

District 5 Oregon Area 58

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.

Attending: Bonnie C, Kyle R, Christine B, Walt W, Renee H, Tim C, Pilar T, Kail R, Helen W, Carrie B, Lauren M, Donn C, Larry, Jim B., Chrissy, Mac, Valorie R, Heidi E, Jill B, Lauren M, Bill W, Willie M, Geri H, Matt, Alyssa T, Mike C, and Louise L, Mike S., Patrick

Welcome to new GSR: Pilar T. proxy GSR for Home Away from Home

Tradition 10 Presentation – “Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

District Secretary – Renee H.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting minutes as written by Louise and was seconded by Tim C. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Walt W.

Reported Group contributions: \$1833.15 Expenses: 460.30 ending Balance \$6412.58 Alyssa T made a motion to accept Treasurer Report as reported. Christine B. seconded. Motion Passed.

DCM Report – Bonnie C.

District 5!

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

The September Assembly that was held in La Grande, OR was an exciting time with the elections that took place for our future trusted servants. Brad L. sent out an email updating everyone on who will be rotating in as our future Oregon Area 58 officers. At the upcoming November Assembly you will have the honor to watch Vera F. onto the Area Grapevine Chair and Jim F. rotate in in as our new delegate as well as others you should not miss. Online Registration for the November 2019 Service Assembly at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center in Clackamas, OR is open. This assembly is being held November 15th to the 17th and District scholarship funds are available to GSR's to help with attendance. Please contact myself or the District treasurer for more information. At this assembly you will have the opportunity to learn more about the Oregon Area Service Committees which include: Accessibility, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Hospitals, Translation/Interpretation, Website, Newsletter, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities, Finance and Grapevine.

What the heck does all this mean and what is going to happen you say? Well, come to the District 5's Area Orientation & Potluck Sunday November 10th at 2:30pm right here at TEC in Bend. Feel free to contribute to the potluck, bring a friend and home group member and get excited for the District 5 business meeting that follows!

Thank you to all who submitted their service resumes for our open District Committee Chair positions. Kyle and I together would like to announce the following:

Ryan B - Public Information Chair

Alyssa - Accessibility Chair

Carrie B - Cooperation with Professional Community Chair

Matt F. - Corrections Chair

The District Website Chair position is still open. You can find more information about the responsibilities for this position in the D5 guidelines which can be found on the website district5aa.org. This position will be appointed by the DCM. If you are available and would like to be considered for one of this position please submit your service resume to dcm@district5aa.org. Please continue to announce this open position at your home group.

Thank you to all those rotating on and rotating in. I am encouraged and excited for all the willingness to be of service in District 5. Together we can accomplish so much.

Yours in love and service,

Bon. C.

Alternate DCM Report- Kyle R.

I am humbled to be stepping in as your new Alt. DMC. After watching Brad and Bonnie service this district, and seeing their love and passion for service and the AA fellowship I can only hope that with Bonnie's help I can continue to follow in their path.

Attending the area assembly last month was a joy as always. It was wonderful to spend the weekend with such dedicated members of our fellowship and enjoy the strength of spirit that fills those rooms. Participating in our area's elections, has once again impressed upon me the humility with which we approach service in AA. The phrase, we "are but humble servants" continues to define my experience with general service, and it is with that in mind that I am excited to humbly serve our district as Alt DCM.

Likewise, it has been amazing to review the volunteers committee chairs with Bonnie and see so many enthusiastic members ready to join the district in helping to carry the AA message. Thank you to all those committee chairs who are leaving their positions this month and I am excited to how our new chairs continue your hard work.

I am nervously preparing for next month's Area Assembly Orientation. The November Assembly is always an incredible opportunity to see the many ways in which our area services Oregon through the various Area Committees and I am excited to help prepare any of our GSRs for that experience. Bonnie has certainly paved the way in helping to develop our orientation and I'm sure despite my trepidation with her help, we'll all show up prepared. I am excited to continue to get to know District 5 and our many active meetings over the next two years.

Yours in loving service,

Kyle R.

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.

This has been an interesting month, so far. At the first of the month, we were negotiating with a woman named Heidi at the River House here in Bend. She was our contact person when we were negotiating a proposal for the Sept. 2020 Assembly. That proposal was well on its way to being ready to send to Penny H., the Area Alt. Chair. We reached a critical point and had to abandon that process.

Since then, we have been negotiating with River House to host the May 2021 Assembly, again with Heidi. We were using the old bid as a template for the new proposal. All was going very well until last week when I sent Heidi some additional information. I immediately received an email saying essentially "Heidi doesn't work here anymore."

I am now working with a woman named Linda at River House. We have spoken on the phone and I am meeting with her tomorrow for the first time. I plan to go over our needs and use the last proposal as a base. I hope it goes well. I will keep our DCM and Alt. DCM updated.

YILS, Helen W.

Old Business

None

New Business

Bonnie will be emailing out the new District5 2020 Budget report please take this to your group so it can be voted on at the next District meeting. She will also be emailing out the Area 58 budget.

Bonnie needs a response to make plans for purchasing for plane tick to attend PRASSA before so ticket cost goes up

? Larry ask if there is a separate budget committee- Bonnie and Kyle determine the budget.

? Have contribution gone up or down or been consistence.

? Have we ever fallen short because of sending our DCM to PRASSA. The answer no.

? Greg S. Would be possible to get last 2 years contributes and expense.

Motion: *DCM to acquire a ticket for 2020 PRASSA before the end of 2019 from the District 5 year end budget.* Made by Larry K. and second by Carrie B. Louise call the question. Christine B Second. end Debate Motion passed.

Bonnie said there is money available for workshops. Please go to your home group ask what workshop they would like to have put on. These are the following workshop District 5 has put on in the last 2 years: Safety, 7th Tradition, Archives, 4th Tradition, Public Information, and Submitting to Grapevine. A workshop on sponsorship and service sponsorship has been requested. We have a lot of people come from out of the area to be part of District 5 workshops. Someone ask can we fly in have a speaker fly in to be at a speaker of our workshop. DCM responded by saying take it back to your group.

Also, the possibility of raising awareness about corrections wanting Big Books and grapevine subscription. Any ideas like this about more awareness of what is needed to carry the AA message.

Committee Reports

Archives- Valorie R.

Committee Report

The purpose of our District Committee is to collect and organize archival materials/media related to the local history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Central Oregon. This includes group and individual histories, and other documentation from various business meetings, workshops and social events. We have been a "committee of one" for many years, and I will continue to work towards changing that in the upcoming year. There is lots of work to be done.

To begin with, we are in need of a steering committee. This would be a small group who would provide a group conscience to set policy, and to make recommendations to the District 5 Committee, particularly where increased budget will be needed.

Please contact me if you have interest in any of the following:

- 1) participating in the District 5 Archives Steering Committee,
- 2) helping with Archives Committee activities,
- 3) requesting an Archives display,
- 4) donating archives materials, and
- 5) making any suggestions.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to our District

Access- Alyssa T.

New and Welcome

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

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Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Tim C.

The CTF Committee will hold a brief info session, Saturday, 10/19, at 3pm; immediately after the 12 Step Call workshop at Brooks Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church. We invite all to attend the workshop and stay to learn about the ~15 open or soon to be open positions on the CTF Committee. The Primary Purpose of District 5's Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) Committee is to carry the AA message to alcoholics who still suffer. 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 2-4 sober AA members share their experience with our Program of Recovery. 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 all 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 La Pine 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 and residential treatment facilities in Redmond. 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." Current patients, their families, and/ or hospital staff are not always present. We have found, however, an increasing number of newcomers to AA, many former patients at the hospital, as well as visitors to Central Oregon are attending the CTF Saturday Speakers. The CTF Committee is cooperating with the host facility, as well as sponsoring groups to try to ensure the AA message of Recovery is available in Central Oregon's largest hospital, while maintaining AA Tradition. Last month CTF held 16 panels. One (1) facilitator joined the CTF Committee, none rotated out. Five (5) Home Groups have made firm, ongoing commitments to sponsor the Saturday hospital panel. Thanks to The How & the Why of It, Attitude Adjustment, Eastside Early Risers, Sunday Morning Serenity, and Sisters for Serenity for their commitments. And one (1) new weekly panel was added at a treatment center in the Prineville! Thanks to the AA Groups meeting at the Rebel's Roost for coordinating this effort!

At present, CTF seeks AA members and/ or Home Groups (Hospital panel/ meeting only) for the following

~1214 commitments that are currently or soon to be open:

- St Charles, Bend (every Saturday, 1:30-2:45): ~2-3 facilitators/ groups
 - Monthly, every other month, or periodic commitment
 - POTENTIALLY OPEN: 2nd Sat, even months
 - OPEN (1): 5th Sat (Nov '19; Feb, May, Aug, & Oct '20)
- BestCare Residential, Redmond (every Tues, 7-8pm): ~4 facilitators
 - Monthly, every other month, or periodic commitment
 - OPEN: 1st Tues, odd months
 - OPEN: 1st Tues, even months

- OPEN (1): 4th Tues, odd months
 - OPEN (1): 5th Tues (Oct, Dec '19; Mar, June, Sept & Dec '20)
- Brooks Detox, Redmond (every Tues, 7-8pm): ~3 facilitators
 - Monthly, every other month, or periodic commitment
 - OPEN (1): 1st Tues, odd months
 - OPEN (1): 1st Tues, even months
 - OPEN (1): 5th Tues (Oct, Dec '19; Mar, June, Sept & Dec '20)
- Pfiefer IOP, Bend (2nd Wed AM, every 3rd month beginning 9/11/2019): 1 facilitator
 - Periodic commitment
 - OPEN (1): Dec 2019; March, June, Sept, & Dec 2020
- Pfiefer In-Patient, LaPine (1st Mon, every other month): 1 facilitator
 - Nov 2019; Jan, March, May, July, Sept, & Nov 2020
- Serenity Lane, Bend (Wed evening & Fri Morning every 10-weeks): 1-2 facilitators
 - Every 10-weeks beginning 1/8 & 1/10/2020

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For fun and for free, with love in active service,

Tim C. <d5aa.ctf@gmail.com>541-610-4431

Correctional Facilities – Matt

New and Welcome

Grapevine – Mike C.

No Report Submitted

Public Information (PI) – Ryan

New and Welcome (Donn C. filling in)

Dear all - the following is the October report for Public Information:

October has brought us fallen leaves and my leaving this service position. As of today, Ryan B. is officially your new Public Information chair and I'm very glad to have him be chosen to take the helm. Unfortunately, he's away for a wedding and I can't give him a proper introduction, but rest assured, this committee is in good hands under his supervision.

Currently, the committee has just begun schedule and pamphlet deliveries with our new Fall quarter starting last week. Two couple of our helpers for deliveries rotated out and we could use a new member or two for that reason. So, please: if anyone you know in the program who can spare an hour or two per quarter, send them Ryan's way; it will be greatly appreciated. That is all to report at this time.

I look forward to watching Public Info. move forward in its new direction and I've made myself available to the committee for any extra assistance in the future if need be. It's been a pleasure working with this group, and I've enjoyed my time doing service alongside each of one you. Best of luck to all the new appointees as well as the others who are departing.

Thank you, and "All the Best",
Donn C.

Website – Vacant

Intergroup Report-Carrie B.

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

Sunday October 27th. Intergroup Elections coming up in next month. Nominations are this month. Bring your service resume to the Intergroup meeting in this room at **5:30 on the Sunday the 27th**. Open positions are as follows... **Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Hotline Chair, Newsletter Chair, Website Chair, Schedule Chair, and 2 Advisory** board members

Saturday Oct 19th, 12 Step Call Workshop at Brooks Hall, Trinity Episcopal Church from 12 - 2:30 pm

Saturday Oct 26th, Intergroup potluck Spk Mtg at 2242 N. Main St. Prineville, Calvary Baptist Church. Potluck starts at 6, Speaker starts at 7

Monday October 28th Firing Line Speaker meeting Bethlehem Inn - 3705 N Highway 97, Bend, OR 97703 at 7:30pm 10 min spk.: Mike S. From Safe Harbor & main spk: Angie O. From Attitude Adjustments

Saturday November 9th, Redmond Potluck Spk Mtg 237 NW 9th st. Redmond Or. 97756 Potluck starts at 6, Speaker starts at 7

Thank you for allowing me to be of service! Carrie B. Vice Chair COIG 541-788-7276 JandCBlake@gmail.com

GSR Reports

The Home Away From Home Group-Pilar

(HAFHG) of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday, from 7-8:30pm, and Sunday, from 2-3:30pm, in Deer Ridge Correctional Institute (DRCI) -- a men's minimum/ medium security prison near Madras OR. Meeting attendance ranges between ~8-40 inmates of varying lengths of sobriety. Thursday meetings are AA literature based. The third Sunday is an outside-speaker/ open discussion meeting. The fourth Sunday is an inside-speaker/ open discussion meeting. Other Sundays are open discussion meetings. The first Sunday of the month we hold our business meeting and also celebrate milestones in sobriety.

We have 5 current inside service positions; Thursday Secretary, Sunday Secretary, Literature and Coin Person, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. All service positions are currently filled. A new treasurer was rotated in this month. It was voted by the group to use some of the funds in the HAFHG account to purchase coins. It was discussed that the HAFHG donate a percentage to intergroup, district and GSO, as to be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. This has never been allowed, but the group is interested in looking into it.

A new inside contact/volunteer coordinator has been hired by the Oregon State Department of Corrections. We have seen a more speedy process in expediting the clearing and badging of volunteers- a process that used to take up to 6months, we see now, taking just a few weeks.

Closer to home, additional outside-AAs are now navigating the OR DOC Volunteer Certification process. If completed, they could help facilitate the 104 meetings we hold every year -- a responsibility currently shared primarily by 2-3 volunteers. It's our hope to have at least six outside-AAs with firm, scheduled commitments within the next few months. To support the HAFHG with your physical presence, please speak to Tim C, Daryl L, Pilar T, or Roberto F; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

Eastside Early Risers-Valorie R.

Eastside Early Risers meets at 7am Monday-Friday, upstairs in the Heritage Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Our formats vary, but with each being based in AA literature. Monday is a Big Book Study, Tuesday is a Step Study, Wednesday is from As Bill Sees It, Thursday is Daily Reflections, and Friday is from the 12&12. We enjoy a healthy spirit of rotation, have a solid 7th Tradition, and have recently welcomed several new home group members. All of our service positions are filled, except for Alternate GSR and IGR.

Last month we had our first experience sponsoring the St. Charles Hospital panel meeting, and it went very well.

Sunday Morning Serenity-Renee H.

Our meeting meets once a week. It is well attended. Signing is offered for deaf AA members at this meeting most Sundays of the week. We are sponsoring the St. Charles Hospital panel meeting and have a coordinator. She is asking our members to help carry the AA message. It is exciting to see people getting involved.

Tumalo Friday night Speaker meeting and Monday Book Study, Louise L.

Greetings from Tumalo Friday night speaker meeting and Monday book study.

On Friday we meet at 7:00pm, Monday at 6:00 PM at the only little white church in town, in the fellowship building.

Our meeting is are open to all, and are wheelchair friendly. We have a room available for children and a service position to help support their adults in monitoring them.

Last Friday was standing room only (120+) with almost 200 years in sobriety anniversaries celebrated!

On the first Monday each month we host a potluck open to all beginning at 5:00pm.

I am planning to attend the November Assembly.

Thank you,

Louise L

Men's Straight Talk Group – Greg S.

It's been a slim month with attendance down a bit. Our business meeting has been delayed as our treasurer is on vacation. Our business meeting is scheduled for 10-26. So no action on the assembly items. Yours in love and service,

Greg S

Closing Announcements

Motion to Adjourn: Walt W. Motion Seconded: Tim C. Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm

