

Central Oregon Intergroup Meeting Minutes for **June 2024**  
TEC, downstairs **469 NW Wall St, Bend, OR 97703 (IN PERSON ONLY)**

**5:00** Chair opens the meeting with Chairperson [script](#)

District 5 DCM Gave a Tradition of the Month Presentation and brought GSO Guidelines regarding Tradition 6 and “implied affiliation” for everyone to take back to their groups. He shared on the following passage:

*Questions should also be raised about proposed locations for the central office and the personnel and equipment needed. It's sometimes tempting to consider moderately priced or free facilities supplied by agencies or organizations working in the field of alcoholism or in other fields. But it's better to forgo this short-term advantage if there's any likelihood that A.A. would lose its independent status in the bargain or appear – in the public mind at least – to be sponsored or controlled by the other organization. "lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."... It may also appear attractive to consolidate the central office with the facilities of a club. But the risks and pitfalls involved in this are almost too numerous to mention here. One reason for discouraging this is the possibility that the problems of operating the club and the service office will become intertwined. An even more important point is the need for keeping a clear separation between club operations and A.A. group activities; any strong identification with a club may impair an intergroup's ability to serve the groups. -From GSO Guidelines on Central offices and intergroups*

**June Printout - Tradition Six: [T6 U.I.A. Workshop](#)**

**Secretary's Report [Secretary Script COIG](#)**

Good evening Central Oregon. Thank you to everyone who got their report in on time. It makes my job typing up the minutes much easier.

I am NOT afraid of constructive criticism. PLEASE put A.A. and our principles before my feelings. I'm a pretty tough cookie. I can take it. I promise. For example, I accidentally included a couple last names in the minutes 2 months ago. NOT good because these are posted on our website which is public. In fact, because I'm very much fallible, I will ask that when you submit your reports moving forward, because I copy and paste your reports for the minutes, possibly just use your last initial so that there's less of a chance of my making that mistake again. Thank you all for your help!

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Carrie B. 541-788-7276

**Attendance:** Quorum (8+) yes

**Officers:** Vice Chair - Hilary, Chair - Mike S., Secretary - Carrie

**Advisory:** Lanelle, Heidi, Helen

**Service Chairs:** Paul G. Schedule Chair, Frank W. Hotline Chair, Alan S. Potluck SpkMtg., Rachel Entertainment Chair

**IGRs and Alt IGRs:** Kate S. Attitude Adjustments, Eric G. WFS, Joe H.-Tumalo Grp., Cody D. - Fleeting Thoughts, Mike S.-Lapine Thurs Mens, Mark O.-Lapine Thurs Mens, Russ H. New Horizons Grp., Britany N.- New Horizons Grp., Douglas A.- Sunday Morning Serenity, Jamie D.- Sunday Morning Serenity, Lisa H.-We are Not a Glum Lot, Diane R.- We are Not a Glum Lot, Daryl from Steps To Sobriety, Terry M. - Redmond Earlyrisers, Paul G. ABC Grp., Emily S. Sisters in Sobriety, Misty M. LaPine Serenity Seekers, Emily E. 24 & Alive, Sarah B. Sunday Sober Sisters, Tyler P. Rule 62 Grp., Francesco G. Thursday Night Men's Book Study, Rebekah H. - Primary Purpose Grp., Scott B. - Redmond Nooner, Al S. Redmond Rebels,

**Liaisons:** Nick M. D5 DCM, Lanelle- YPAA

**Observers:** Kimberly B., Steve G., Christine B., **34 Total in attendance**

[May 2024 COIG Business Meeting Minutes.docx](#)

*Emily E. asked that her question regarding paid workers not being at the board meetings be added to last month's minutes. Mike So. asked that IGR reports be added to May minutes. Carrie amended the minutes.*

Russ motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Seconded, May Minutes were approved.

**Chair Report:**

My name is Mike, I'm an alcoholic currently serving as the Central Oregon Intergroup Chair. Again the board and I have been hard at work trying to be as thorough as we can be with all that has been put in front of us.

We did have the office open two Saturdays in a row for 4 hours each to allow for groups to come pick up what they need in regards to coins and literature. During that time we took inventory of the office counting and recording every book and every coin.

Lanelle and I have been put on the bank account till such time as we elect a treasurer. I have picked up the keys to the post office from the past Treasurer and I have been checking the mail regularly depositing any contribution checks into the bank.

We have fallen into many pitfalls during this process. We have tried to no avail to establish the passwords from the paypal, Zelle and Venmo accounts. We have tried to be in contact with the pass holders of these accounts but have not gotten any positive response. We will keep Intergroup updated on our progress.

I have looked into space at a climate controlled unit at 150 SW Industrial Way, Bend, (same as district) for about \$170 per month should we decide to go that route.

Heidi from the board would like all groups to know that she is still willing to make herself available to help any groups needing assistance in placing literature and/or coin orders. Carrie has offered to make herself available to make Group house calls with a literature table and mini store at any group upon request. Just simply send her an email and she will make time to attend your group with Coins, Literature, and Newcomer packets.

We also have a very strong district in Central Oregon. Lets not forget about District 5s literature committee and make use of what they offer as well. In Fact the DCM has Big Books and newcomer packets at the meeting today, and also at the District 5 business meetings. If your group would like to send their IGR or their GSR with their literature order they can pick it up at either the monthly district meeting or monthly intergroup meetings.

The board met for our usual Advisory board meeting Sunday and we had a huge agenda to get through as you can imagine. Minutes are not out yet from that meeting but some of the things we discussed was considering a 3-month prudent reserve. AA literature suggests a 3 to 9 months of prudent reserve for Central Offices. We need to come up with a firm and solid dollar amount to be approved by the groups for a budget before reopening. We also discussed an insurance matter that has come to light as of recently. Based on the suggestion of an igr we also discussed again using an attorney and how much that would cost. Again, the board decided it would not be a prudent use of seventh tradition dollars and that we have been very fortunate to have guidance from members in trusted servant positions at other intergroups and Central offices.

We are trying to not move hastily in any of these matters and allow for plenty of time for research, consultation and deliberation of the information within the groups as more information comes available.

Madeline who has extensive experience running the West Side central office in Portland as well as the Portland intergroup, as well as having sat on the general service board for 4 years as a trustee in finance has been continuing to give of her time and attend our board meetings sharing experience and offering guidance when needed.

Finally, I would like to say a few words on the service this board has been through these past months during all these transitions. I have never seen a board work so hard and sacrifice so much to ensure the integrity of Intergroup and the AA Traditions and Principles, while being attacked and harassed by some of the members they serve. It is an absolute privilege and honor to serve for the very thing that has given myself and so many others a chance at a life I could never dream of. My point of all this is that please be mindful that we are in this together and that ignorance of facts and lack if correct information can make it very difficult for those giving their time to the service. Nothing can

put us under or divide us more than not doing our best to try to practice all these 36 spiritual principles.

Again, if you have any questions whatsoever please reach out to a member of the board. We are here to assist you, to answer questions, and to even attend your business meetings upon request.

Yours in love and service,

*COIG Chair Michael S.*  
*541-815-7458*

**Finance Report:**

June 22, 2024

Treasury report for the month of June:

We have 5 accounts : Main, Potluck, Entertainment, Store, Savings aka Prudent Reserve.

The main account has a current balance of \$469.16. In May our contributions totaled: \$4,217.12

and our May expenses totaled \$ \$2,733.45. In June so far, our contributions are: \$1,724.73 and our expenses have decreased to \$664.09.

Our Prudent reserve had decreased down to \$1,650.29 at the end of April. In May we moved \$1,849.71 into the prudent reserve and in June we have moved \$1,500 into the Prudent Reserve

to finally bring it to a current balance of \$5,000.

The Entertainment Account has a current balance of \$399.79. There has been zero activity on this account in a couple of months.

The Store account has a current balance of \$182.48 with expenses in the Month of May totaling \$880.68.

The Potluck account has a current balance of \$259.93. Saturday nights potluck brought in \$88 in contributions, I reimbursed Alan \$30 for supplies he picked up prior to the potluck, therefore the potluck account will increase to \$317.93 after I go to the bank.

If any groups would like a detailed analysis of the expenditures I am happy to provide it to them and/or answer any questions. [Central Office Store Financial Analysis.xlsx](#)

Thank you for letting me be of service.  
Lanelle (*Advisory Board member*)

**Urgent Business:**

- **Treasure election.** [Treasurer Election Questions](#) The Treasurer will need to understand that they will be on a legal board and understand the legal and financial responsibilities entailed before being elected.

The Chair asks all who are available to stand. ***Made sure all in the room who were available were***

*given an opportunity to speak up and stand up.*

Will stood and let the body know he was available.

Will was asked the Qualifying questions.

- Do you have a working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, and do you agree to uphold them to the best of your ability? **YES**
- Are you an active member of an A.A. Home Group in Central Oregon? **YES**
- Do you have more than 2 years sober? **YES**
- Have you been convicted of any prior felony for fraud, theft or embezzlement? **NO**

**Will qualified** to stand for the position. **Will was then** asked the additional questions and was interviewed by the body. Will was sent out of the room. Floor had discussion. Vote took place. Will D. from the NHG was elected in with over  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote as the new interim treasurer from now through Dec 31st 2025

- **“Information Technology” (IT) Committee Chair position Election.** [COIG Position \(IT\) Chair Election Process: IT Chair Election Questions](#) If no one is elected, then the meetings will continue to be held at TEC in person only. And in Dec, Jan, and Feb will be held online only.

The Chair asked all who are available to stand. *Made sure all in the room who are available are given an opportunity to speak up and stand up.* Tyler let the body know he was available.

Qualifying questions were asked.

- Do you have a working knowledge of the 12 Traditions, and do you agree to uphold them to the best of your ability? **I will get a service sponsor and start on the Traditions ASAP**
- Are you an active member of an A.A. Home Group in Central Oregon? **Yes, Rule 62 Grp**
- Do you have more than 2 years sober? **Yes**

**Tyler qualified** with the above questions, and was eligible to stand.

Additional Questions were asked by the Chair and the body: Have you ever served as either a Website chair, IT chair, or Tech chair in any A.A. group, district, or area? Have you served on the intergroup committee before in any capacity? Have you served your group as GSR or IGR? Does your sponsor know you are standing for this position and is he in support of the commitment? Tyler was sent out of the room. Floor had discussion. Vote took place.

**Tyler from the Rule 62 grp. was elected in with over 2/3 majority vote as the new interim IT Committee Chair** from now through Dec 31st 2025

**IGRs voted to table reading reports. Written reports are as follows:**

**Newsletter Committee Report:**

*No report and not in attendance*

### **Potluck Committee Chair Report**

Central Oregon Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous(COIGAA)

Potluck Committee Chair Report 6/22/2024

Committee Chairperson: Alan S coigaa.potluck@yahoo.com (541) 647-9174

Greetings to all members of the Intergroup Committee and Intergroup Representatives. The June 2024 monthly Potluck and Speaker meeting hosted by the Thursday Night Men's Group in LaPine was a nice event. Mike S. led the group member volunteers in setting up, grilling burgers and dogs and fixins, running the event, and clean up. I brought the supplies and fit myself in with the other member volunteers. Kathy S. represented Al-Anon with her story of learning to live through the principles and fellowship of the Al-Anon Family Groups. Mark was the AA speaker and did a tremendous job of describing his sobriety and AA path. I identified with both Kathy and Mark when they shared their troubles caused by alcoholism as well as their spiritual experiences that led them into a life of sobriety and healing.

The upcoming July Intergroup Potluck and Speaker meeting will be hosted by the Madras Madness Group at The Round Butte Overlook Park in Madras on July 27th from 4-8pm. This is a beautiful location with nice views of the rivers and Central Oregon. The flyer lays out the information as well as contact for volunteering. It will be a nice fellowship event in a picnic setting. Please announce this event!! And please remind folks to bring chairs and extras if they can. Friends and Families are welcome and encouraged!!

But please no dogs.

***One note: There is a \$5+ suggested contribution in order to cover the costs of this event.***

This is primarily because of park rental more than church rental and an attempt at making this event self-supported through our members' contributions.

Please consider joining in helping the Potluck Committee. There will be a planning meeting ***Wednesday July 10th @ 5:30 upstairs at The Market of Choice*** on Colorado in Bend. I have emailed the flier for this event in hopes that IGRs will share with their groups and others.

Thank you for being a part of my AA experience in service to our AA community!

Please print the following flier out for your group![July 2024 Potluck flyer.pdf](#)

Alan S

coigaa.potluck@yahoo.com

(541) 647-9174

### **Entertainment Committee Report:**

*Entertainment Chair June report*

*Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be of service, our first entertainment committee meeting went well on the 6th we had about 11-12 of us. We had a lot of discussion about ideas for the future and how to do some fundraising so we can be self supporting. I have*

*minutes of the meeting that I'm sending to Joan if anybody would like a copy let me know.. We've had a busy month of June. The Ochoco forest camp-out was a great success. We took in \$140 from the two different 50/50 raffles. So great that we had one of the winners generously donated back his portion of the 50/50 raffle which was \$40. We had about 65 people at the Saturday night meeting Brian C and Carly were our speakers they did a fabulous job. So we brought in a grand total of \$665 a total take in of the weekend. I am giving that cash to Joan for deposit. I did reebok Ochoco forest Group Camp for June 6 through Sunday June 9th 2024. We are avoiding memorial day weekend and father's day weekend with that date. So we're good to go on that, we made enough money to pay for next year's reservation with a little bit of extra cash for coffee. I am not going to be here for the next camping trip (odgen). I have already asked to Reese to run the Ogden camp out and get everything set up and bring the trailer up there and bring it back to her place. We have one speaker lined up for that and we are working on an al anon speaker if possible. As I am still getting my feet under me. I am still working out the best approach for each event. I am starting to archive flyers and notes from the events so we have a point of reference in the future. There swas some talk of setting up an e-mail for questions answers reservations and ideas for the entertainment committee. If needed I could set one of those up easily on gmail but wanted to bring it to the committee first period. I am also wondering the availability of turning it into a hybrid committee meeting as I think I might get more participation from the outlying areas in Prineville, Madras.and Lapine to be involved on the meetings but not have to leave their perspective towns during the week.*

*As always Yours in service Rachel C.*

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### **Hotline Committee Report:**

Hot Line Report June 23, 2024

All is good with the Hotline. If you do get a call after your shift is over please let me know so I can follow up with the person who is scheduled after you.

There currently no open Hotline time Slots, but I also have no backup people so Please have anyone call me that is interested in possibly taking the next open time slot.

Thank you for trusting me with this service responsibility.

Frank W.

972-834-3080

### **IT Committee Report:**

**COIG Position (IT) Chair** was elected!

Please help welcome Tyler P. from the Rule 62 Group who was elected our new IT Chair! Committee Chairs, please feel free to email him anything you would like to have included on the Calendar and/or fliers or events to be posted on the website at [coigaawebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:coigaawebmaster@gmail.com) Be sure your events/fliers meet criteria by reading here:

## [Website Posting Guidelines for COIG](#)

### **Schedule Chair Report:**

The Online Meeting Schedule is completely up to date with all requested changes, and we have just completed a print run of 2,500 at a cost of appx. \$500. These are available for all IGRS to take now, and will be available at each monthly COIG meeting until we exhaust our supply, at which time we will print more. Additionally, any meeting needing more can always contact me at [pgpr12@gmail.com](mailto:pgpr12@gmail.com) and we can arrange a way to get them to you. Please recycle or destroy old schedules at your home group so that only the most current is being used.

This month, we also revised the New Meeting Request form that is used for adding a new meeting to the COIG schedule. Once approved, this will go on the website.

We ask that everyone here and all IGRs kindly look over the schedule right away to make sure your meeting is properly listed; please send any corrections or changes to [pgpr12@gmail.com](mailto:pgpr12@gmail.com) and the Online Schedule will be corrected right away and the printed schedule will be corrected/updated for the next print run.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Paul G.  
Schedule Chair

### **IGR Reports:**

#### **We Are Not A Glum Lot:**

My Name is Diane R and Im an Alcoholic. I am the IGR and represent the We Are Not a Glum Lot group.

The We Are a not a Glum Lot Group meets in Bend at the Church of Christ, 554 NW Newport Ave. We meet at noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.

1. We have not recently changed our contribution percentages. We will be having a business meeting to discuss this next month.
2. We will be having an additional business meeting on July 5 to discuss all the information received related to the closure of our Central Office.
3. We will be having a Birthday Potluck starting at 11am on Friday June 28.

With love In Service,

Diane R.

IGR

530-263-6478 [dioejcb@gmail.com](mailto:dioejcb@gmail.com)



## **New Horizons Grp**

New Horizons still meets Monday - Thursday at noon in the basement of TEC. This month we held our semi-annual elections filling many of our trusted servant positions. We also held a group conscious on the discussion around the Central Office which resulted in a motion we intend to present later in this meeting. Finally, our Tuesday speaker meeting has had the pleasure of hosting several wonderful speakers from groups all across Central Oregon with more great speakers scheduled for July. **Including a speaker visiting us all the way from Germany!** We cordially invite you. A flier of the upcoming speakers is available in the back of the room. And here: [July NHG Flier.pdf](#)

<https://newhorizonsgroupaa.com/upcoming-events>

Russ

NHG IGR

## **Redmond Earlyrisers:**

*My name is Terry M and I am an Alcoholic. My home group is Redmond Early Risers  
We meet Mon-Friday 7:00 A.M at Zion Lutheran Church in Redmond.*

*New Business: New Secretaries were chosen by group conscious and are as follows.*

*Mon- Mike (Alternate) Jason*

*Tues- Dave A (Alternate) Samantha*

*We'd- Tanya (Alternate) Ed*

*Thur- Emily (Alternate) Vance*

*Fri- Bobbi S (Alternate) Dawn*

*Coins& Literature Jason*

*Grapevine Ed*

*Coffee Andrew*

*Supplies Denny.*

*These positions will start July 1st*

*We took a Group Conscious on our contributions to Intergroup that we set aside the funds until a decision is made about the Central Office.*

*In Service*

*Terry M*

*RER Grp IGR*

## **Steps To Sobriety**

Daryl Alcoholic, IGR Steps to Sobriety Prineville

Report for June 2024

Meeting attendance and seventh tradition contributions are experiencing normal summertime fluctuations.

Our twice a month Crook County Jail Meeting's are going good as well as Our,D5 Treatment Panel once a month.

We've had 3 New Members join Our Homegroup in June. Our Business Meeting is held on the 4th Sunday's following noon Meeting. Our Treasurer will send Contributions to- Area 58 ,District 5, and GSO at the end of this month.

We have Speakers booked for July and August for Speaker/Discussion Meeting's. Flyer is on Our Website. And here: [Jul-Aug Steps To Sobriety.pdf](#)

In Love and Service

*Daryl L*

*Steps to Sobriety*

### **Sunday Sober Sisters Group**

June 2024 Sunday Sober Sisters Womens group report for Intergroup

My name is Sarah B and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is Sunday Sober Sisters womens group. Our group meets at the Redmond Alano Club Sundays at 10am.

We had previously voted to be a meeting vs. a group to be able to use literature outside conference approved literature, to be able to make announcements other than AA announcements, because we had unfilled positions, we were unsure we could make required contributions to the four levels of AA and because some members felt we were breaking traditions. Many home group members were not abreast with what any of it really meant.

We moved our quarterly business meeting forward one week to be able to bring this issue up again and for a vote. We voted this morning to move back to being a group.

Our group has been withholding contributions to see where we were financially. My home group is looking for suggestions for percentages to send to the 4 levels of AA. We had also, been waiting to see what the verdict was with the Central Office before we discussed further what our contribution would be for that level.

Positions we have to be filled because people are at the end of their term are Meeting secretary, Chip Chic, Greeter and Coffee person. We are going to hold a short business meeting next week to have a vote on those again because we had one person needed to check with her sponsor.

We have decided to do the Free Clothing Swaps twice a year because the last one was such a success. We scheduled our next one for Fall when we start changing our clothes out for warmer clothes. It is scheduled for Saturday,

October 5th @ 1230pm at the Redmond Alano Club.

In Service,

Sarah B

IGR

Sunday Sober Sisters Womens group

541-604-0842

[Sarahbutters29@gmail.com](mailto:Sarahbutters29@gmail.com)

### **WFS Group**

My Name is Erik G. and I'm an Alcoholic. My home group is WFS.

During our June business meeting the WFS homegroup members directed me to vote for the COIG store to remain closed for one quarter option presented to the IGS. That option was stated on page 4 of the May IGR Business Meeting minutes as, "We could keep the store closed for 3 months. (1 quarter) This would give us a chance to get a good reading on finances." We believe that the accounting, projected expenses, and how a sustainable budget will be adhered to need to be clearly explained with both financial reports/projections and a plan from the Advisory Board before it will be viable to re-open the store again. We also believe the store provided a valuable resource and the majority of the WFS homegroup members would like to see it reopen. One specific suggestion is to find help and support from someone who can advise on this, like those who manage the Portland Intergroup Store. I personally feel the statements in the recent Q&A document about the IGR's having necessary info to inform their groups on how dire the financial situation is/was are misleading. In my year and a half since taking on this position we have never been at or near prudent reserve and while I was able to bring that specific info back to WFS there has been a lack of detail and advising in the Treasurer report, when they were given, for my entire tenure. There have been months with no Treasurer report at all and until very recently the report has consisted of a spreadsheet with no explanation or advisement. Furthermore, the presentation of the spreadsheet has almost always happened during the IGR meeting which allows insufficient time for review before approval. That spreadsheet has also been rife with errors. I take responsibility for not understanding that this lack of information was sufficient to vote against approving the Treasurer's Report and possibly start a broader discussion. I know now and will do my best to shift the culture of financial discussion for COIG and continue that shift when my replacement is voted in at our January 2025 WFS Business meeting. Until that time I will not be voting to approve financial reports until there is sufficient time to review them and ask specific questions.

Additionally, I would like to note that I have not heard any advice from the Advisory Board, from my start in January 2023 until May 2024, about addressing our financial issues. It appears to me now that the Advisory Board essentially has the power of the purse for COIG and a corresponding fiduciary responsibility. Again, this appears to be a place for a needed cultural shift in policy and procedure. Some members of WFS have voiced fears that because of the legal obligations of the board that runs the store we may not be able to find members for that board anymore because of the failure to maintain the finances responsibly.

In specific to WFS news, our change in Friday Night Book study format, adding stories from the back of the “Big Book” one night a month seems to be well received and our attendance numbers have increased. This trend is also true for our Wednesday and Sunday meetings, and we will be discussing the need to move to a bigger venue at our July business meeting. I am still working on a revision to the WFS bylaws and service position descriptions following insights from our Group Inventory in May. I hope to have this completed for approval at our July business meeting.

WFS meets Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday each week from 7-8 pm in a hybrid format, both in the basement of TEC and on Zoom. The link to our Zoom meeting can be found on the COIGAA.org meeting section or our Facebook page (WFS Group – Bend, Oregon). Wednesday and Sunday meetings are topic-based shares. Fridays are a book study/discussion meeting using the “Big Book” and “12 & 12”. All our meetings are open to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’s program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend our open meetings as observers.

WFS has several service positions available in July with sobriety requirements starting at 24 hours. You could pick up one of those service positions and join our home group at our monthly business meeting which is held on the first Sunday of the month from 5:15 to 6:30 pm at TEC and on Zoom. The next business meeting is July 7, 2024.

Yours In Service,  
Erik G.  
WFS Intergroup Representative  
970-219-1549  
erik.gantt@gmail.com

### **Step Sisters**

Report for the COIGAA June IGR Meeting  
Step Sisters, Mondays at 7 pm at TEC

Step Sisters is a closed Women’s meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets weekly on Mondays at 7 pm at TEC in the downstairs meeting room.

Step Sisters is a book study and discussion meeting on the first 3 Mondays of the month and our current book is Emotional Sobriety II. The fourth Monday is a speaker and discussion meeting and an opportunity for us to celebrate Sobriety Milestones for the month and we meet for fellowship at 5:30 pm on the fourth Monday prior to the meeting at a restaurant. You can get more information on our planned meeting for each month from one of our service members.

In the spirit of rotation of leadership, we recently held elections for new service commitments to start at the beginning of July.

Additionally, at our last business meeting on June 10th, 2024, we held an information session, group conscious and discussion re: the status and future of our central office and a summary of that portion of our meeting is below:

New Business:

Opinions and thoughts to share with the COIGAA Advisory Board re: the central office closure:

Can we open the office, for example, for 4 hours a day staffed by volunteers? Any number of days a week. This plan can offer opportunities for service, allow us to continue helping the newcomer, etc... It's more than just a bookstore—it is a place for people to come/call.

Question about the finances – it seemed “all of a sudden”. Can we support that position given how much money we bring in? (The Alternate IGR offered some historical information re: how long we have had 2 paid employees, reasons for that, raises offered over time- as is appropriate-- changes in the level of oversight and expectations, etc..)

Discussion re: the allocation of the funds—is there a better way to spend this money vs. re-opening the office?

Summary of our group consensus: This group overwhelmingly supports the idea of re-opening the office in a fiscally responsible way.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kathryn B

### **Sunday Morning Serenity**

My name is Douglas and I am an alcoholic. My home group is Sunday morning serenity. Our group meets at 10:00 a.m. at the sons of Norway Hall.

Old Business:None

New business:

1. Our group will be holding elections for several service positions coming up in July..
2. Urgent central office closure. I presented copies of the following documents to home group members.
  - a. The May 14th emergency advisory board meeting minutes.
  - b. The May 19th advisory board meeting minutes.
  - c. The COIG April 2024 treasury report
  - d. The official question and answer document from 2024 Central office advisory board.

In service,

Douglas IGR for Sunday morning serenity meeting.

[dmaus25@gmail.com](mailto:dmaus25@gmail.com)

### **La Pine Thursday Night Men's Group**

La Pine Thursday Night Men's Group June 23, 2024 Report to Intergroup.

We are located at the La Pine Community Church, 16565 Finley Butte Road and meet Thursdays at 530pm. We host a pot luck on the first Thursday of the month which starts at 430pm. We hold our business meeting on the 3rd Thursday after the meeting. We hosted the June Intergroup Potluck and had about 50 or so in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, clean up and for bringing grub. There was plenty of food and fellowship and the A.A. and Al-Anon speakers did a fine job. One take away was we had some concern that there would not be enough main dish with the ham a member was providing so we voted at the business meeting to fund and provide grilled hamburger and hotdogs with the trimmings. This was last minute and we pulled it off but I realized after the fact that it was overkill and unnecessary.

Yours in Service,  
Mike So  
La Pine Thursday Men's Group IGR  
541-520-3221

## Liaison Reports:

### YPAA:

No report

### District 5:

What's up Central Oregon Intergroup!! I'm an Alcoholic and my name is Nick. Upcoming Local General Service events are as Follows:

- I want to thank all who came to the singleness of purpose workshop!! Was a great turn out. There were some great questions in the ask-it-basket. Looking forward to the next one with you guys!! The next in person workshop will be a homegroup workshop on **Sunday August, 11th from 11-2 in the Brooks room at the Downtown Bend Library**. We will also be having a **13 week Tradition Workshop on Zoom starting on Tuesday July, 16th from 6-8 pm**. This workshop will be interactive with the GSR's and will help us achieve some goals that came out of our District Inventory.
- Another thing that came up was how we cooperate with Intergroup to better carry A.A.'s message. Several District Committee members weren't very clear on all of Intergroups function and so I thought it would be a cool idea to have a Cooperation Not Affiliation workshop with both the District and Intergroup Committee members to learn not only what each entity's function is, but also how we could work together to help those suffering from Alcoholism.
- I have been facilitating group inventories left and right, so if your GSR hasn't brought that option to the business meeting, then put them to shame and bring it to your business meeting yourself!! Just like the importance of continuing to take our personal inventory, group inventories can help us to see how we can improve, to help better carry the message to those Suffering Alcoholics. There is always something we are missing or can improve on!!
- We continue to try to encourage and inspire participation in our local Committee work. Both our Treatment and PI/CPC Committees have monthly meetings and would love more participation. They are both doing an amazing job, but need more participation in order to do more. Corrections could use some new blood and are gearing up to go back in person. Please reach out to our Committee Chairs to get involved. [ctf@district5aa.org](mailto:ctf@district5aa.org) [d5aa.cfc@gmail.com](mailto:d5aa.cfc@gmail.com) [d5aa.pic@gmail.com](mailto:d5aa.pic@gmail.com)
- Lastly, I want you and your groups to know that the **District is here to help in**

**this time of change. I am very familiar with ordering online and am here to help!!** A member from 24 & Alive reached out to me for assistance in getting literature. They ended up “receiving a shipment of books and coins”, so I’m assuming they ordered online. Anyhow, I am more than happy to help all the groups with getting literature!! Please email or text me, and I will be happy to help!! My email and phone number are on the bottom of this report.

***Yours in Fellowship & Service,***

***District 5 DCM***

<http://district5aa.org/>

***Nick M.***

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**Unfinished Business:**

- **Intergroup Inventory discussion** (*Tabled to July*)
- In person IGR Meetings motion (*Cody - Fleeting Thoughts Group*)  
**“That the Intergroup Meeting return to pre-pandemic in-person only meetings.”** [COIG Motion Submittal Form - In-Person Motion.docx](#)

12 more minutes of discussion was had after IGRs brought it back to their groups a vote was had, minority opinion was offered and declined. **Motion failed.**

**New Business:**

- **Discussion Item:** Personal Signatures with personal Information on COIG Trusted Servants correspondence with the IGRs, Groups and the body. (*Daryl, Steps To Sobriety Grp IGR*)(*Tabled to July*)
- **New Meeting Request Form update approval** (*Paul, Schedule Chair*)(*Tabled to July*)
- [Central Office Motion #1](#) - *Russ presented his motion*

### **Central Oregon Intergroup Motion**

**Motion:**

I move that the Central Office remain closed.

**Intent/Purpose:**

- Resolve our current situation of not being able to afford to run a store.
- Divest ourselves of the largest drain of our resources in COIG
- Free-up Intergroup contributions / funds to support the other committees and services that are needed.

**Current Practice:**

In 2023 Intergroup spent \$47,606 to sell less than 1,200 books / Pamphlets. Making the average cost of the sales over \$47 per book sold. Since the books were sold at cost, the \$47 price tag was purely overhead expenses. This has left several committees without needed funds. It has virtually drained our prudent reserve. At the same time, many of the groups have stopped using the Central Office finding it easier and cheaper to order the literature on-line from [AA.org](http://AA.org).

**Budgetary Impact:**

- Closing the store would free-up funds for use by other committees. And allow the Central Oregon Intergroup Service Committee to get back to the business of helping the suffering alcoholic.
- It would reduce Intergroup's expenses by over \$40,000 per year.

Motion was second. The floor was open for discussion.

**6:10 pm** Will motioned to extend the meeting for more discussion. Misty seconded. All were in favor. More discussion was had. Rachel motioned to table and take the motion back to the groups. Mike So. second the table. All but 2 were in favor. Kate spoke to the minority opinion. Motion to table passed. **IGRs will vote next month.**

**6:25:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and passed unanimously. All else will be tabled to next month's agenda.

**Mike adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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