

**District 5 Oregon Area 58
District Meeting
October 8, 2017 4:00-5:30pm**

Open with Serenity Prayer

Attending

Brad L, Bonnie C, Tricia M, Valorie R, Susanne S, Lisa H, Walt W, Brenna L, Steve M, Bridget M, Mike S, Tyler H, Keri D, Lisa M, Danielle H,

Welcome new GSR's:

None

Concept X Presentation: (Concepts Illustrated available for use at the District meeting)

Recording Secretary: Lisa H.

September meeting minutes read, Mike M made motion to accept, Bridget seconded, all approved and report accepted.

Treasurer: Tricia M.

September treasurer's report read, Bonnie C made motion to accept, Tyler H seconded, all approved and report accepted.

September 2017 Recap:

Income \$1113.25

Expenses \$659.21

Ending balance \$3097.67 + Prudent Reserve of \$2,000.00 = \$5097.67

DCM Report- Brad L.

I can't believe that the District elections were only a month ago. Time has gone by so fast. I've spent the last month trying to get up to speed on the status of the district and get further information and clarity on the duties I need to perform as the DCM. I am looking forward to the journey ahead with all of you.

I attended the September assembly and it was a whirlwind of activity with elections, 5 motions to be voted on and the area inventory. This assembly was a different experience for me not being a voting member for the first time in two years. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and just soak it all in.

Upon returning to Bend it was back to business. There have been bank accounts to transfer, data files to exchange, a budget to put together, emails to redirect, updating contacts on the district and Intergroup websites, announcements to submit for posting on the Intergroup website, committee chair positions to fill, an agenda to write, workshops to consider, fear to overcome and lots of questions to ask.

I also was able to attend my first ever men's spiritual retreat. This annual retreat is called Sky Camp and is hosted by a group of men in the Eugene area. It was a wonderful experience and I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to attend one of these events.

There are committee positions open at the Area. Service resumes are due by October 14th. Time is short but if you or anyone you know is interested there is more information available on the Oregon Area Website.

Just to remind everyone, our next assembly is in Salem on November 17-19. Online registration is open now. Don't forget to make your hotel reservations.

I have received several urgent announcements about a coinciding event going on in Eugene during the same weekend as the February assembly. Please make your hotel reservations now. You can always cancel them or make them available to other GSRs later.

You can go online to the Area 58 website to get hotel information and register for the assembly. I have a few fliers here if you need one.

Bonnie, Tricia and I met to discuss the feedback from the committee chairs and prepare the 2018 budget. We looked at past budgets/spending (2016, 2017) and used that information to create the budget for 2018. The budget and the DCM detail expense sheet was emailed to all GSR's and committee members to review and give feedback. Like the tabled motions, GSR's are asked to bring the proposed budget to their home groups to be discussed and voted on. We will vote on the proposed 2018 budget at our December district meeting. I'm hoping this will give everyone plenty of time to get it to their home groups. During this time Bonnie and I will make ourselves available to your group's business meeting if you or your group would like us to talk about the district budget.

Bonnie and I also met to discuss and create a GSR Orientation which will be focused around each assembly. The goal is to create an opportunity for a new GSR or anyone interested to learn about an assembly prior to the first time they attend it so that they can go feeling prepared and be of maximum service to their group. We will discuss this further in new business.

I would like to thank all the committee chairs that are rotating out for their service and dedication over their terms. You are appreciated.

I have been able to appoint 3 of the 5 open committee chair positions. Please welcome Keri D. as the Website Chair, Brenna L. as the CPC Chair, and Walt W. as the Corrections Chair. I'm excited about the enthusiasm and energy they are bringing to these vital district service positions.

The Grapevine (interim 1 year remaining) and Public Information (2 year term) remain open at this time. Please announce these great service opportunities at any meetings you attend.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do, questions I can answer or answers I can find. I am here to help however I can.

Happy Halloween!! I hope you all have a fantastic month!!

Yours in love and service,

Brad L

Alt DCM- Bonnie C.

Hello District 5! The last couple of weeks have been busy! Brad, Tricia and I have met to compile the 2018 proposed District budget for you to take back to your home groups to review. I have accompanied Brad on trips to Madras and Redmond to distribute new schedules and refill literature racks as the District awaits a new Public Information Chair. Any assistance with keeping up on distributing literature during this time would be appreciated. I was also able to bring our District Grapevine display out to a speaker meeting for that position is available as well. I am currently working on bringing the information in the District 5 Area 58 Registry up to date and will be handling all future GSR change forms.

I am grateful to be of service as your new District 5 Alternate DCM and am looking forward to working with you all.

Bonnie C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives- Valorie

Archives Chair Report, October 8, 2017

I have much to share with you this month, as last weekend I was able to attend the 21st National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW) in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This was the first conference ever held in Canada, and the groups from Winnipeg did an outstanding job in hosting this event. In attendance were 225 AA members from the US and Canada, including the GSO Archivist (an employee, and a non-alcoholic), the archivist from the Akron Intergroup and Dr. Bob's House (an independent foundation), as well as a number of current and former conference delegates and trustees. There were a total of 26 archives-related presentations, so I returned grateful for this opportunity and with a full heart, and a much longer to do list. I was repeatedly reminded there that we never have to do anything alone, and I now have many more contacts and resources than I had before attending this conference.

There is so much to share, but some of the highlights included:

- A 3-hour seminar on basic archive techniques, put on by a couple of non-alcoholic professional archivists who have worked extensively with universities and religious orders;

- A very moving talk from a gentleman of the First Nation with 55 years of sobriety, who spoke about how he was finally freed from resentments;
- How Canadian archivists work with large and remote geographic areas;
- A talk about the phone booth brought to the archives room by the Winnipeg Group (the oldest, and at one time the largest AA group in the world). One of the presenters, also with 55 years of sobriety, spoke from personal experience how the phone would ring in the middle of a meeting – and 2 guys would go get the person calling for help and bring them back to the meeting;
- Sharing about the 65-year-old Winnipeg Women’s Group (their story is in the newest Grapevine book) and,
- The presentation of color still photos taken from a Kodachrome movie of Bill & Lois W and Dr. Bob & Anne all together (very rare) – this is an exciting recent find that the AA Board is currently figuring out what to do with. Research is being done to determine the date of the film using Lois’ journals.

Once more, I have returned with a better understanding and purpose of what AA archives are about. Our collections within the Fellowship are the evidence of the lessons we have learned, and our collective stories are the message that we carry to others.

As archivists, we are tasked with collecting materials from members, preserving these materials, and making these accessible to AA members and others in the future, all while preserving anonymity. We also coordinate with our Area 58 archivist in similar activities.

Bill W. wrote, “We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian... It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion... We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come... Through archives we are able to express AA s collective experience, strength, and hope, gained through its rich heritage, and renew our sense of purpose.”

This was true of our Fellowship from the beginning, and still is true for us today.

For those of you who wonder what AA Archives is about, I am including what Kate W., Western Canada Regional Trustee (and non-archivist) heard and learned during the course of the conference. Here is Kate’s Archives Top 10:

10. We’re a now people, we don’t always think of the future in preserving the past.
9. We must remember our mistakes to avoid future ones. Remember the past, and record the present for the future
8. If we ever get lost, our records provide a way back.
7. The fantastic success of AA is like a big puzzle and there are pieces that you know fit but you just don’t know where until you look to the past.
6. It’s not easy to be an archivist for an anonymous organization.
5. Today’s junk is tomorrow’s treasure.

4. We're looking for our history one yesterday at a time.
3. Whoever retains our history directs our future.
2. I used to file copies of copies. Now I Google.
1. The archives 'is' the message

Following is the status of current Archives activities:

Archives Steering Committee

A couple of members have committed to serve on this committee, which will determine our mission and scope. Following their direction, I will begin to develop policies and procedures for District 5 committee efforts. I would like to thank Mike S. and Carrie B. for stepping up here.

Archives Preservation

Materials have been ordered, in accordance with the motion as passed last month. Several members have committed to participate in this activity, which will help us to better preserve materials in our current repository (storage unit). As for our repository, we will be studying our options for potentially moving to somewhere with better climate controls and workspace. Stay tuned...

Oldtimer Story Preservation

This activity is of the highest priority of all archives activities. We will be conducting and recording our first interview on 10/20, with Butch M. of the New Horizons group, and have identified 3 others at present. I am asking assistance from all GSRs – to help identify oldtimers whose stories need to be recorded. I currently have 2 members who will be trained to help in this activity.

Home Group Histories

Please consider asking your groups to participate in this effort. I have brought some guidelines for GSRs to take back to their groups. At present we have little information on how our groups developed, and I hope to change that.

Archives Indexing

There are no changes nor progress in this area. However, I got lots of ideas from the NAAAW conference about how to go about this activity.

Remote Group Outreach

Currently there are no changes nor any progress in this area.

Archives Presentation (Education)

Please let me know if anyone would like our archives display to be brought to a group function.

If you are working with others who need to be of some service, there is no time requirement to participate in Archives activities. Please have them contact me at archives@district5aa.org or call (541) 306-0895.

Thank you all for your assistance, and thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Valorie R.

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities- Curt R.

All panels are currently covered. The current panel facilitator for Best Care in Bend is rotating out and a replacement is needed. The panel takes place on Monday @ 5:30pm every eight weeks. Contact Curt R if you are interested in this position. The CTF committee meeting is being rescheduled to the first week in November.

Corrections- Marie K. Thank you Marie for your Service

New Chair Walt W.

Walt reported that he is meeting with Marie to hand over information. There will be an orientation in November for new people wanting to give service to the jails. The details are forthcoming. Walt and Vera went to the Oregon Area 2nd Annual Corrections Conference they had round table discussions and Walt felt it was very informative.

Grapevine- Vacant

Public Information- Brad L

Good afternoon District 5,

This meeting marks the end of my term serving as your Public Information Chair. I spent the last month of my term making sure that all the current places that display literature have enough to last them a while to give some time to find a new PI Chair including delivering the 1000 schedules I picked up last week. All of the current locations should have plenty of literature until the new schedules come out in January.

I talked with Intergroup and they will call before printing the schedules in January in order to make sure that they don't go to waste if there is no one to deliver them.

When I first started this position I would get frustrated because the same literature would be there that I dropped off 3 months before. Over time I noticed here and there that it was getting picked up and increasing each quarter. This last quarter I noticed that there has been a significant increase in the amount of literature being picked up by the public. Every location on my list was in need of more literature and in some cases almost out. I increased the quantity as appropriate on the route this time.

It is so exciting for me to see the work that the PI committee has been doing start to show some results for all its effort.

I noticed what I think are some missing expenses on this last treasurer's report. I am working with Intergroup to get the right information to present to the district treasurer to make sure everything is correct.

Thank you to everyone for your support during my term as the PI Chair. The District 5 community has been very accepting and extremely supporting of Alcoholics Anonymous. This fills my heart with love and gratitude.

Yours in love and Service,

Brad L

**Cooperation with Professional Community- Carrie B. Thank you for your Service
Carrie**

New Chair-Brenna L

Excited to go to assembly and looking forward to getting underway

Website – Mark C. Thank you for your Service

New Chair- Keri D

I will be going thru the website and doing updates.

Intergroup Liaison – Brenna P

Intergroup has all positions open for new rotation. IGR is looking for more help. Alcahthon will be on for Thanksgiving at Brookes Hall from 8 a.m. till 6.p.m. Groups can sign up to sponsor a meeting at the next Intergroup Meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

2018 Budget

The budget was presented. Please take back to your groups for review. We will be voting on the budget at the December district meeting.

2018 Work Shops we want your ideas!!!! What do you want to see happen!

GSR Orientation

Brad brought up discussion that there is \$200.00 per Assembly to help GSR's with expenses if their group is not able to fund their GSR to attend the assembly. The discussion was about how the funds are to be allocated. A motion was made by Mike S. Seconded by Tyler H. The district will have available \$200 per assembly. Any funds not used at an assembly will roll over to be available at the following assembly. It was voted that this wording will be added to the guidelines for future clarification.

GSR REPORTS

Steve M- GSR Attendance has been dwindling as treatments centers haven't been sending as many clients. Big Turn out on the first Thursday of the month as they have a Pot Luck Steve said he is not registered as a group in Area 58 and was wrongly put in District 12.

Bridget M- GSR The Sunriver Group Attendance is about 16 to 20 less tourists right now. The Secretary has not been showing up so the group elected a new Secretary. They are short on Home Group members they only have 5 at this time.

Mike S GSR Safe Harbor Attendance is down a bit, not horrible, but not out the door like it was. The group has decided not to donate to GSO due to the Law Suit with regard to the Manuscript. They are giving their donation to Area intergroup and district.

Tyler H- Alt GSR As Men See IT Steady attendance between 20 and 30 they changed their meeting structure to have their biz meeting at the end of their last meeting and more people are sticking around for it.

Lisa M- GSR Sisters in Sobriety Things are going well. Lots of visitors to Bend, 5:00 on Saturday is a great time for a lot of people. Social outings with the group they went to a Ranch for Brunch to Laughing Planet to socialize and have fellowship.

Danielle H Alternate GSR Early Risers Group Attendance is good they had some discussion on the Manuscript.

Lisa H GSR Monday Night Living Sober Attendance remains good at 31 people. All positions are filled at this time. We are discussing putting on another workshop. It got pushed off to the New Year. Our group is healthy and humming along!

Motion to adjourn: Mike Seconded: Tyler
Closed with Responsibility Statement

GSR's- Things to take back to your group:

1. **2018 District 5 Budget:** Please present the budget to your groups and bring back their group conscience.
2. **Area Committee Positions available:** CPC North, Hospitals Co-Chair, PI South, TF North, Newsletter Chair, Finance Committee Assistant Chair, Translation/Interpretation Co-Chair. More information and position requirements can be found here: <http://www.aa-oregon.org/service-opportunities/> **Service Resumes are due before October 15.**
3. **District Committee Chair Positions available:** Public Information (2 year Commitment, 2 years sobriety) and Grapevine (Interim 1 year remaining, 2 year sobriety requirement). Job descriptions are located in the District 5 Guidelines which can be found at <http://www.district5aa.org/sub-committees/gsr-resources/> Please have any interested parties contact the DCM, Brad L. DCM@district5aa.org or 541-419-9678
4. **District Committees need your help!!!** The district committees are always in need of help. Please contact any one of the committee chairs to find out how you can be of service within the district.
5. **GSR Orientation:** The district will be having a GSR Orientation at 3:15 before the district meeting each month in which there is an assembly. (November, February, May, September) It is designed to cover what goes on at that month's particular assembly, information and tips for you to have a successful assembly, and a forum for you to ask any questions pertaining to the assembly or the GSR role in general. You do not have to be a GSR. If you are interested in assemblies and what they are about please attend. **Everyone is welcome!**
6. **Workshops! Workshops! Workshops!** The district is looking for topics for workshops for 2018. Go out to your home group, talk to members from around the district, get your fingers on the pulse of the district and let the district know what the fellowship is talking about or maybe more importantly not talking about.
7. The District has a **GSR Scholarship Fund** available to assist GSR's in attending the quarterly assemblies. Please contact Tricia M. our district treasurer if you have a need.
8. **District 5 Archives:** Preservation and history of our experience is vital to those yet to come. Would you like the District 5 Archives display or an Archives presentation to come to your home group or activity? Do you have something from the past that you would like to add to our Archives? Would your home group consider developing a written record of its history? Is there an "old-timer" in your home group whose story should be preserved? For details, contact your District 5 Archive Chair at: archives@district5aa.org