

# District 5 Oregon Area 58

## Meeting Minutes

### October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

**Attending:** Carrie B, Jamie S, Christine B, Walt W, Beth M, Michael S, Brenna L, Amanda B, Clayton M, Helen W, Jill B, John S, Mark L, Pilar TC, Reed K, Todd H, Towner M, John T, Forrest B, Lauren S.

**Welcome to new GSRs** Todd H. from Steps to Sobriety, Clayton M. from As Men See It, Amanda B. from Firing Line, Helen W from Safe Harbor, Towner M from Tumalo Grp

#### **Concept 10 Discussion:**

**Short form:** *“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.”*

**Long Form:** *“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority to be always well defined whether by Tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.”*

#### **District Secretary – Christine B.**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting as written, by Brenna L and was seconded by Reed K. Motion passed.

#### **Treasurer Report – Walt W. for Kimber J.**

Reported September: Group contributions: \$983.17 , Expenses \$156.00, Adjustment \$213.98, Ending Balance \$9,805.77

A motion was made to accept the September Treasurer’s report as delivered, by Lauren S and was seconded by Beth M. Motion passed.

#### **DCM Report – Carrie B.**

Good afternoon District 5! I want to first thank you for your trust in electing me in as your new DCM. I want you to know that I take this responsibility very seriously, and with the understanding that I serve YOUR GROUP not the other way around.

I would like to first welcome any new GSR. Welcome to district 5. It is so nice to have you part of the District and of the committee. The way this works for anyone who is new, is that Your Home Group is at the top of the upside down triangle. This means your group is in charge. The district does what the groups it serves says to do, and not the other way around. The same goes for our district. We tell the Area what we would like to see. The area does not dictate to our district or tell us what to do or how to serve. The area is here to serve the districts. Same goes for the GSB. They serve the areas. And what your home group contributes, as far as ideas, opinions, policies, procedures, what we spend money on... all starts at the business meeting at your home group. That's why the GSR pamphlet states very clearly that “The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative

(G.S.R.) the group elects. We cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance." Because we are not holding district meetings in person currently because of the pandemic, Your Alt DCM and I would like to make ourselves available to meet up with you for coffee and/or pie, and give you a New GSR Packet, go over what happens at the area assemblies, your role as a GSR, and answer any questions you may have. Please contact myself or Jamie to set up a time that works for you. My Phone Number is 541-788-7276

I would also like to welcome Our District's new Committee Chairs! Our new Access Chair Mike S., And Our new CPC Chair Ron B. We are still looking to fill Website Chair ASAP and also Corrections Chair and PI Chair as these positions are up for rotation now. Please announce these open positions at your Home Group daily until they are filled. If we all do this they will all get filled. Also still open for intrum term are Archives, and Grapevine. I have a flyer for these positions that can get printed out to bring back to your group, or a link that can be posted directly in the chat if your group is still meeting online. Post or print here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cDoZTEH\\_1Yz0bH39w5hiA6v2S\\_m3DoO\\_9fjNT\\_h\\_92eU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cDoZTEH_1Yz0bH39w5hiA6v2S_m3DoO_9fjNT_h_92eU/edit?usp=sharing)

District 28 invites us to their upcoming online workshop Sunday October 17th From 1pm-3pm titled "The Traditions in a Hybrid World" They invite us to bring any questions on this topic. Zoom ID 828 5752 0706 pw: workshop

Area 58: New Fall Newsletter is out! Either print it from here, to take and share with your Home Group, or copy and paste the following link in the chat if your group is still meeting online.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xd6cw-AJ3evy3jPwmt1W96g-HVz9ej7U/view?usp=sharing>

The November Assembly is coming up next month. Each of the 4 quarterly assemblies hold a slightly different purpose. The one coming up next month is Roundtables! This one, in my opinion, is the funnest assembly! Lots of choices as far as what you would like to learn about. This is also the only assembly all year long, that is not only for the GSRs, but also for the committee chairs! GSRs attend all the Assemblies, but in November we ask District committee chairs to attend as well. This is where you will learn about your new Service position and get to meet other Committee chairs from around the state who are serving in the same capacity. You will get to share ideas and ask questions! Everyone please plan to attend November 19th - the 21st

<https://www.aa-oregon.org/upcoming-assemblies/>

GSO/AAWS: Exciting news for Corrections committees everywhere! The new Corrections Correspondence System was launched on the 27th of September!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nQdmXW\\_LM-Lk25we\\_KcqIS5zXiLLx3S/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nQdmXW_LM-Lk25we_KcqIS5zXiLLx3S/view?usp=sharing) <Read more there

Fall 2021 Box 459 Newsletter is out if you would like to share it with your group. Or provide them with a digital copy using the following link.

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso)

Grapevine's new Podcast has been released! Check it out at [aagrapevine.org/podcast](http://aagrapevine.org/podcast). Or use the link provided. Both of these links are sharable and can be posted in the chat at your home group and other online meetings.

For those who are interested in learning more about The Traditions and Concepts, an online 1 hour workshop is being offered weekly on Tuesdays at 4:30pm. This workshop features a 20 minute presentation on a Tradition, a 20 minute presentation on the corresponding concept, then 20 minutes of Q&A. This week is Tradition 4 of Autonomy, and Concept IV "Right of Participation" Zoom info is as follows: 452 100 1634 pc: 31236

Lastly, Thank you for trusting me to serve your Groups.

In Gratitude, and Service,

Carrie B. D5 DCM

541-788-7276

#### **Alternate DCM Report- Jamie S.**

Hello District 5! My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line Group Of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is an honor to be serving as Alternate District Committee Member for the next 2 years. To grow through service, and to get to know each and every one of you more.

Carrie and myself were able to get with past Alternate dcm Kyle to go over information for this position. I am looking for suggestions from GSRs for topic ideas for upcoming workshops your group would like the district to host. If you have an in person homegroup send me ideas for an in person workshop. If your homegroup is online, send me ideas that the District can put on the zoom platform. You can email me at [dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org](mailto:dcm05-alt@aa-oregon.org) or reach me at [971.297.5419](tel:971.297.5419)

Looking at the November District meeting we normally would have a pre assembly orientation. That has been the Alt Dcm's job to put it on before the district meeting. The district's current group conscience is to buy food for this event. There has also been talk of holding some of the district meetings in person. If we are ready to hold some of the district meetings in person again, the ones that would make sense are the pre-assembly meetings so that we are able to combine with the quarterly orientations. What do you think about holding those district meetings in person at TEC every November, February, May and September. TEC however currently does not allow food at this location. Help us look or give ideas for other locations to hold these at. This also gives an opportunity for GSRs who are not on zoom to participate in at least one district meeting per quarter. Your feedback is wanted and needed on this.

Sunday 10/31 from 11:30am-1:30pm District 5 will be putting on a Working With Others Workshop, the topics will include Group Autonomy, Open vs Closed meetings, Preamble, safety and more. Billy N Past US At Large Trustee of AA and Chair of AAWS will be presenting. Masks

will be required. Food will not be provided. \$150 speaker travel expense for Billy N. The location of this event is to be determined. Carrie or myself will email all of you when we get confirmation on a location

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
Jamie S. D5 ADCM

### **Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.**

Good afternoon! My name is Christine and I am an alcoholic.

Because of the continuing Covid safety question, Assemblies will be virtual at least through February of 2022. All currently scheduled Hosted (in-person/hybrid) Assemblies have been shifted further into the future. District 5 is now looking at the dates of May 19-21, 2023 to host our event. I am currently talking to the venue about these dates and researching other possible venues so that we know what our options are when our time does come.

Our name has been changed from May 2021 Assembly Host Committee to District 5 Assembly Host Committee. Only one person on the committee is unable to continue in their position, at this time, because of a move out of the area. At the November Assembly coming up Gabriel K will fall a rung down the service ladder to become Area Chair and Joe S becomes the new Area Alt Chair. We greatly appreciate Gabriel and welcome Joe. We look forward to working with him. The committee remains ready to host a great event when our opportunity rolls around!

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. [christine.db42@gmail.com](mailto:christine.db42@gmail.com)

## **Old Business**

Open Service Positions: ***Needs filled NOW for a full two year rotation:*** Corrections, Public Information (PI), Website.  
***Interim positions until next year's rotation:*** Grapevine, Archives.

## **New Business**

**-Review tabled motions for upcoming 2021 November Assembly to take back to groups (3).** These can be found on the Area 58 website in English and Spanish. [aa-oregon.org](http://aa-oregon.org) Assemblies/Tabled Motions & History. Please take these back to your groups, in order to get your groups conscience, to take to the Assembly in November for voting on.

**-Pamphlet & Pizza Party!** -Discussion about a Unity and Service event. More information to follow. \*\*\*Please reach out to Jamie S with any other event ideas.\*\*\*

**-Flyers at OSYPAA** - Lauren S has stepped up to be of service at OSYPAA.

**-New Tradition/Concept Study meeting** - Discussion about implementing on first, third and fifth Sundays at TEC.

**-Group Autonomy & AA Unity Workshop** on October 31, 11:30am-1:30pm, in-person at Brooks Hall (TEC). Speaker Billy N from Atlanta GA (Past Delegate, GS Trustee, AAWS Chair). \*The Preamble \*Open/Closed Meetings \*Meeting Formats \*Prayers & Promises Free admission. Free giveaways. Free Literature. Everybody gets a free raffle ticket, service volunteers get TWO!! [volunteersignup.org/LPHEF](http://volunteersignup.org/LPHEF)

## **Committee Reports**

**Archives - Vacant**

**Access - Mike S.** - Present

My name is Mike and I'm an alcoholic. It seemed fitting for me to make myself available for this position because I was the one who made the motion 3 years ago to create this committee for our district in the first place. Since we have not been able to fill the position in three years, I felt a responsibility to step up.

I have researched the GSO Accessibilities guidance in the best way to be of service to those in need, and I was looking forward to getting started in helping to create ways to make AA meetings more accessible to all. However, as of recently, looking at the notes from the original ad hoc committee I headed up back in 2018, pushing to implement this committee, it is becoming more clear to me that the majority of the expressed needs back in 2018 are no longer issues because the landscape has changed so dramatically with so many online meetings and groups available today. Some examples of this would be the expressed needs in 2018 were members in the hospital not being able to get to meetings, members with no transportation, members who need child care, and who can now just zoom into a meeting during nap time. Mobility issues, members who are sick with a cold and/or the flu and could be contagious... All of these and many others seem to have been taken care of as a result of our online meeting explosion. As far as this committee is concerned, It seems as though God may have done for us what we were not doing for ourselves.

I will do more research this next month, but in the spirit of prudence, and in good conscience to the district, I may have to recommend that this committee is no longer as necessary as it once was a short 2 years ago.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Mike S. D5 Access Chair

yours in love and service

Michael A Seeley

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Ron B. - Absent - Sent Report.**

I received materials and an outstanding orientation from the previous chair. Nothing new to report. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Rob L. - Absent - Sent Report**

- The CTF committee has been growing and is now seven members strong. Outreach to home groups continues.
- We are currently bringing panels into one facility: Cascade Crest Transitions. This meeting is owned by Vicki S. of the New Horizons group. Meetings have been occurring for four months and are consistently well received.
- St. Charles is closed to outside groups due to COVID-19
- Best Care wanted us to bring in a Zoom meeting. When we checked back with them to make this happen, we were told they had no clients!
- We are investigating bringing a Spanish-speaking meeting to La Casa in the Madras area.
- Inspired by the Best Care Zoom request (above), we have procured our own Zoom account.
- We are also exploring how we can support (or start) the Bridging the Gap transitions program.

In service and love!  
Rob L.

**Correctional Facilities – Vacant**

**Grapevine – Vacant**

**Public Information (PI) - Vacant**

**Website – Vacant**

## **GSR Reports**

**Firing Line- Amanda B.**

My name is Amanda and I am an alcoholic. My Homegroup is The Firing Line Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We meet every Monday night at 7:30pm on the Zoom platform. We are a Big Book Study except for the last day of the Month which is a speaker meeting. Octobers speaker meeting will be on 10/25. There will be a short presentation on Tradition 10 and main speaker will be Jeremy B from The Firing Line. Jamie attended the Area Assembly last month and enjoyed the Oregon Area Inventory. Because Jamie was recently elected as ADCM and cannot wear 2 hats, I will be filling in for her and representing our group in her place for the remainder of the term, until we elect a new GSR.

**Home away from Home – Pilar T.C.**

Hello Family and Welcome October!

This month's report is very much the same as last month.....With a heavy heart for our inside and outside members of the Home Away From Home Group, our current online meetings have been placed on an indefinite hold due to the spread of COVID 19 in the facility. Our inside members are in lockdown. As we were looking forward to returning to in person meetings, this is

no longer the case. In the meantime, prayers for health, peace and connection are going out to our family on the inside.

Literature continues to be a vital source of hope and recovery for members on the inside, especially during this time of isolation and uncertainty. Literature CAN go where we cannot and the message of alcoholics anonymous can continued to be carried.

As always, any AA approved literature contributions to the HAFHG are still welcomed and greatly appreciated. Your contributions continue to be the AA light to our inside members! If any groups and/or individual members are interested in sponsoring a La Viña or Grapevine subscription to our inside AA members or would like to contribute other AA approved literature, you can contact myself or Tim C.

Another way to be of service to our inside members is to register with GSO for the Corrections Correspondence Service that matches inside member with outside members. If you would like more information please visit:

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_us/corrections-correspondence-service](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/corrections-correspondence-service).

Currently, the badging process has been placed on hold until further notice. There are still ways, however, that we can be of service! If you have any questions please speak to Tim C or Pilar TC.; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: [home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com](mailto:home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com).

### **New Horizons – Beth M.**

Hello, my name is Beth and I am the New Horizons Interim Alt. GSR reporting for our group this month. Last month Carrie was elected DCM which means that I will represent New Horizons at District level so she can fulfill her duty as DCM at our District meetings.

Our group is still meeting online Monday – Thursday at noon and hold our monthly business meetings in person outside at TEC.

New Horizons is contributing to GSO and COIGAA only currently at a 50/50 split because District 5 and Area 58 have an excess of funds at this time. Our group has provided suggestions to the District about how funds may be used to carry the message of A.A.

We have scheduled our group inventory online Nov. 12 th 11am-1pm. The inventory is a great tool that has served our group over the years to evaluate how well we are fulfilling our primary purpose and help alcoholics recover. We find the A.A. Group pamphlet is a good resource for information about the inventory process.

For more information regarding meetings, updates and upcoming events, visit our website [NewHorizonsGroupAA.com](http://NewHorizonsGroupAA.com).

In Gratitude,

Beth M., Interim Alt. GSR

541-771-8980 [bgmcsquared@gmail.com](mailto:bgmcsquared@gmail.com)

### **Redmond Early Risers - Kimber J**

My name is Kimber J, I am the GSR for the Redmond Early Risers, we meet Mon-Fri 7am-8am at Zion Lutheran church in Redmond. Our group has 19 members and regularly has attendance of approx 35 people. It is a great book study meeting that focuses on different AA material each day of the week. At our most recent group conscience we voted on the 3 tabled motions from the Area assembly. We are also deciding how to better temporarily disburse our 7th tradition with the knowledge of the deficit that GSO and Grapevine is facing from the novel Corona Virus pandemic. I am happy to be of service and looking forward to serving with you in the coming 2 years.

### **Sunday Morning Serenity – Lauren S.**

Hello my name is Lauren and I am an a Alcoholic. My home group is Sunday Morning Serenity at 10 AM. We are on Zoom. Our ID: 838 6097 6285 Password is Serenity.

Annalisa term will be over. So we need a new Secretary. Becky is the Treasurer and also, the Secretary for the Business meeting. Lauren is the GSR and the Intern IGR. We are looking for Alternate Treasurer, Alternate GSR, IGR and a Alternate IGR.

Our business meetings are the first of the month. As I mentioned we are a small group, and a lively group. I hope to see some of you next Sunday. Also, pass this on for people who want a Sunday meeting.

In Fellowship and Service  
Lauren S. GSR.

### **Safe Harbor - Helen W**

Helen W., GSR

During the summer, Safe Harbor has been meeting live at Pioneer Park. Last week I contacted the Pastor of the First United Methodist Church about returning to indoor meetings there. She was extremely enthusiastic to have us return. She called back later in the day with an invitation for us to begin meeting in the Sanctuary Tuesday through Friday at 5:50 to 6:30.

The Facilities Manager then contacted me and sent the forms to be filled out. We had our business meeting at which the group voted to proceed with the application.

I turned the application in to the Church via email and will turn in the hard copy to them on Monday.

Hopefully, we will be able to begin meetings there late this week or next week.

We are establishing a small work committee to meet the requirements of the Church and insure health and safety of our group members. We will be using a document from Intergroup as a framework.

We are very excited to be back at the Church which has been our home for decades.

### **WFS - Brenna L**

WFS continues to meet Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7pm, we are meeting hybrid on Zoom and live in the TEC basement room, we have an average of 20-30 people per meeting on Wednesday and Sundays. We have a new ALT GSR Anders, who is excited to learn more about general service and will be attending some district meetings and assemblies.

Thank you,  
Brenna L. GSR

### **Sisters in Sobriety - Jill B**

The group has had considerable difficulty staying together either on zoom or in person. We still meet Saturdays at 5PM at TEC but the attendance is down for group members to about 4 persons. However there have been between 2 and 4 newcomers attending the meeting for the last two weeks. Service positions as not filled and we will hopefully have group conscience meeting the second week in November to decide what to do. This is quite sad and it is not clear what happened to precipitate the lack of attendance.

Sincerely

Jill B acting GSR ( my term was up a year ago but there has not been anyone to come forward to take the GSR position. I will do this until the group decides how to proceed)  
Sisters in Sobriety



### **Men's Book Study - Bend - Reed K**

Our group meets every Thursday night 7:00 pm for one hour, currently a Hybrid on zoom, and in person, at St. Helens Hall in the Fireside Room, 231 NW Idaho Ave. Bend, Oregon, 97701, across the street from TEC. Our ID, and Pass Code can be found on the intergroup web site, coigaa.org Our attendance hovers around 20, Our 7th traditions are fair, (we now have a Venmo Acct.) and, do our best to contribute to GSO, Area 58, Dist. 5, and Central Oregon Intergroup.

Yours in Service, Reed K

### **IGR Report - Helen W**

IGR Report  
10/9/2021  
Helen W.  
IG Vice-Chair

I was in John Day on the day the IG meeting was held last month. I assumed I would at least be able to attend using my hot spot. I was wrong. It appears that John Day is a major dead zone for internet connections. Consequently, I was unable to "attend" the meeting.

I checked the COIGAA website and minutes are not posted. I emailed the secretary asking for a copy of the minutes, but as of today (Saturday), have not received an answer.

Therefore, I will not have a report to present unless I receive them today. If I receive them, I will make a report at the District 5 business meeting and I will send my report belatedly.

ILS,  
Helen W.

### **Closing Announcements**

**OSYPAA IS IN BEND THIS YEAR! Oct 29-30th!**

**Main Speaker Billy N from GA**

**Register at ><https://osypaa8.com/>**

You can support by announcing and/or attending. Speakers at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday. Also at 9:00am on Sunday. Panels all day Saturday and marathon meetings around the clock.

Motion to adjourn: Beth M  
Motion Seconded: Michael S  
Motion passed.

Meeting was closed with the Declaration of Unity at 5:35pm.

### **Links for GSRs to print out and share with their Home Group:**

Fall Newsletter: [SEP 2021 \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

District Flyers: [Flyers For District 5 GSRs to share](#)

A link to a brand new Tradition 10 GV article. Download, read and share for free here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YJMcqo-sv4RZ5IEh6KohgBxUI4KDopS5/view?usp=sharing>

OSYPAA in Bend this year! Oct 29-30th! Main Speaker Billy N. From GA. Register here><https://osypaa8.com/>

YOU ARE INVITED- On line Service Event flyers:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12iv0MUww1kRVjNShMZY6-BuBZl8wtAfj6gYmwJk1U/edit?usp=sharing> EVERYONE WELCOME!

Tabled Motions: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/taled-motions/>

### **Tools for GSRs**

[GSR report ideas for District report \(1\) \(2\).pdf](#)

[Sample GSR Report to your Group \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

[Service Resume Ideas: Service Resume for DISTRICTS \(5\).pdf](#)

GSR Pamphlet: [P-19 - GSO General Service Representative](#)