

District 5, Oregon Area 58
Business Meeting Minutes • Sunday November 8th, 2020
Open with the Serenity prayer

In Attendance: Bonnie C, Kyle R, Christine B, Kyle R, Larry K, Gabi, Jill B, Ben R, Geri H, Walt W, Carrie B, Brenna L, Reed K, Heidi E, Jamie S, Bill H, Catherine S, Helen W, Kelly, Jill B, Lauren S, Peter C. & Ben R., Renee H.

Welcome New GSR's

Gabi J-Alt. GSR Girls gone Sober

Concept 11 Discussion- "While the trustees hold final responsibility for AA's world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern." Concept 11 sharing by Jamie S.

District Secretary: Renee H. Please email me your report at d5aa.secretary@gmail.com by Wednesday following the District 5 business meeting. No meeting minutes to vote on, DCM apologized for not getting out last month's meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Walt W. Any questions please contact treasurer@district5aa.org

Contributions: \$629.20

Expenses: 0.00

Reconciled Ending Balance: \$6862.21

Motion to accept Treasures report as written: Ben R., seconded by Bill H.

District Committee Member: Bonnie C.

District 5,

Thank you all for attending this month's business meeting and please extend my thanks to your homegroups for the continued support to the District.

I want to start with a special announcement! It is my great pleasure to announce to you tonight that Vera F, (our Vera) has been chosen to serve as Nontrustee Director on the A.A. World Services Corporate Board upon confirmation from the upcoming General Service Conference. As you all know, Vera is and has been a dedicated trusted servant in our District and Area. Vera, we wish you well and without being boastful or proud we know you will serve Alcoholics Anonymous as well as you have served us.

The District is in need of members willing to be of service in several of our service Committees. At the moment our Grapevine, Cooperation with Treatment Facilities, Archives, and Access committees need your help! There is a need to fill the committee chair positions and I am willing to sit down, zoom, or facilitate a phone call with anyone interested in learning more about these positions. In this time of change, service is still ongoing and very much needed. These committees are the way to provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous to our community. I am currently working with our website chair to update the District website with updated information about these committees. Please spread the word to your homegroup members and have anyone interested contact me at dcm05@aa-oregon.org

A few months ago, at a district business meeting, the collective conscious of your homegroups was to host the 2021 Oregon Area 58 Assembly. This makes our district responsible to take action to support hosting this statewide fellowship event. I recall at a prior business meeting the one word that was voiced over and over again when discussion was open on hosting the assembly and that was Unity. The Assembly Host Committee needs support. What can you do to spread the word to your homegroup and the local fellowship? What can your homegroup do to unite together and do to help

back this collective decision? Let rally together Central Oregon and get our fellowship into action! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming November Area 58 Zoom Assembly -- Yours in Fellowship and Service, Bonnie C.

Alternate District Committee Member: 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.

This November I've been very grateful for the space this program has made in my life. As my sobriety grows it seems like my life just gets busier and busier, but AA service continues to remind me to take the time to practice our 36 principles in all the aspects of my life. Thank you for joining me as we trudge the road to happy destiny.

I have been talking with our guest facilitator Craig W. about our upcoming Homegroup workshop on December 6th from 10-12:30. Craig, is a past delegate from New York and I think his experience will be a wonderful addition to our district's workshop! If you have any questions about the principles guiding our home group decisions, how to better carry the message in your homegroup please consider joining us. We will be trying to focus on your questions so please come prepared with any questions you or your group has for us to talk about. I'm excited to 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 to everyone who attended the Assembly Orientation. This has become one of my favorite activities as Alternate DCM and it is always a pleasure to hunt down answers to your questions about how your group can be a bigger part of Area 58. Thank you all for your support of the district and our fellowship as a whole. Yours in loving service,

May 2021 District 5 Assembly Host Committee Chair: Christine B.

Good afternoon. My name is Christine, and I am an alcoholic. There are three open positions on the Host Committee. Alternate Chair, Self-Support Chair, and Archivist. It is becoming more urgent that these positions be filled. This past month was quiet. This month we need to make more noise. In particular we need to be making progress with our Self-Support efforts and we are asking for all of you to help. I have six flyers that will go before the committee for approval tomorrow. Three are for the service opportunities that are available to you and your home groups. One to do with logoed mugs. One to do with the tickets on sale for the baskets we are raffling off monthly. One to do with an auction and sale to possibly be held in December. Once approved these flyers will be widely distributed. We are asking that you all please announce these things and promote Recovery, Unity, and Service. This is a great opportunity for our district to join together on this common theme. In Accessibility, we are looking to perhaps set a precedent by providing ASL interpretation as a given. For the Marathon Meetings we are reaching out to our Spanish speaking groups first. We are also looking to set meal prices. The speaker for the Banquet dinner is Past Delegate Craig W from CT. Our next meeting is tomorrow, Monday, November 9th at 5:30pm. The main focus of the meeting will be the Self-Support efforts we need to concentrate on. We need to collect at least \$10,000 in contributions. Questions are welcome. You can contact me at cdbergland42@gmail.com.

Thanks to all for their service, Christine

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill H. said Oregon Area is looking into seeing how Online meeting GSR's will be represented at Assemblies.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

District Service Committee Reports: (time allowing)

Accessibilities: - Open

Archives: - Open

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

My name is Carrie and I'm an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your 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.

Please contact him if you would like something on the website or see something that needs to be updated. As far as new things on the website, we have some new content planned for the accessibility page. I recently updated our Grapevine page with links and covers for the latest la vina and grapevine editions. One of our district members recently showed me a wonderful app made by Area 08 down in California. We modified their work to create a Newcomers resource, complete with a link to our website, meeting schedules, and nearly all of the world services approved literature. If any of your homegroups would like access to this app get ahold of me, it comes with a qr link to make it easy to share via zoom and access on mobile. I will be working to make a GSR resource with this app to post on our website and distribute amongst our district. This resource will look like mobile access to the GSR workbook, traditions, concepts, and relevant pamphlets. Best part? It's all free. We have our friends in Area 08 to thank for doing the hard work and research to make it easy for us. As Bonnie mentioned we are updating the website, so if you have any content you would like added please contact me, Bonnie, or Kyle. - Ben R.

Intergroup- Helen W.

Elections for Central Oregon Intergroup will be held November 22nd. Open positions are as follows: chair, recording secretary, advisory board (2 positions)

General Service Representative Reports:

Tuesday Night AA, Bend OR- Kyle R.

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. We have been welcoming back some members from across the country and it is fun to continue to get to know them as we share together. We have also begun taking 7th Tradition contributions via Venmo. The church where we held our meetings, is opening up to small group meeting shortly and we are discussing plans to begin meeting in person again. While we're very excited about that possibility, we're taking seriously the safety of our members and AA's reputation as a whole. Once our group has a reopening plan and date. I'll be sure to update the district! Yours in loving service, Kyle R.

Sunday Morning Serenity, Bend OR-Lauren S.

Our attendance is low and we would like the support. If you want to join our meeting please e-mail me spector.lauren@yahoo.com and I would be very glad to give you the Zoom ID number and the Password.

We are looking for an Alternate GSR. Also, we are making a basket for the Self Support auction, which will take place in early December for the May Area Assembly 2021, which will be held in May here in Bend.

Hopefully, we will have a Venmo Account soon, the treasurer is working on it.

In Fellowship and Service, Lauren S. GSR.

Primary Purpose, Bend OR-Peter C.

Hey all, my name is Peter, and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to be the GSR for my home group, Primary Purpose. Honestly, we've had a rough month. We continued to meet outside, at Stover Park, Mon-Fri at 5:30. As the weather got colder and the sunset came earlier, our numbers dwindled and only a hardy few would show up, enduring the cold and fighting the darkness. We kept searching for a new space to hold our meetings, being rebuffed at every turn. Finally, just days before the end of day light savings and the practical continuation of our group, our old meeting place relented and allowed us back indoors.

Primary Purpose is now live, inside once again. Our meetings continue to be held Mon-Fri from 5:30-6:30. We meet in St Helen's Hall, which is located in the back half of the Red Door Kitchen building, across from the TEC. The entrance is on Broadway Street and the meeting is accessed by the long ramp up the hill. Masks are required at all times and the meeting size is limited to 25 alcoholics. Since we started last Monday, our numbers have swelled from the week before, when there were 3-4 shivering alcoholics braving the elements, to exceeding our capacity this last Friday. Our home group members have taken it upon themselves to offer their chairs up to other alcoholics who arrive and push our number over 25, keeping in line with the name of our group; Primary Purpose.

So please spread the word. There is in fact a live, indoor meeting being held Mon-Fri, starting at 5:30.

Our group has nothing else to report at this time.

In loving service and gratitude, Peter C

WFS, Bend OR-Brenna L.

Greetings All, WFS continues to meet Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 7pm via Zoom, our attendance averages at about 25 people and we hold a business meeting monthly on the first Sunday of the month. Our 7th tradition is holding strong, we use Venmo that people can send money to. I plan on attending the November assembly and I'm encouraging people from my group to drop in as well.

In love & service, Brenna

Sisters for Serenity, Redmond OR-Darcy T.

My name is Darcy and I'm an alcoholic. Sisters 4 Serenity is moving to a new location to accommodate our hybrid women's meeting's starting **November 17th!** Meeting time is 9:30-10:30 Tuesday for Big Book study and Thursday 9:30-10:30 for Twelve and Twelve study. **NEW LOCATION is Redmond Community Presbyterian Church 529 NW 19th St. Redmond, OR 97756.** We hope you will join us at our new location! Due to Covid-19, limit is 15 women in person. Much gratitude, Darcy

Safe Harbor, Bend OR-Bill H.

1. Meeting has low attendance.
 2. We are trying to find a place for live meeting.
 3. Canceled Sat. and Sun. meeting because of no secretary.
 4. Changed home group requirement for service positions to not having to be a home group member to be secretary.
- Bill H.

Men's Book Study Sunday-Reed K.

Our group meets every Thursday night 7:00 pm for one hour, (including holiday's Currently on zoom, our meetings ID: 765 517 1779. We have no Passcode Our attendance hovers around 20 to with a fair number of newcomers, and many with some time to balance the meeting out. Our 7th tradition is fair, (we now have venmo) and do our best to contribute to GSO, Area 58, Dist. 5, and Central Oregon Intergroup. The Men's Book Study has made it's self-available for greeters at the upcoming May 2021 Service Assembly.

Yours in Service, Reed Kay

Are we Done Yet, Bend OR- Ben R.

Saturday night AWDY young peoples' meeting. We have dropped to a small but steady attendance of 10 folks a meeting. Unfortunately, our home group business meeting attendance dropped down to 2 members yesterday. In all we have 3 members regularly fulfilling their service commitments in our homegroup. Our finances are holding alright, we have reported no 7th tradition income and \$15.00 expenditures for this past month. If you can, come support our group.

Thanks Ben R.

Sisters in Sobriety, Bend OR-Jill B.

We meet every Saturday at 5PM on Zoom. We have a consistent attendance group of ten members and sometimes more. The group members make 7th tradition donations on Venmo and the group is making splits to the district, intergroup and the General Services organization in New York. Most group activities have been put on hold but the group seems to be maintaining the cohesion that we had when meeting face to face. That is about all, Jill B. GSR

Girls Gone Sober, Redmond OR-Heidi E.

We meet at the Alano Club in Redmond on Thursday's at 7:00 pm and Sunday's at 4:00. The Sunday meeting is a Big Book Study. Attendance is good for the Thursday meeting averaging 15-20. The Sunday Big Book study meeting has started up again and the attendance started great but has been down lately. The business meeting attendance has been pretty good. We have been able to fill most positions including the positions that have been difficult in the past to fill due to sobriety requirements. The members have really stepped it up because of the love for this meeting.

We have had great support of the 7th tradition allowing us to not only make contributions to the district and GSO, but also to contribute to an entertainment fund. A movie night and other fun things are in the works.

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

Home Away from Home, Madras OR-Pilar T.

Due to COVID-19, all in person and virtual English and Spanish speaking meetings for the Home Away From Home Group had been suspended until further notice. I am happy to pass on, that last week we received news from our inside sponsor that there have been no new COVID cases inside the facility, therefor we will be able to resume our inside meetings! Meetings will resume to a virtual platform: English speaking meeting held every other Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 and Spanish speaking meeting held every other Thursday from 12:30-1:30pm. Any literature contributions to the HAFHG are welcomed and always greatly appreciated by inside members. Another BIG thank you to the D-5 groups and individuals who have contributed literature to the HAFHG!! 2 new contributions that were made this month. Literature has been a great resource for our inside members to stay connected to Alcoholic Anonymous during these difficult times. If any groups 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

KISS (Keep it Simple Saturday), Bend OR-Christine B.

Good afternoon. My name is Christine, and I am an alcoholic. An email was sent out this morning to everyone who had put their email address on the contact list for the group prior to COVID-19.

It reads: After a long wait, we are now allowed to meet in person again at the St. Hellen's Hall sanctuary. The meeting time is being changed to 7:30 a.m. to accommodate some other groups that will be using the same space at the church and allow for "sanitation time" between meetings. There are a few new rules from the church and I have attached those guidelines for your review. We had our first meeting back in the church yesterday and it was great to be back. We are having our business meeting next Saturday (11/14/2020) and we have some very important items to discuss and take care of to keep this meeting going into the future. The business meeting will be held beginning the last ten minutes of the regular meeting next week. Agenda Items are as follows:

Open Service Positions

- 3D Meeting Secretary
- 3D Meeting Greeter/Host
- 3D Meeting Sanitization/Clean-up
- 3D Meeting Chips & Literature

New Business

- Continuation of the hybrid Zoom/3D meeting format

If you have an opinion on the Zoom/3D meeting format or would like to be of service in any of the open positions, please be sure to attend our business meeting next week. Next week's meeting will be a combined Zoom/3D meeting as will the business meeting.

Here is the Zoom meeting information :Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84037358279?pwd=ZUF0dzdrbDZvZE5MVmtnUVdBV3lxUT09>

Greeting ID: 840 3735 8279 Password: 506874

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Firing Line, Bend OR- Jamie S.

My name is Jamie, and I am an alcoholic. My homegroup is The Firing Line. We meet every Monday evening at 7:30pm and are still holding meetings through zoom. October's speaker meeting was held 10/26 there was a presenter on Tradition 10 and main speaker was Dee G from 3 leg group in Florida. She blew away alot of attendees with her story on how she has recovered from alcoholism. The speaker meeting for November is 11/30. There will be a presentation on Tradition 11 and main speaker is Tahtianna F from The Odaat Group in Texas. I am looking forward to attending area assembly later this month. Just goes to show you can still be of maximum service during a global pandemic.

In love and gratitude, Jamie S

We are not a Glum Lot- 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. In service, Larry

New Horizons, Bend OR-Carrie B.

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

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 and a desire to stop drinking attend closed meetings. We would love for you to come visit us and give us an opportunity to make you feel welcome.

We also offer a once a month **Beginners Orientation**. This informative orientation will be held on **Saturday November 28th. At 10:30am**. This meeting 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. **There's 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 this 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 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 there's already over a hundred registered, and we really want to do our best to make sure everyone here locally has an opportunity to register before we open it up to the greater AA community.

For more information regarding our meeting changes, updates, and upcoming events, or to listen to past speakers visit our Website NewHorizonsGroupAA.com

In Gratitude, Carrie Blake

Closing Announcements:

Service Positions open for Committee Positions for District 5. These are appointed service positions, please send interest inquiry, service resume or any questions to dcm05@aa-oregon.org

Access: Two-year term

Archives- Four-year term

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) – Two-year term

Grapevine- Two-year term

Service Positions open for the 2021 Oregon Area May Assembly hosted by District 5, contact cdbergland42@gmail.com

- **ALT-CHAIR** • Back-up position to the Chairperson. • Steps in when the Chairperson is unable to attend meetings and lends a hand when necessary. • May serve other roles as well.
- **SELF-SUPPORT CHAIR** • Contributes ideas to the Host Committee for meeting the fundraising goals. • Sets up subcommittees for each idea. • Works closely with the Treasurer to report income and be reimbursed for expenses. • Collects all funds and promptly turns them over to the Treasurer. • Schedules progress expectations for each fundraising event with the Assembly Chairperson. • Reports to the Host Committee the progress of each event.
- **ARCHIVIST** • Gathers and preserves the original (when possible) of each pertinent document pertaining to committee activities. • Organizes and arranges documents in a notebook or some other format for eventual transfer to the Oregon Area
- **Archivist.** • Maintains a copy for the District Archives.

Motion to adjourn: Bill H.

Motion to Adjourn seconded by: Christine B.

Business meeting closed w/ the Responsibility Statement at 5:30pm