month for the remainder of the year.

The following committees have budgets remaining in 2023 of:

DCM	\$ 3,829.41	76%
Treasurer	254.00	57%
Access	118.01	23%
Archives	1,150.00	85%
Literature Chair		100%
Coop. Correctional Facilities	1,769.00	100%
Coop. Professional Community	1,050.00	100%
Coop. Treatment Facilities	1,200.00	100%
Grapevine/La Vina	496.00	99%
Public Information	3,004.05	97%
Website	660.00	100%
Workshops	2,683.50	96%

I would like to encourage all our committee chairs to use their budgets carrying the message in Central Oregon. If any committee chairs need help gaining access to funds please do not hesitate to reach out, I am happy to help. Email: treasurer@district5aa.org

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Will D. District 5 Treasurer

A motion was made to accept the March Treasurer's report by Todd H and was seconded by Carmack M. **Motion Passed.**

A motion was made to accept the April Treasurer's report by Elizabeth V and was seconded by Carmack M. **Motion Passed.**

DCM Report – Carrie B.

Good Afternoon

District 5: What have I done this last Month as your DCM? Well, The WFS Group invited me to come present on General Service within the District. I did a mediocre job at best, but it was a great experience at least for me because I got to learn and grow in my effectiveness. I presented on Tradition Five for 10 minutes at the Young at heart group and after listening to the feedback from their GSR and the discussion that took place after I left, makes it all worthwhile for me to get out of my jammies at these night time meetings and serve your groups! I'm also still presenting a Tradition a month at the Page 21 Group in Prineville at their Monthly Speaker Meeting.

Our Public Information Chair Brian has recently had to step down as he got some work in the Florida Keys that will take him out of the area for most of the remainder of his term. This 2 year term ends at the end of this year. If there are any GSRs or Alt GSRs available to serve as PI Committee chair until the end of the year, please let me know ASAP. Until then, I plan to hold a PI Committee meeting with his committee to see if anyone currently serving on the committee is willing to fill this interim position as Chair.

BACK by POPULAR REQUEST, we will be doing the “Home Group” Event again this year. This is a fun one! It was our best attended in person workshop last year and also our most requested to do again. It will be a potluck again, and will be very interactive with breakout sharing sessions, discussion, Q&A, games, literature give away, and a talent SHOW! Central Oregon A.A.s GOT TALENT! Who knew! I have reserved the space up at Brooks Hall for Saturday August 5th from 11-2. If anyone would like to sign up for the talent show, contact David G. Outreach chair to sign you and your talent up for stage time! If anyone would like to sign up to be of service at this event, we will be having an event planning committee meeting very soon. Your groups have requested this event, so I hope to see the GSRs and the Alt GSRs in service and helping out with this day of Unity!

Oregon Area 58: As you know, Our District is hosting the May assembly right here in Central Oregon! Volunteers are still needed! This means members from your group. Not you yourself. GSRs and Committee Chairs, the Assembly is where your service position takes place. You are already in service the entire weekend. The reason we ask for volunteers from our groups is so that we can do our job and represent our group or committee. District Committee Chairs, I hope you will ALL have a table or booth set up at this Assembly. If your Committee has District Guidelines, please bring lots of copies to share with the other 30+ active districts around Oregon Area 58. If you don't know how to start planning for this PLEASE reach out to me and I will help you! Let's show the rest of Oregon area 58 how active our service committees are here in District 5! Part of the purpose of an assembly is for the exchange of information between districts. Committee Chairs, this is your opportunity to pass along what was so freely passed onto us. I will be staying after this meeting tonight to make myself available to committee chairs so we can discuss ideas for your role at the assembly. GSRs, and Alt GSRs, Please take the 20 minutes to attend Assembly Orientation on Tuesday night in the District Zoom Room from 6pm to 6:20. Log in directly from District5AA.org for one click login.

GSB/AAWS: I owe the district an amends. I did not pass on information regarding the General Service Board to you. I allowed my self centered fear and doubt to compromise my responsibility to those I serve. The general service board has had some major controversy this year. I've known about the majority of it from the very start. I have had access to emails, updates, and minority reports that I have not passed on to the GSRs of the District I'm supposed to be serving. This was not something I was maliciously keeping from you. In fact, I have had sleepless nights struggling with what the right thing is to do here. I did forward you the document that came to me from our delegate the day it was sent to me. I was mistakenly under the impression that is how the A.A. service structure system works. I pass along to you only what I receive from our delegate. I was reminded by my service sponsor that I am not serving the area, or the delegate. That I am accountable to the GSRs who elected me and you are who I'm here to serve. That any credible information I receive should go to the GSRs even if I'm receiving the information in non traditional ways.

So with that, after much sponsorship-consultation and prayerful-consideration, I have come to a decision. I have decided to allow you the GSRs to decide for yourselves what information you want. I don't get to play gatekeeper. So in the Spirit of A.A. transparency and Leadership-integrity, I've created a file for you containing everything I received and as your trusted servant and I'm offering any of the GSRs access to that file upon request. I will not be including any specifics into my report. I will not be sending the documents out in the minutes or in any group email. I am not here to offer opinions about any of the documentation contained in the file. But I am offering access as the groups are on top of the triangle and should have the right to any and all documentation and information. Transparency is very important in A.A. and nothing should be confidential from the GSRs. Please forgive me for having been indecisive. I value the lesson learned and going forward I will be mindful about seeking spiritual clarity so that I may stay in alignment with the principle of integrity.

Yours in Fellowship & Service,
District 5 DCM / Carrie B. 541-788-7276

Alternate DCM Report - Vacant

Unfinished Business

-n/a

Committee Reports

Assembly Host Committee: Christine B.

The May Assembly has arrived. It's going to be a great event! The final Host Committee meeting will be held tomorrow evening on Zoom at 6:45. Anyone is welcome to attend as we wrap up final details. What happens with the facility next weekend will affect any future events we want to have in the future. I would ask that we all keep that in mind throughout the weekend.

There was some confusion during the last meeting. Some people heard what I intended to say. Some people heard something else. There will, W-I-L-L, be a coffee cart on site on Friday,

Saturday, and Sunday where coffee, tea, etc can be purchased. On Saturday there will be a food truck available to us for lunch and dinner. Blood Sweat & Tears Smoked Meats and BBQ. This is not a vegetarian option. There had been another vendor as well that backed out because of the relatively small number of us who will be in attendance. There is a \$500 minimum per cart that the Host Committee guarantees whether that much is sold or not. I would ask that you encourage your fellow attendees to make use of the carts and do so yourselves if you are able to.

There are still spots on the Marathon Meeting sign up sheet available. (Friday: 4pm & 7pm, Saturday: 8am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, Sunday 7am) Of the time slots taken, all are being hosted by Redmond groups except for one Bend group. It would be great to see involvement from other groups in Central Oregon. Please let me know if your group or individuals would be interested in taking a time. The Sunday morning Hospitality slot is also still available.

You will all be concentrating on being trusted servants. The Host Committee hopes to make this as comfortable to do so as possible. Enjoy the Area 58 May Assembly!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Access Committee: Nancy B.

Hello everyone,

My name is Nancy and I am an alcoholic.

This past month, David F., Oregon's Access Chair, organized a meeting with fellow Access Chair committee chairs to learn what other Access committees are doing around the state and across AA. It was a great meeting although there were only three of us in attendance. To help inspire us, David F shared some details about access committee projects happening throughout Oregon and beyond:

- * <https://pdacaa.org/> Portland Deaf Access Committee (PDAC) Since 2001, the Portland Deaf Access Committee has worked to help Deaf alcoholics access AA meetings and General Service in the Oregon and Vancouver, WA area.
- * Homeless Outreach in Portland
- * Portland Intergroup's "Sunshine Club" which is a group of people who are available to bring a meeting into the elder / retirement community who are unable to attend a local meeting.
- * District 13 has a meeting that provides childcare
- * Hawaii's Area 17 - Cooperation with the Elder Community - I will be attending their upcoming meeting to learn more about how they provide access to the elder community.
- * Bringing meetings into a shelter
- * "Meetings to Go" to Assisted Living Facilities
- * Organizing rides to get to meetings

Separately, I thought I would leave you with a suggestion to make your group more accessible:

- 1) Does your home group have a website that provides a link to getting a Big Book or 12&12? You might consider adding a note that on the AA.org site, the Big Book and 12&12 are available on line in audio files and A.S.L. videos. Here is a link to these resources: <https://www.aa.org/the-big-book>
- 2) Are you holding your meeting in a wheelchair accessible location (entries and bathrooms)? Then let me know. I am interested in collating a list of wheelchair accessible meetings and asking those to be indicated as such on the COIGAA meeting website.

thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Nancy B

Archives: Joe H.

Greeting D5,

Archives new repository is now located at the NW Storage facility.

We have a beautiful 7.5x10 space with concrete floors and steel walls. The climate controls are set to never go below 50 degrees or above 80 degrees.

Thanks for all your support.

Archives committee will set up a table at the Service Assembly next Friday at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. The display will be in place until Sunday afternoon.

Feel free to contact Joe H with any questions comments or concerns directly by cell phone at 541-948-4475.

Or email me at:

Archives@district5aa.org

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

My name is Ron and I am your district 5CPC chairperson. This month we are preparing to send our District's judges and parole officers a mailing which contains a letter from me, our new suggested Proof of Attendance sheet, (see both attached), as well as a Grapevine article about working with alcoholics and cooperating with AA from a non-alcoholic judge's perspective. I'm hoping to have an in person, CPC business meeting this month, date to be announced, to discuss this new project. I'd like to thank Carrie and my higher power for this inspiration. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Your brother in A.A.,

Ron B

Treatment Facilities (CTF): Brian W

Greetings District 5,

This month the only update I have is for the Treatment Social at Pappy's Pizza in Redmond on May 26th. I delivered flyers and letters to treatment facilities all over Bend and Redmond, and our representatives in Prineville and Madras should be delivering invitations to facilities out there as well.

We could not coordinate for scheduling a business meeting this month, I expect to have more news by the next business meeting.

Brian D. W.

818-317-1248

ctf@district5aa.org

Chair - Treatment Committee

District 5 AA - Area 58

www.District5AA.org

Corrections: Walt W.

Virtual meetings continue awaiting approval for in person meetings. We did move closer to getting everyone approved to the new requirements, one of which was all volunteers having to attend orientation. An 8 hour orientation was held yesterday May 13, for those that were unable to attend the previous orientation and for new volunteers, six AA members attended. There is still additional paperwork, background, and UA checks to conduct. All that going well there will be 36 approved volunteers. The new requirements of 2 years sobriety and 3 years out of jail eliminated 2 of our current volunteers and 3 new applicants. Crook county jail has stated scheduled meetings in Prineville, 2 hours every other Saturday afternoon.

Yours in service
Walt W

Grapevine / La Vina: Jessie C.

Hi, my name is Jessie and I am the District 5 Grapevine and La Viña Chair. My homegroup is the New Horizons Group.

GSRs, if your home group has a GV/LV rep, please give them my contact information so they can be on my committee. My email is Grapevine@District5aa.org. Please make sure that your Grapevine and La Viña rep is a home group member of the group they are representing.

. I will be attending the Area 58 May Service Assembly on Friday, May 19th, and Saturday, May 20th. I have asked the Grapevine and La Viña reps to join me to see how to set up and run the display. I have printed and will be including copies of the Grapevine and La Viña Group Representative service position requirements and duties. Please visit our display, especially if your group doesn't have a Grapevine and La Viña Rep yet!

Literature: Trisha M.

Hi all, This month I was invited to set up at the monthly Intergroup speaker meeting held in Prineville. My announcement included highlighting the abridged study edition of the Big Book as well as Newcomer packets. The display generated lots of interest which is exciting. I love when people show interest in literature that they may not have known about.

I've also been working on gathering literature for the upcoming assembly. I am in need of quite a few "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" for the newcomer packets. I'd like to have at least 100 on hand for the assembly but they are currently out of stock at GSO. If any of your home groups are willing to part with some until they are back in stock, which is supposed to be this month sometime, I will gladly pick them up and pay your group for them. Thanks in advance.

If your group is having a function and you would like our literature set up there, please invite me. I am happy to be of service to you. Looking for group Literature reps.

Trisha M.
D5 Literature Chair
503-505-0565

Outreach: David G.

Public Information (PI): Vacant

Website: John S.

Hi Folks:

My name is John Stark, and I am your alcoholic D5 Web Chair.

Here is my update for May 2023:

Website traffic for the past 30 days:

As of this past Wednesday, we have had 3,526 *unique visitors* to the website. That is a nice bump over the past few months.

NOTE: *Unique visitors* are only counted once even though someone may return to the site multiple times over the past 30 days.

Our top five visited pages for the past 30 days are:

1. Calendar Page
2. Contact Page
3. About D5 page
4. D5 Committee Job Descriptions Page
5. GSR page

Our busiest website traffic days for the past 30 days are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

My activities this past month:

- Calendar updates.
- Added and/or removed flyers from Home page and Calendar/Announcements page.
- Finished up remaining email accounts for active committee chairs.

Reminder:

Please contact me first if a link is broken, a file is missing, or anything else that has to do with the District5aa.org website. The same for any D5 committee email issues. Thank you.

A couple additional items (recurring):

- I am happy to add any events, etc. to the website that you wish as long as they meet the District 5 Guidelines.

- Please review your specific page (GSR, Committee, etc.) and let me know if you want anything added or removed.

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

Regards,
John Stark
D5 Web Chair

GSR Reports

Rising In Recovery (Lynn H - GSR)

My name is Lynn and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is Rising In Recovery Group and online group.

At our business meeting last Friday, we elected a new Business Meeting Facilitator to start June. We are reviewing a new description for our Literature Rep's service position. We will share a first draft in the announcements for group input. The importance of having New Comer packets available and part of the Lit. Reps announcement was discussed at length and will be resumed at next business meeting.

In my GSR report I shared that Virtual District #33 is now part of Area 58. Our registrar Kristen tried to organize a meeting/sharing session this past month for anyone interested in the virtual district could join and ask questions. This did not happen because the two DVM's from established virtual Districts in WA Area 72 and NY Area 48 were too busy to join us due to helping their Delegates prepare for the General Service Conference just held.

Next steps: She will sent out a flyer about the Online District Roundtable Zoom meeting, held by Area 48, District 20 DCM on the third Sunday of every month at 8:00 p.m. ET (5:00 p.m. PT). The next informal meeting is Sunday, May 21, 2023. Kristen is creating an informational flyer about this meeting and will email to DCM's before the next Assembly in May. Flyers will also be available on tables at the assembly.

May Assembly is 19-21 st and Dist. 5 is hosting. I post weekly in announcements and ask local members if they can volunteer. Hopefully I will hear from volunteer coordinator soon about how I may be of service. I look forward to hearing our delegate Amber N. give her Post Conference Delegate Report during the assembly May 20 at 1:15-3:15 (PT) on Zoom and have invited our group to join 857-1621-2794, PC 061035.

Yours in service and gratitude,
Lynn H. GSR, Rising In Recovery Group
Lphilliard2@msn.com

Tuesday Night AA (Jake M - GSR)

My name is Jake and I am an Alcoholic.

My home group is Tuesday Night AA. Our group meets Tuesday nights at 7pm at Bend Church of the Nazarene. The church is located on 27 th just south of Neff. We are an open, one hour discussion meeting most weeks. On the first Tuesday of every month we have a speaker meeting. Come join us to hear some of the amazing stories of a wide range of local members. We also get confused for a mens meeting from time to time so we would love to see more ladies joining us.

We have been seeing twentyish people at our meetings recently. We have not been seeing many new comers, but we have been seeing a diverse group of non homegroup members joining us. We always appreciate seeing other members of the community. We are also a fairly small home group so if you know of any folks who are looking for service opportunities at the group level we always have openings for individuals to contribute. We are also donating snacks for the upcoming assembly.

In grateful service,

Jake M

GSR

Tuesday Night AA

jmarshal51@yhoo.com

24 & Alive (Dawna A - GSR)

District 5,

24 and Alive is located at the Redmond Alano Club. Every day at 5:30 pm plus Sunday at 10:00am is a meditation meeting practicing the 11th step. Saturday at 5:30 is 12x12 book study and Sunday at 5:30 is a Big book study.

We hold our business meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:45pm.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Dawna A

GSR

24 and alive

Young At Heart (Nick M - GSR)

My name is Nick and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is the Young At Heart group, and we meet at turning points recovery on Monday nights at 7:00 PM.

Since we last met, we now have an Alt-GSR! Keston! We've also decided to change up our format.

1st Monday will be step of the month, 2nd Monday will be Big Book study, 3rd will be a passage out of some A.A. literature, and 4th Monday will be a speaker meeting with a short presentation of the tradition of the month before speaker! We have quite a few new home group members, which is exciting.

Thank you!
In Service,
Nick M.
GSR
Young At Heart Group
Nicholasmarcos84@gmail.com
541-731-6289

Not A Glum Lot (Charles K - GSR)

My name is Charles, and an alcoholic. My home group is We Are Not a Glum Lot. We meet MWF, 12 Noon, Church of Christ, 554 Newport, Bend, Oregon

Not too much happening lately; very full daily meetings. At our Business Meeting, May 1, we voted to host the Hospitality Room at the Assembly this month in Redmond, on Saturday, from 1-4pm. Come on down, grab some snacks and refreshments, and say HELLO.

In service,
Charles K, GSR
We Are Not a Glum Lot
ctk787@gmail.com

Sunrise Group (Tim C - GSR)

My name is Tim and I am an alcoholic. My Group is The Sunrise Group. Our Group meets Monday through Friday, 7am at The First Presbyterian Church. All is well at with the Sunrise group.

In Service,

Tim C
GSR
Sunrise

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Tim C
Goducks1968@gmail.com
541-420-7185

Thursday Nite Men's Book Study (Carmack M - GSR)

My name is Carmack and I'm an alcoholic. Home group is thurs.nite men's book study! Our group meets thurs. nite at 7:00 pm at the first Presbyterian church on 9th st. across the street from Bend H.S. Our meeting is a hybrid meeting with about 30-35 men meeting in person and a couple on-line.

In service
Carmack Mc
thurs. nite men's book study
phone # (415) 516-7988

Redmond Early Risers (Jared J - GSR)

My name is Jared and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is Redmond early risers. Our group needs Monday through Friday 7 AM to 8 AM.

This meeting is a great way to start the day full of Love, Strength and Hope! Big Book study, Readings from the Twelve and Twelve, As Bill sees it, and the Daily reflections done on a weekly basis.

We are currently passing around sign up sheets for new Secretary positions for those interested in a service position. Announcements are being made for Area 58 assembly coming up and service positions available for the assembly.

Our group will be Secretary of the 7am meeting May 20th at the Assembly (Deschutes County Fairgrounds).

Redmond Early Risers
District 5
GSR
Jared J.

Steps To Sobriety (Todd H - GSR)

We now have a new secretary for our Wednesday night meeting at 530 come on out and support John in his new service role also our Sunday noon meeting now has an new secretary Hans so please check in and support Hans in his new role.

I want to thank Joey for stepping in as our group secretary and don't forget that we love celebrating 365 days of continuous sobriety on the last Friday of the month at 5:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for my sobriety

Todd H

Gsr

Steps to Sobriety

Page 21 (Joy H - GSR)

Greetings District 5,

My name is Joy and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Page 21 Group in Prineville. Our group continues to meet every Monday at 11:30 for fellowship, with drinks and snacks served, followed by a Big Book study from 12 to 1. We are located at the Prineville Christian Church at 1685 Lynn Blvd. There is a large sandwich board out in front of church with AA placards and 3 more AA signs that give easy directions to the basement of the church where our meeting is held. The last Monday of the month is our speaker meeting. On the 29th, Becky from the New Horizons Gr., has graciously accepted our invitation to come share her experience, strength and hope with us. I invite you to check out our speaker flyer at the D 5 website. Our DCM Carrie B. will also be joining us to give a short presentation on tradition 5 and answering any questions on this tradition. Please join us on this eventful day and help support our fellowship. My group will be serving a tasty lunch and yummy dessert directly following the meeting. We invite all to come join us on the 29th.

In Loving Service, Joy

Weathering The Storm (Brandon C - GSR)

My name is Brandon and I'm an Alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

My Home Group is "Weathering The Storm"

Our Group meets at Miller's Landing Park, Monday – Friday at 7:00am:

o Monday = 12 & 12

o Tuesday = Big Book

o Wednesday = AA Approved Literature

o Thursday = "As Bill Sees It"

o Friday = Speaker

Our daily attendance averages (15) individuals

Overall, we are doing well and don't have much to share from a Group perspective.

Being that we meet outdoors, and with the weather turning warmer, we're expecting our attendance to increase as we roll into summer.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Assembly...

In Service,

Brandon C.

GSR "Weathering The Storm"

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Bsidthelegend@hotmail.com

New Horizons (Mario H - GSR)

My name is Mario and I am an Alcoholic. My group is New Horizons. Our group meets Monday - Thursday at noon at TEC (Trinity Episcopal Church) 469 NW Wall St, Bend, Oregon.

Monday Beginners meeting, Tuesday Speaker Meeting, Wednesday Big Book study, Thursday 11 step study and first Thursday of the month is a tradition presentation. It has been a great month! Our group has been busy, on April 28th we had our Pizza Party day, and we have more than 20 people attendance and on May 5th we have our Group Pamphlet highlighting pizza party. It is an honor to be part of a group of people that is always moving and when you are not doing your job, there is always a member ready to help you.

For more information regarding our meetings, updates, and upcoming events, visit our website: NewHorizonsGroupAA.com.

Yours in Service,

Mario H

New Horizons Group GSR

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Liaison Reports

Intergroup:

No Report

AI-Anon: Christina L.

No Report.

COYPAA: Nick M.

My name is Nick and I'm an Alcoholic. I am the District Liaison for the newly formed young people's committee. COYPAA which stands for Central Oregon Young Peoples in Alcoholics Anonymous was formed to create unbreakable unity for young people and anyone with room to grow, who desire recovery from Alcoholism and the solution as suggested in the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our business meetings are on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:00 am. Location is Turning Points Recovery. They are brunch pot lucks. COYPAA will be co-hosting a kickball event with ORCYPAA here in Bend on June 10th. Location and time is to be determined. Feel free to give out my information to anyone interested.

Thank you!

In Service,

Nick M.

Nicholasmarcos84@gmail.com

541-731-6289

New Business

- Post Conference Assembly Orientation - Tuesday 5/16 6pm - D5 Zoom Room. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 869 0310 1724 Passcode: 164
- Election for interim ADCM position. Nick M voted in.
- The Group at the correction facility needs help with a bank account. They want District 5 to hold their funds. Topic tabled pending more information.

Ask-it-Basket

Q. On July of 1955 at the General Service Conference the groups became the permanent successors of Alcoholics Anonymous. How does my group carry this out? With the spirit of Rotation coming up in a few short months it is my responsibility as a trusted servant of AA to make sure that my group is informed on how to elect the best people for AAs future. How do we look for leadership qualities? How do we come by learning facts on electing the right delegates? How does my group best choose trusted servants that have a vision for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous?

A. "By choosing its most qualified member as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future — and the future of A.A. as a whole." -P-19 GSR Pamphlet
Concept 9 "Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees." -AA Service Manual pg C27
First let's remember that the base for our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of several thousand General Service Representatives -AA Service Manual pg C27
When making their choices of G.S.R.'s, the A.A. groups should therefore have such facts well in mind. It ought to be remembered that it is only the G.S.R.'s who, in Group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name Committee Members and finally name the Delegates. Hence great care needs to be taken by the groups as they choose these Representatives. Hit-or-miss methods should be avoided. Groups who name no G.S.R.'s should be encouraged to do so. In this area a degree of weakness tends to persist. The needed improvement seems to be a matter of increased care, responsibility and education. -AA Service Manual pg C27
"Does your group include people who already have a keen interest in the Twelve Traditions and the service structure? If so, you're in luck!"

-GSR Pamphlet p-19, Page 5

If not, where can we start?

- Incorporate an A.A. Comes of Age Study

- Invite a Tradition Speaker
- Host an Annual Tradition Workshop

As the G. S. R.'s meet in their Assemblies to name Delegates, an even greater degree of care and dedication will be required. Personal ambitions will have to be cast aside, feuds and controversy forgotten. "Who are the best qualified people that we can name?" This should be the thought of all. -AA Service Manual pg C27

No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A.A. can be no exception. It must be said, though, that we A.A.'s sometimes cherish the thought that we can do without much personal leadership at all. We are apt to warp the traditional idea of "principles before personalities" around to such a point that there would be no "personality" in leadership whatever. This would imply rather faceless automatons trying to please everybody, regardless. -LEADERSHIP IN A.A.: EVER A VITAL NEED, Bill W.

1. Dedication, stability, and vision are special skills
2. Leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example
3. Is able to exercise his own judgment.
4. Originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our services.
5. Consult widely before making decisions and taking actions.
6. Remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere.
7. Will discard plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.
8. Never passes the buck. Can admit when wrong.
9. Does not powerdrive. Does not meekly become an order taker either.
10. A "politico" is an individual who is forever trying to "get the people what they want." A statesman is an individual who can carefully discriminate.
11. He recognizes that even large majorities, when uninformed, can, once in a while, be dead wrong.
12. When something vital is at stake, it is the duty of leadership, even when in a small minority, to take a stand against the storm, using its every ability of authority and persuasion.
13. A leader must realize that even very prideful or angry people can sometimes be dead right, when the calm and the more humble are quite mistaken.
14. "give and take," the ability to compromise cheerfully.
15. Never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises.
16. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled.
17. Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism.
18. Attributes—tolerance, responsibility, flexibility, and vision
19. Prudence, another essential virtue; Consider if today's nearby advantages boomerang into large liabilities for tomorrow
20. Concerning A.A. Traditions, understand that we must sacrifice the quick, nearby advantage for long-term safety.
21. Able to recognize that our talents vary greatly. One member will have different strengths than the next member. Everyone is not meant to do everything. But there's something for everyone to do.

-Extracted from Concept IX, LEADERSHIP IN A.A.: EVER A VITAL NEED, Bill W.

Q. If my home group doesn't have a GSR
can I speak for my group at the Area
Assemblies?

Q. If I can't make the next district meeting or area
assembly, can I ask someone from my group to go in my
place?

A. "All A.A. members may attend district meetings
and area assemblies. In most areas, only elected
GSRs and alternates (when the GSR is absent) may
vote."

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Closing Announcements / Questions

- Open Service Positions: **PI**
- Talk to David G (Outreach) to sign up for talent show during Homegroup workshop.
- Nick M - Traditions workshop in La Pine - Wednesday nights.
- Nancy B - WFS Anniversary with Intergroup Speaker Potluck meeting. Billy speaking.

Motion to adjourn: Chandra
Motion Seconded: Carmack M
Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with Why Do We Need A Conference?, from page 40 of the service manual at ____ 5:36pm ____.

Tools for GSRs

D5 Ask-it-basket:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLmZpf2ID4qdx14XVkYpxq2-NvnLPQdUm6aT7gEB1vrcLw2g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

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