

# District 5 Oregon Area 58

## Meeting Minutes

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4pm.**

**Attending:** Kyle R, Walt W, Darcie T, Larry K, Mike S, Helen W, Kelly B, Mike S, Renee H, Reed K, Geri H, Carrie B. Christine B, Jamie S, & Vera

**Welcome to new Group Service Representatives:**

**Concept 4 Discussion:** Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

**District Secretary – Renee H.**

Please submit your report [districtsecretary@district5aa.org](mailto:districtsecretary@district5aa.org) by Wednesday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month District 5 meeting. This helps with accuracy and time constraints. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March meeting minutes as written by Larry K. and was seconded by Christian B. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report – Walt W.**

Reported Group contributions:1242.31 \$ Expenses 904.67\$ ending Balance \$5464.88 A motion was made to accept Treasurer Report as reported Kristen B. and Reed R. seconded. Motion Passed.

**See Treasurer full report [www.district5.org](http://www.district5.org) (click on district meeting minutes they are listed below the minutes)**

**DCM Report – Bonnie C.**

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. Thank you everyone attending our business meeting today and your time being of service to the A.A. fellowship. I would like you to extend my gratitude to your home groups for their contributions to the district to help spread the word to the still stuffing alcoholic.

**Alternate DCM Report- Kyle R.**

Hello District 5!

My name is Kyle R and I am an Alcoholic. It is my humble pleasure to serve as the Alternate DCM for District 5. I hope you are all healthy and safe, and able to stay connected to our wonderful fellowship during this unusual time. Thank you as always for your groups' support of the district. I know that groups are continuing to carry the message and we will continue to support you as best we can. Our wonderful intergroup has done an amazing job of keeping Central Oregon up to date on how meetings are being held, but if your group needs any assistance transitioning to a remote format the district would be happy to share all the resources we have.

It has been an especially weird month for me as a servant for District 5. Usually I get excited about all the things we are trying to plan for the upcoming months, but with all the uncertainty that comes with the current health concerns, most of my district responsibilities have come down to cancelling rather than planning. It was definitely a disappointment to have to cancel our march workshop on sponsorship and service sponsorship, but I know that our guests and all of district 5 will be happy show up at a later date when things have settled back down. I am working to set up an online workshop to take the place of the workshops we have had to post pone and I will be emailing that out as soon as a I have more details.

In reading our fourth concept today I was reminded that now, more than ever we are relying on the dedication of our trusted servants to continue to carry the message. This means much more than just the phone lines at GSO, but everyone who is showing up to chair a meeting remotely. Our many members who have stepped up to help figure out this new digital world of meetings. Business meetings have been hard in my homegroup, a conference call isn't the best format to make sure every voice is heard. But the spiritual principles of this

program rely on us all having a voice and using it to make sure that AA works for everyone. I'm happy that we are able to hold this meeting today so you can participate in our great service structure. I'm sure it won't be perfect, AA never is! But we'll all do are best and if there is anything you or your groups need, don't hesitate to reach out to Bonnie or me. We are here to be of maximum service to you!

Yours in Love and Service, Kyle R. Alt DCM

### **Assembly Host Committee Chair: Helen W.**

Christine B. gave report she is on the committee last word was there was going to be a planning a meeting for positions that was canceled due to the coronavirus-stay home stay safe. So, at this time not much to report

### **Old Business**

May Assembly has been canceled a virtual Assembly is schedule for Saturday-Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendar it will be a first and you will not want to miss it. Jim F. our Area Delegate will attend a virtual General Service Conference meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup> another first go Jim F. District 5 will reschedule virtual meeting for the Agenda items for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am – under announcements.

### **New Business**

District5 DCM and Alt. DCM would like to let the GSRs and AA groups that if there is anything we can do to help the groups as our AA community adapts to coronavirus pandemic, please contact us. We are here to help.

### **Committee Reports**

**Archives Committee- Valorie R.-no report**

**Access- open**

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

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Tim C.**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE:**

- **All in-person panels/ sponsored meetings are currently suspended.**
- **Your CTF Committee has been communicating with the various facilities we cooperate with. We hope to resume/ increase online panels/ meetings, using zoom or Google Meet, in the coming week(s).**
- **The CTF Committee meeting schedule for Monday, 4/27, is canceled. A rescheduled online meeting will be announced shortly.**

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, all in person panels have been suspended due to COVID-19. CTF is currently working to increase the number and frequency of online panels. More information regarding facilitating and/ or joining online panels will be passed along as it becomes available. The CTF Committee would like to thank individual AAs and AA Groups for carrying AA's message of Hope -- that freedom from alcohol is possible -- to those receiving treatment for alcoholism. Members of your CTF Committee are available to visit your Home Group's online business meetings to discuss CTF service. We love to share and learn how we can better cooperate --

not affiliate -- with institutions and facilities while trying to carry the AA message to those receiving treatment for alcoholism.

Please let me know what I can do to 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](mailto:d5aa.ctf@gmail.com)> 541-610-4431

**Correctional Facilities – Matt-no report**

**Grapevine – Mike C.-no report**

**Public Information (PI) –Ryan no report**

**Website – Larry K**

Thanks to the District for allowing me to serve. The website is completely up to date based on the information I have available. Thanks to Brad's help last month I have needed no further assistance posting anything. I still lack Treasurer's Reports from August 2019 onward. If I can get those (preferably in electronic form) I will post them and the site will be entirely up to date. If anyone notices anything I have done wrong or missed-please let me know so that I can correct it.

In service, Larry

**Intergroup Report-Helen W. Vice Chair**

Like everything else, Intergroup has been impacted by the various ramifications of the Coronavirus outbreak. I hope you are being safe and that you have been and will continue to be safe and healthy. Last month's Intergroup business meeting was cancelled. An Ad Hoc group was meeting on reviewing our by-laws. We finished our work. The next step is to have the IGR's review our suggestions. At our next meeting, it will be online.

Our Central Office Manager, Renee H. and our Web Master, Barry J. have been doing a bang-up job of posting up-to-date changes to meeting times and places online. I have sent changes to them myself and was amazed at how quickly they showed up at the website! Thank you, Renee and Barry! I think all of us in recovery and concerned about the newcomer who is out there without access to meetings. The AA hotline is up and running. Many meetings are posting the **Hotline number 541-548-0440** on the doors of the facility at which they would normally hold face-to-face meetings. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and thank you all for being of service. AA unity is our first Tradition. I think District 5 AA can be proud of itself in these trying times.

Yours in loving service,  
Helen W.

**GSR Reports**

**We are not a glum lot-Larry K.**

We have suspended our "in person" meetings until further notice. We are having Zoom meetings at our regular scheduled times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday-all at noon for an hour. Our participation has varied from 25 to 38. We have established 7th Tradition by mail and Venmo. No reports on that yet.

In service, Larry

**Men's Book Study Sun-Reed K.**

Our group meets every Thursday night 7:00 pm for one hour, currently on Zoom. Attendance has been moderate but improving. We are putting something together on Venmo for 7th tradition and hope to have it going by next meeting. There has been some concern about getting word to newcomers, and now that the info is available on coigaa.org we hope that will make a difference. Otherwise the group is tackling each problem as they arise.

Thank you, yours in Service Reed Kay

**Redmond Eastside Early Risers-Reed Kay**

Our group is new, meeting 5 days a week Monday thru. Friday and is still having meetings. And to the best of my knowledge attendance has been low staying below ten, 7th tradition has been low. The group still wants to be open for the people that feel they need an analog meeting.

Yours in service, Reed Kay

**Sisters 4 Sobriety-Darcy T.**

Sisters 4 serenity is doing zoom meetings for Tuesday and Thursday. Women's Big book study Tuesday 9:30-10:30. Women's Twelve and Twelve Thursday 9:30-10:30. Attendance is 9-14 on the zoom meetings. Darcy T.

### **Tuesday Night AA-Kyle**

Hi, my name is Kyle and I am an alcoholic and I serve Tuesday Night AA as their GSR. We are still meeting at our typical time at 7:00 every Tuesday. We have still been maintaining our usual format, with speakers the first Tuesday of the month and a discuss meeting the following weeks. Please consider joining.

### **Firing Line-Jamie S.**

Starting Monday 4/13 The Firing Line is meeting at 7:30-8:15 meeting ID and password is on the Intergroup website. We are in the process of setting up a Venmo account for 7th tradition.

### **The Home Away from Home Group (HAFHG)**

The Home Away From Home Group (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 6 current inside service positions; Thursday Secretary, Sunday Secretary, Literature and Coin Person, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and inside GSR. 6 of the 6 service positions are currently filled.

Due to COVID-19, the Deer Ridge Correctional Facility has suspend any volunteers from entering into the institution until further notice. As a result we have not been able to continue with our regular meetings, until this week. Just as I have seen meeting rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous on the outside turn virtual, I am excited to report that the HAFHG was able to hold their first virtual meeting on April 8th. The HAFHG will continue to meet every Wednesday from 12:30pm-1:30pm on the virtual platform, until volunteers are permitted to re-enter the facility. It was such a joy to reconnect with our members on the inside! They were excited, just as we were, that we were able to connect and share the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in this new way. Volunteers were sure to be told that, although there has been a change in conditions, the Primary Purpose is still in full swing. Inside members are doing what they can to share the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, through having meetings of their own, continued sponsorship, service and step work. One inside member shared how he saw a need, and as a result of practicing these principles and the deep sense of responsibility, a new meeting was formed on a unit where previously, there had been none.

In our last meeting, before COVID-19, the General Service Conference 2020 agenda was passed out to the inside members. It was suggested to take the agenda back to their units and come up with a group conscious as to which items they would like to see discussed at the conference. They took this suggestion with all of the passion and desire to be a part of and contribute to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The new inside GSR reported that inside members have put together a list of the agenda items they discussed, along with the group conscious. My heart just exploded with joy when I heard this! I will try to see if I can receive those agenda items through the appropriate channels and send them directly to the delegate and alt- delegate. Although there is no guarantee that these items will make it on time, these inside member have shown me what it looks like to walk with willingness, faith and responsibility. I am so thankful. Closer to home, an additional outside-AA is 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](mailto:home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com).

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

### **Sunday Morning Serenity-Renee H.**

Our meeting location has been closed so we are no longer meeting in person. Our group is testing out the online meeting platform we have had 2 meetings only as we meet weekly. We still are learning and working out the details of running an online meeting. We are grateful for the help we have gotten.  
In Service Renee H.

**Announcements:**

See [www.coigaa.org](http://www.coigaa.org) for local AA meetings -click online tab. Also, you can find meetings around the world by going to AA intergroup websites (just search online for aa intergroup and enter a location)  
Online meetings available at [www.aa-intergroup.org](http://www.aa-intergroup.org)

**FREE** access to 2020 Grapevine and La Vina issues. [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

**May 2020 Service Assembly-Rescheduled & Online 06/06/20-06/07/2020**  
See [www.aa-oregon.org](http://www.aa-oregon.org)

**Closing**

5:30 Close w/the Responsibility Statement

Motion to Adjourn: Larry K. motioned, Christian B. Seconded. Motion passed: