

District 5, Oregon Area 58
Business Meeting Agenda
Sunday December 13th, 2020
Open with the Serenity prayer

Attending: Kyle R, Christine B, Renee H, Larry K, Geri H, Walt W, Carrie B, Brenna L, Reed K, Jamie S, Pilar T, Helen, Kelly, Reed K, Peter C, & Ben R.

Welcome New GSR's:

none

Concept 12 Discussion- General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A. A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power, that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and when ever be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

District Secretary: Renee H. Thank you Ben for listing this email on the website, as having two emails was creating some confusion. Please email me your report at d5aa.secretary@gmail.com by Wednesday following the District 5 business meeting so I can get the minutes to our DCM by the end of the week. She will than email them out to all the people attending the meeting. Voted to accept November meeting minutes Larry K made motion, Reed Kay second, and motion was passed.

Treasurer: Walt W.

Contributions: \$219.42

Expenses: \$210.21

Reconciled Ending Balance: \$6871.42

DCM: Bonnie C.

Alternate DCM: 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. 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.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Home Group workshop last weekend. I really enjoyed hearing our guest Craig W. talk about how he has made his homegroup a part of general service. This workshop really highlighted, for me, how much our home groups really are the collective conscience of AA as a whole. Everyone's stories and questions about our traditions, problems, and successes really demonstrated how much the home group really is, as our first concept states, the place of "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for carrying the message to still suffering alcoholics.

I have also been discussing our upcoming Grapevine workshop with our wonderful Area Grapevine Representative, Vera F. We have a fun and exciting workshop planned with a showing of a Grapevine Sketch, Trivia, and prizes, as well as time for questions and discussions about this incredible resource for sobriety. Vera and I are hoping to make this a little different atmosphere from our usual workshops, instead focusing on a time for fun and fellowship in keeping with the Grapevine's roll as our meeting in print! The workshop will be on Saturday December 30 and I'll be bringing up the time slot in new business later, with a poster to follow. Hopefully we will see you all there! The zoom meeting ID is 452 445 6433 and the password will be D5!. I've included the link in my full report as well.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4524456433?pwd=bkIYZWtLK212dEdkS2ZoQjhNU25Ndz09

Thank you all for your support of the district and our fellowship as a whole. This past year has been a rollercoaster for me but having the opportunity to be of service to our district has been a regular reminder to put the spirit of our AA traditions at the heart of everything I do. I'm looking forward to continuing with our all in service in the upcoming year!
Yours in loving service, Kyle R

Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.



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

I attended the last Assembly on Zoom at the end of which I told a whole bunch of people, more than I've ever spoken to at one time before, that we are pushing forward as though the May 2021 Assembly WILL be happening in person and that it's going to be great. Let us all unite and make it so. There are several flyers out. If you have not received the flyers please send your email address to me at cdbergland42@gmail.com and I will get them out to you. We have service positions available and opportunities to help. Please spread the word.

We also have three baskets to raffle off this month. The drawing will be held on December 23rd. I would ask all of you to please help get the word out and encourage people to buy tickets. This can be done through [venmo@selfsupport](https://venmo.com/selfsupport) find under people and a picture of tickets will be sent in return. If asked for the last four digits of the phone number, enter 1806. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If anyone would prefer to purchase tickets in person that can be arranged in Bend or Redmond. Please encourage people to participate.

I have also gotten mugs in. They are very cool! The price for them will be set at our next meeting, tomorrow night. Please send me an email if you are interested in purchasing mugs.

Other self-support efforts soon to follow.

There is much to be done but I have faith. It will ALL get done as we celebrate Recovery, Unity, and Service in a Time of Change.

Questions are welcome. You can contact me at cdbergland42@gmail.com.

Thanks to all for their service, Christine

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Kyle brought up about holding the upcoming Grapevine workshop on December 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. He wanted to see if that was an okay time? Larry K. made motion to be held at 7:00 pm, Carrie B second it. It was voted on, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports: (time allowing)

Assembly – Christine B.

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Access: - Open

Archives: Open

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

My name is Carrie and I'm an alcoholic. My Home Group is the New Horizons Group. I am currently serving as District 5 CPC Chair. Our Next Quarter Business meeting we will discuss another workshop. Our last CPC workshop was based on the CPC workbook and was focused on how AA members are able to best carry the message to professionals.

The next one will be directed **TO** the Professionals themselves. If your group would be interested in offering a service position as your group's CPC/PI representative, I have included a service position description that I can recommend. **Please take this back to your group** so that they can consider electing a representative from your group to be on the district committees. I am also willing to make myself available to your group as your D5 CPC chair, if you would like to invite me to your Business meeting to give a 5 minute presentation to explain what being part of the CPC Committee entails, and to introduce the proposed service position to your group.

Thank you for allowing me to serve District 5, Carrie B. (CPC Chair)

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Open

Corrections - Matt F.

Grapevine: Open

Public Information (PI) -Ryan

Website: Ben R.-

He has been busy. He updated some of the info on the website. You may contact him if you have some other updates. He is working on getting the minutes on the website.

Intergroup-Helen H.

Intergroup had its elections; Chairperson- Kyle, Secretary Jenna, Advisory Mark L & Micheal W. A virtual Thanksgiving alco-thon was held and Christmas alco-thon is planned. The event will be posted on coigaa.org website.

GSR Reports:

KISS-Christine B.

Good afternoon. My name is Christine, and I am an alcoholic. KISS is a hybrid meeting gathering on Zoom and at the St Helens Hall Chapel on Saturday mornings. The meeting now starts at 7:30 to accommodate other meetings using the physical space. It's going very well. Our home group did vote to continue with the hybrid meeting at this time. The decision leading to discussion concerning the necessary equipment which has been, up to now, personally provided by one of our members. There is discussion about the group purchasing the necessary equipment using 7th Tradition money so that the service position can be taken by any and the responsibility spread out. Our next business meeting will be Saturday, December 19th, starting ten minutes before the regularly scheduled ending of the meeting, 8:20. We do have service positions available for the 3D part of the meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

New Horizons-Carrie B.

My Name is Carrie and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is The New Horizons Group.

We are still holding our meetings online, as well as our business meetings and committee meetings. Even a lot of our One on One 12 step work right now is being done in our Zoom Room.

We have started a brand-new meeting. This is a 12 Traditions literature study, at **12 noon every Sunday**. This is a closed meeting. All of our other meetings at New Horizon will remain open meetings. Our literature states that *"Non-alcoholics*

are welcome to attend open meetings as Observers. But only those with a drinking problem attend closed meetings.” We would love for you to come visit and give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome.

We also offer a once a month, **Beginners Orientation**. This informative orientation is held on **Saturday November 28th. At 10:30am**. This is geared mainly toward first time AA members, and professionals who may be interested in learning about Alcoholics Anonymous. Our facilitator gives a short presentation explaining what the Big Book is, a Sponsor, and a Home group. Then we have a speaker share their story for about 25 minutes focusing on early sobriety. The last 20 minutes is anonymity protected Q&A. **Theres no such thing as a dumb question!** Please announce this at your meetings when you have new members or a beginner to AA. Make sure they are given this information and offered the opportunity to put the Orientation on their calendar.

Our workshop committee is currently working on a weekend long 3 day Roundup in February. Because this will take place on the zoom platform, there will be no registration fee. However, registration is required because space is limited. Big book workshop speaker Chris R. from TX will be taking us through the 12 steps, and a Past Trustee/Chair of AAWS will be taking us through the 12 Traditions. Please get this information out to the members of your group ASAP because registration is filling up fast with only 100 spots left, and we really want to do our best to make sure everyone here locally has an opportunity to register.

Upcoming Speakers this week are **Vera F.** from Attitude Adjustments, **Jim K.** form NYC, And **Nick F.** from the Lake Grove Group!

Attitude Adjustment-Kelly B.

Kelly Alcoholic and GSR for Attitude Adjustment. We meet Monday through Friday at 7am, and are currently using the zoom platform. Our attendance is still going strong considering our situation and so is our seventh tradition, even though we have no one to stand for the treasurer position. In fact filling service positions is the main challenge with the group. We currently have some big positions that need to be filled with no one willing to step up. I try my best to encourage service by sharing my experience with it and how it has changed my sobriety, but even if led to water these horses are not drinking. Needless to say, money is still coming in and being distributed accordingly, with the majority (40% each) to GSO and CO Intergroup. Even if everyone isn't able to physically show up, the group's 7th tradition still speaks to the financial support many are willing to give.

I gave everyone a rundown about the November Assembly, and gave them the link to all the flyers that were collected from groups throughout the Area all weekend. That was really exciting. I also told them about the three committees that I was able to hear about during the breakout sessions and encouraged others to look into these on the district level, as other possible ways of service. Right now Attitude Adjustment has a CTF Liaison, and a Grapevine chair. I talked about Corrections, CPC, and also the Grapevine with them. I loved these breakout sessions and really learned a lot and hope that my enthusiasm carried. In our last business meeting i gave my group all the information that i have been given about the May Assembly, service that is available, and how to get into contact with people if they are interested in helping. I have been pushing this a lot. Another thing I touched on and have been including in all my reports, are the unfilled and very much needed committee positions at the district level. Service Service Service, never ending yet always rewarding! At our last meeting we also talked about including the new QR code and instructions for it, in our chat for easy access to lots of printed and audio literature. Our literature representative also proposed mailing and hand delivering newcomer packets, big books, and coins. It's all still in the works, but the group is aware of this need. Another hot topic was the chat window being open during the meeting and the pros and cons for that. It is something that has just been open to everyone, since the beginning, and now we may be moving towards keeping it closed. Who knows? It was a *to be continued* topic . . . not surprised. Other than that, its leaves in the swimming pool, **we are well**. We are still trying our best to stay safe and come up with new ways to carry the message. Thanks for listening.

Kelly

Home Away From Home Group-Pilar T.

I am distraught to report, that Due to COVID-19, all in person and virtual English and Spanish speaking meetings for the Home Away From Home Group have been suspended until further notice. Unfortunately, there has been a substantial outbreak of COVID- 19.

The English and Spanish meeting of HAFHG were able to meet once virtually since the last suspension. The gratitude, love, and reverence for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous was apparent in our inside members. When I am feeling

disconnected today, AA has taught me to resolutely turn my thoughts to those I would help... today my thoughts are with our inside members. I am so thankful for the solution that alcoholics anonymous has given to me and many others. Any literature contributions to the HAFHG are welcomed and always greatly appreciated. The Home Away From Home Group would like to thank Attitude Adjustment and WFS, along with a few individual members for contributing AA approved literature. Literature has been a great resource for our inside members to stay connected to Alcoholic Anonymous during these difficult times.

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.

If there are any questions regarding volunteer or badge processing, please speak to Tim C or Pilar TC.; call or text: 541-819-0448; or email: home.away.from.home.group@gmail.com.

Yours, collectively, in love and service: the inside- and outside-members of the HAFHG of AA
er Report- 12/20- Home Away From Home Group

WFS-Larry K.

Meetings are unchanged: Mon, Wed, Fri at noon till 1pm on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 818 4930 3443; Password: 483711

Attendance is still running 15-25

7th Tradition is down from pre-Covid, but sufficient for our current expenses.

We have 2 unfilled service positions: Alt GSR & IGR.

We have no special meetings or events currently planned.

Our next group conscience is Mon, Jan 4, immediately following our regular meeting.

In service, Larry

Firing Line-Jamie S.

My name is Jamie and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line. We meet every Monday at 7:30pm on zoom. And are a big book study. The speaker for November we had was a member of The Firing Line presented for 5 minutes on Tradition 11 and main speaker was Tahtianna F from Plano Texas. Her 45 minute talk was presented so eloquently as she went through all 12 steps after her story. The speaker meeting for December is 12/28 we have a 5 minute Tradition 12 presentation and main speaker is Joel S from New Horizons. The business meeting was this last Monday and we have elected a newcomer representative to our newest homegroup member. Her job includes welcoming anyone that is new or nearly new, getting to know them, and recommend homegroup members for sponsorship. It has been a great honor to be of maximum service to my homegroup and to those around me as we are in this difficult season of change.

In love and gratitude, Jamie S

WFS December Report-Brenna L.

The Wednesday, Friday & Sunday meeting continues to meet via Zoom and hold monthly business meetings. Not a lot to report this month. I attended the November assembly and we are contributing money next month and would like to connect with Christine to contribute directly to the May assembly fund. Cheers and Happy Holidays.

Sunday Morning Serenity-Lauren S.

Hello, my name is Lauren, and I am an Alcoholic. My home group is the Sunday Serenity.

We are a small group on zoom. We meet on Sundays at 10 A.M. Our Zoom id is 897 2556 9078. The password is Serenity. We now have Venmo account. So we are not breaking any traditions. Also, we made a Self Support Basket which will be auctioned off. This supports the Area Assembly in 2021 in Bend. Thank you, Becky who is our treasurer for the Sunday Serenity, for putting the basket together. We are still looking for an Alternate GRS, and Alternate IGR.

Wishing you all a Healthy, Happy, Safe and Sober Holidays. Be Careful and Be Safe

In Fellowship and Serenity, Lauren S.

Primary Purpose-Peter C.

Hello family,

My name is Peter, I am an alcoholic and I'm the GSR for the Primary Purpose group which meets Mon-Fri at 5:30. We continue to meet in St. Helen's Hall, which is located in the back half of the Red Door Kitchen building and the entrance is on Broadway, up the long ramp.

We were gratefully allowed to continue to meet despite the state's new restrictions implemented last month. Our attendance continues to be steady with the meeting sizes ranging from 7-10 up to 15-20 or more, depending on the night. Our meeting size is limited to 25 due to social distancing restrictions and the wearing of masks is required at all times. We've seen an uptick in newcomers coming to our meetings and staying. Over the past couple of weeks, we've had newcomers take on created service positions to help them feel a part of the group, and at last month's business meeting, we had approximately 15 home group members, by far the largest business meeting for our group since I became a member.

Our group is financially stable and since our treasurer cycled out last month, we held off making any donations until next month. We still remain poised to donate a gift basket for auction to support the upcoming Area Assembly being hosted by District 5, whenever they are ready for us. All of our service positions, with the exception of an alternate GSR, are currently filled.

That's all folks. I hope you all have a happy holiday season.

In loving service and gratitude,

Peter C

Announcements:

Close with responsibility statement 5:30 pm.