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Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

In Attendance: Helen W., Diane R., Richard C., Steve M., Bridget M., Kail R., Janet B., Donn C., Tim C., Kyle R., Lauren S., Renee H., Jamie C., Vera F., Walt W., Patrick C., Carrie B, Jeremy B., Milton Abreo (Al-Anon), Heidi, Mike C, Jill B, Louise L, Valerie R, Heidi E., Morgan, Larry K., Bonnie C.

Welcome to new GSR'S:

Larry K. - Not a Glum Lot, Bend
Patrick C. (Alt. GSR) - Rule 62, Bend
Morgan (Alt GSR)- Young People's Group, Bend

Tradition 4 Presentation – “Each Group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole” Discussion followed.

District Secretary – Lisa H.

Minutes of March 2019 meeting presented. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Bridgett M and was seconded by Louise L. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Lauren S.

Report for March 2019 presented.

Opening Balance: \$5150.47

Income: \$423.50

Expenses of \$540.13

Ending reconciled balance: \$5,033.84

Treasurer asked that an effort be made to deposit checks as soon as possible. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written made by Kyle R. and was seconded by Tim C. Motion passed.

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.

The District's general sharing session held on April 7th was a well-attended event with 34 members present. We had 4 members who volunteered to read the background material and present on 5 of the agenda items. This fueled great conversations and sparked further questions. It was amazing to have so many members come and express their opinions, passion and love for Alcoholics anonymous. This has been one of my favorite things to be a part of as DCM thus far. I would like to thank Valorie for taking on the big job of getting it all down on paper. Once completed I will forward it on to all of you to share with your groups. Remember it's not over!!!! We have until May 1st to submit feedback. I

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hope this sharing session has sparked more questions and conversations throughout the District and helped you be able to do similar things within your groups. Please send me any further feedback and I will make sure it gets into the Districts submission to the Alternate Delegate to be compiled with other Districts and members feedback so that the Area Delegate can carry our voice with her to the conference.. If you have further questions about an item either for or against please do not hesitate to ask for the background materials (English or Spanish) so that you can make an informed decision. They are readily available and I will gladly provide them to you.

Although I was not able to attend the “Speaking at Non-AA Meetings” workshop I’ve heard nothing but great things about the outcome. Over 35 members attended this information sharing session about this vital part of carrying the message of AA to the professionals and public at large. The workshop was recorded and I have the audio file if you are interested in listening to it. Let me know and I will send you a link to it.

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

Next Month on May 12th at 2:00 the District will be hosting its first Potluck Assembly Orientation District Meeting. Lovingly known as PAODM. I hope you all can join us for this fun fellowshiping event where we can all gather together to learn how to participate in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and more importantly the importance of participating how in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Registration is now open for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) June 21-23. The event will be held at the Holiday INN Portland airport. Room reservations are being accepted for the event with the room block code of ORG. 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.

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.

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.

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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.

I look forward to seeing you all in May for the Potluck Assembly Orientation District Meeting. Lots of fun to be had!!!

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!

Thank you to all of those whom attended the Speaking at Non AA Meetings Workshop! We had a full house and it was amazing to hear our out of town guests share their experience straight and hope. There is a lot of people to still reach outside our meeting rooms. The work we have as members of this fellowship is ongoing and exciting. Alcoholics Anonymous, Pg. 102 states: "Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others,..."; this is also a quote that appears on our current service flyer. There are many ways to be of service in this fellowship no matter what your time frame is, see me or your committee chairs after the meeting for more information.

I also want to thank those who were able to come for the General Sharing session last Sunday. There is still time to forward your thoughts onto our Delegate, please feel to email her directly or our DCM and have your view point included. As a member of this fellowship we have a responsibility to do what we can for the future and this is an opportunity to do so.

Guess What!!! Next month is our very first District 5 Meeting Pot Luck!!! This is exciting because it is also May 2019 Oregon Area Assembly Orientation. We will be meeting here at 2:00 before the District meeting at 4:00 pm. Please invite everyone who know to both! This is a great time to for your home group members, sponsees and fellowship friends to learn more about the GSR position and general service as a whole.

Hey, Hey! District 5 is looking to host an Area Assembly next year. We need your help!! Please send all service resumes to the DCM for anyone interested in the Assembly Chair or Treasurer position. We must have these filled in order to

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turn in our bid. There will also be many ways o be of service to pull this Assembly off, chat with your HP and sponsor now about how you can be of service - Districts 5 needs your help!

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bon C.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: District 5 to submit bid to host The September 2020 Area Assembly of an Area 58 Assembly:

Intent: To participate in the hosting of an Area 58 Assembly

Current Practice: District 5 has hosted an assembly about every four years The last assembly was hosted by District 5 in September 2016.

Rene H Sunday Morning Serenity presented the motion, Louise L made a second.

Discussion was as follows:

- Helen discussed that she was involved in the 2016 Assembly here in Redmond. It was very challenging but it was a lot of fun. To see the Assembly, materialize and run well was very beneficial.
- Bonnie shared she was on planning committee for the last Assembly and it really helped her to stay sober and would encourage people to participate as it's a wonderful opportunity to make great relationships with people all over the state.
- Louise shared that fundraising is a part of this and folks in her group will be enthusiastic to help.
- Vera shared that hosting is one of the benefits is unity. An opportunity to come together in our District. We had lots of opportunities for fund raising bringing more fellowship in our area. Area and National level Exposure to see AA as a whole.
- Bridgett said that her group was for it as long as they don't have to do to much..
- Lisa shared that she was the greeting committee chair for the last Assembly for our area and all our groups did a stellar job greeting and making people feel welcome.
- Rene shared that her group was excited about the idea but would like Bonnie to come to her home group to share what it would consist of.
- Diane R shared that she is the GSR for 9 groups and 1 of the groups voted that they would like to support the Assembly.

Valorie R called the Question, Greg Seconded. Bonnie called the Vote to Host the September 2020 Assembly here in Central Oregon: 2/3rds voted Yes, 3 abstained. **Motion Passed.**

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District Inventory Discussion:

Question 8: Do all AA members in the District know when they meet and are they invited to attend? Discussion was as follows:

- Carrie B Experience is that when it is announced As “GSR or District” It seems like for newcomers this is like another language. She tries to invite her sponsee’s and newcomers to come to the meeting to understand what it is like. Carrie also stressed how important it is to promote the events and the business of the District.
- Kyle does feel that if he has anything interesting that he will try to announce it more during his announcement time.
- Diane R shared that she has announced and let people know that people are welcome to come to the District meeting and she feels that a personal invitation can make a bigger impact. Anyone who wants any information she will forward by email more information to them.
- Vera has been to home group meetings that the GSR hasn’t made any announcements with regard to what is going on in the District. Vera sometimes feels uncomfortable with being up front and discussing these things. She struggles sometimes she needs to make the information interesting and or funny in some way. Trying to keep her home group up to date on what is happening in our district. It’s an opportunity to educate meetings on WHAT our impact is.
- Tim C has a home group that is in a Prison. He feels it is important to Be an example of what you want to see. Decoding the GSR and other acronyms of the Program are important for understanding.
- Larry stated that most people really don’t know much about what GSR’s do and what the service structure is and how it works. It was highly recommended by my sponsor to get involved in General service and I am very grateful that he helped me get a start and I do feel that it is important to promote general service on a person to person level.
- Jeff stated that he did a little printed piece of paper that had some bullet points on it and that he handed it out and felt that people grabbed on to it when they could look at it.
- Greg discussed that he asked at his Alano Club the GSR’s for all the groups in Prineville and he has not been contacted back by any of them. He is looking for other GSR’s in his area to ride share with. He feels there is a lack of commitment from some areas
- Loren expressed that she announced at her meeting that there may be cookies at the District meeting. People started showing up. Bribing with food sometimes can help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presented by Helen: GSR for Safe Harbor, Bend.

Motion: To Create a District Access Committee Chair

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Purpose: To gather and share information 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 Program.

Cons or other things to consider: Money

Motion seconded by Tim C.

Discussion was as follows:

- Valorie asked if the \$300.00 is enough money.
- Vera is concerned that we have not done enough due diligence with regard to the Issues related to costs and duties and need for this Committee Chair in our Area.
- Greg Discussed that he understands that there is a need for this and would like to help to figure it out.
- Bonnie will re-read the notes from the past minutes to see where we left of on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion tabled.

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.

Hello, I'm going to be out of town for my daughter's dance competition this month and she has one the same weekend next month too :(. I'm very happy to report that we have a full CPC committee again with four total members and everyone is working on legal packets for professionals in the district. I attended the CPC/PI workshop last month and really enjoyed it and was able to pick up two new willing members to join!!

Thanks Brenna L.

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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 (3) weekly Speaker Panels. Two (2) are held Tuesdays evenings at separate facilities in Redmond -- one (1) detox/ mental health, one (1) detox/ residential treatment. 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. Besides weekly commitments, CTF also facilitates additional panels in Bend, Redmond, and LaPine that are convened on recurring bases of once every 2- to 10-weeks.

Last month, all of CTF's fourteen (14) scheduled panels were held. A dozen or so AAs attended an info session at the Downtown Bend library. Five (5) new facilitators joined the CTF Committee. And nearly 60 sober AAs spoke on and/ or facilitated panels as part of CTF's February 2019 commitments. Thank you to all who joined in! 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)

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Correctional Facilities – Walt W.

All available meeting were covered since last report, maintaining the 100% coverage so far for 2019.

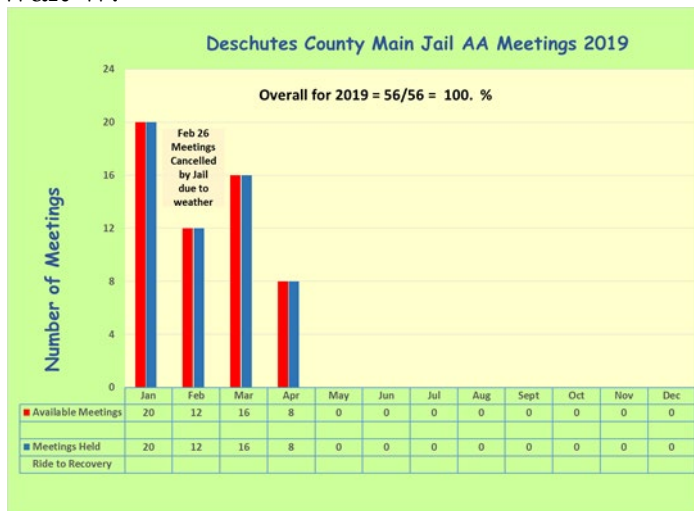
No takers for ride to Recovery program.

The Thursday Night Men's Book Study donated a case each Big Books and 12 & 12's. We thank them for their continuing support to the jail Program.

That's all the District Corrections news for this month.

Thanks for letting me be of service

Walt W.



Grapevine – Mike C.

No report

Public Information (PI) – Donn C.

The following is the April report for Public Information:

Spring is here and with it comes new schedule deliveries which have been underway for a week now. This will be keeping the committee busy for the next month. In other news, the Speaking at Non-AA Meetings Workshop went off without a hitch last month. It was a good turn out and we got a lot of positive feedback afterward. Thanks to those of you from the district who were in attendance. I'm so glad to see events such as these occur and build service awareness for our district. Also, we have finally found an Alt. Chair for the committee - welcome to Ryan B. who we're lucky to have come to us at this time. That's about it for us in PI. We still wish to invite anyone looking to be of service to speak with us in both PI & CPC about helping out with either committee in the future. Thank you, and "all the best"

Donn C

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Website – John P.

No report

GSR Reports

Eastside Early Risers – Valorie R.

We continue to meet at 7am Monday-Friday in the Heritage Hall of First Presbyterian. Each day we have structure based in AA literature. Monday is a Big Book Study, Tuesday is a Step Study, Wednesday is As Bill Sees It, Thursday is Daily Reflections, and Friday is from the Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions.

Our group continues to grow, and meetings are well-attended, by those with a wide range of sobriety. Depending on the day, attendance can vary from 20 to 45. It's a privilege to participate with and be of service to this group.

We had 12 people at our last business meeting, which is pretty exciting.

Recently we have tackled how meeting growth has impacted coffee-making. We still don't have permanent storage, but have been permitted to use the kitchen nearby, which is progress. We also discussed the motion for District 5 to put in a bid to host the Assembly in September 2020, and they voted unanimously in support of the motion.

All of our service positions are filled, except for Alternate GSR. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the next District meeting and Assembly, so our group probably won't be represented there.

Just FYI, we will be moving to the main sanctuary for the last 3 weeks in May, as the church has a commitment with Bend High to use the room where we normally meet during that period - for testing. We did this last year, and made things work somehow.

YILAS, Valorie R.

24 & Alive Redmond – Lisa H

We meet 7 days a week at the Redmond Alano Club. Our last few Group Conscience meetings have been much better attended. After much discussion our group decided to vote FOR the 2020 Assembly. We have changed our format for this meeting with several weeks of discussion and have come to a group decision on those changes. We are doing well financially and continue to give to the District, The Inter group and GSO.

Girls Gone Sober Thursday Night Redmond – Heidi E

Girls Gone Sober meets at the Alano Club in Redmond on Thursday's at 7:00 pm. Attendance has been up to around 30 ladies per week. There's always enthusiastic sharing and members stating that it's their favorite women's meeting. The Best Care ladies are always in attendance. Other sober living and

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treatment facilities have been in attendance the last couple months bringing our numbers up.

The business meeting attendance has been minimal even with me encouraging the ladies to come and see what they're all about. I'll continue to encourage ppl to attend and talk about finding a better time for the business meeting (currently 8 pm on last Thursday of the month).

We voted to change the secretary position rotation from one year to 3 months at the last business meeting. We tabled the following:

1. New coffee/cleanup position
2. Birthday cake position
3. Alternate GSR position
4. Girls Gone Sober sponsored camping trip for summer 2020
5. Starting a second meeting at the Alano club on Sundays at 4:00

There are no issues with the 7th tradition. We've been able to make contributions in the fellowship to Intergroup, etc.

I'll very grateful and blessed to be of service!

-Heidi E.

Huntington HUT – Diane R.

*Average of 18 in attendance over 9 meetings held weekly.

*2 new meetings to start this month:

A morning BB Study Meeting on Mondays at 10am.

A 6 week Back to Basics meeting starting in May (This meeting is using non AA Conference approved literature)

*Attendance at the Group Conscience Committee meeting was excellent this month. Each meeting was represented!

*Chair of the committee has resigned. As thus far no one willing to be the chair, the GSR has been leading the business meeting.

*The group has decided to have a secretary coordinator to assist secretaries as needed to be familiar with the secretary position.

*There are challenges at the group related to primary purpose, affiliation with another 12 step program, and lack of members willing to serve. Hopefully these are SLOWLY being resolved□

Submitted by Diane R. GSR

Living Sober – Christine B.

The 7:00 Redmond Monday Night Living Sober Group meets at Grace Gate Community Church. Attendance is sizeable, in part because Redmond Best Care joins us and a number coming out of Best Care choose to stay on. We have the experience of time mixed with great service opportunities.

It was a quiet month (with some of us fighting illness). On March 31st a small group gathered to go over the Literature / Agenda Items and on April 7th a couple of us were able to attend and participate in the general sharing. There is a growing awareness of our place in the larger AA family. At our last business

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meeting the group discussed and voted on the tabled motions for the next assembly. We look favorably on having an assembly here next year. We are also changing our format to include other readings and speakers.

The Old-timers meeting has not yet been rescheduled after the postponement, done as a courtesy to the Corned Beef and Cabbage event. This due to illness affecting communication with the church but, we'll announce a date soon.

Monday Night Sunriver – Bridget M.

Elections for secretary, supplies, and coins & literature will be held next month. We are also hoping to elect an alt GSR before my service commitment ends. We will not be funding attendance to the May assembly.

Attitude Adjustment – Mac F

Attitude Adjustment meets Monday through Friday from 7-8 am here at TEC. It is an open meeting that is literature and topic-based. Tuesday is a step study, Thursday is a Big Book study.

Attendance averages around 30 people including a good mix of men and women and age groups, newcomers, and members with multiple years of sobriety time. Attitude Adjustment has a healthy 7th tradition and supports District 5, Area 58, GSO, GSR travel and Central Oregon Intergroup. Business meetings are held on the first Saturday of every month at 6:45 am. Attendance ranges from 10-20 members. There are two service positions currently open including Alternate IGR and Alternate GSR.

At our April business meeting we discussed two of the three tabled motions from the February assembly. Our group conscience was overwhelming support to fully fund all officers to attend Assemblies and to restructure the IT committees and fund a third member of the committee.

I am excited to represent my home group at the May assembly in Klamath Falls. Since this will be my fourth assembly, I will be completing a full year of Area 58 assemblies. I love the comradery of our district, meeting members from around the State, traveling to different districts around Oregon, and participating in AA as a whole. My hope is that more of my home group members will take advantage of the opportunity to serve in general service.

Yours in service and sobriety,
Mac F

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.

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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.

We had our quarterly business meeting which was very well attended. All positions are filled including an Entertainment Committee rep. Monday continues to have great attendance, we are nearing the end of The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book. Friday nites boasts record breaking attendance! Last month we began a tradition of once a month Monday potlucks, all are welcome!!

We will be hosting the Intergroup Potluck Speaker meeting in a few months. We are excited about being of service participating in preparation to host fall 2020 Assembly should our district get that opportunity.

Thank you all for supporting one another in sobriety,
Louise

WFS – Brenna L. (alt GSR)

WFS meets on Wednesday 7:30, Friday 7:30 at River Bend Church and Sunday 7pm at the Environmental Center.

We still do a fellowship night on the Second Friday of every month after our meeting, we have games and pizza and everyone is invited. We are having our annual Birthday Potluck this year to celebrate our 59th Birthday as a continuous group!! I have attached a flyer to this, it's May 15th at 6pm, we will have 3 speakers, Billy with 41 years and Denise T. & Eric G. Please spread the word and come, we will provide ham, turkey & cake!! Thanks WFS.

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.

Jerry, our chair has recently moved out of the area. The Intergroup chair position is open immediately. Because I am the vice chair, it then falls on me to chair the Intergroup meetings, I'm here to beg anyone who has even the slightest organization skills and or who has ever served The Central Oregon Intergroup to consider stepping up and taking this position as chairing business meetings in this way is not a strong suit of mine. I will not pretend to know anything about Intergroup or how it runs. I am willing to do it, however I am definitely not the most qualified man for the job. In other news, 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. The last Intergroup meeting we decided to start including the financials and contributions in the meeting minutes to be posted online in the spirit of trying to be transparent for all members. Now even members who are not in service will have access to their Intergroup treasury report. IGRs, make sure to get this in

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your notes to take back to your group. Fun event coming up this month. Friday April 26th at 7pm the COIG Entertainment committee is putting on the "Spoken Word" event. This will be an AA speaker meeting followed by an evening of sharing your poetry, short stories, and any written word you would like to share. This will be held upstairs across the street in St Helens hall. If you would like a flyer for your group, I brought in 4. Raise your hand and claim one now. Hotline position is open. 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. The current open position is the Wednesday 1-5 pm shift. 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. Thank you for allowing me time to report on your local Intergroup
Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG 541-788-7276

Motion to adjourn: Tim C.

Seconded by Louise L.

Motion passed and meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement at 5:35pm

GSR'S TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUP!

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

- **Please come and join** The District for a potluck and a great opportunity to learn about what the role of the GSR is and what they will be doing at the May assembly. **We hope to see you on May 12th at 2:00 at TEC. Refreshments and Raffle Prizes!!!!**
- **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

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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

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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