

June 17, 2025

Monthly Business Meeting District 5, South Florida Area 15, General Service Committee

Arcadia, Boca Grande, Englewood, Ft. Ogden, Nokomis, North Port, Port Charlotte, Punta

Gorda, Venice Website: www.aadistrict5.org

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Next GSR Sharing / Workshop on July 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM followed by The District 5 General Service Business Meeting at 7 PM

Location: St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church

4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

Committee Chairs, Officers, and Motion Makers:

- All written reports and motions must be typewritten and emailed to secretary@aadistrict5.org before the district meeting or by the weekend after the business meeting.
- For ease of insertion into the minutes:
 - do not create your report or motion in Adobe (PDF). (You may use any other typewritten format, such as Word, Google Docs, email, text, etc.)
 - use 10 pt. Arial font
 - limit your typewritten report to one page or less to keep the meeting and the meeting minutes brief but informative. Exception: Treasurer's report may be longer than one page

GSR Sharing / Workshop 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

Discussed Tradition 6,

District 5 Business Meeting:

Opening: Chair Jean M opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Steve.

The 6th Tradition Long form was read by Jay and the 6th Concept was read by Richard.

Roll Call # of: GSRs: 14 Alt GSRs: 2 DCMs: 5 Alt DCMs: 0 District Officers: 5

Total # of voting members in attendance: 33 2/3 majority=24

Total # of people attendance: 35

GSR Announcements for upcoming events (Please bring flyers to distribute to attendees. Please email flyers to the District 5 website chair at webchair@aadistrict5.org to have the event posted on the website and to the District 5 recording secretary at passport423@gmail.com and secretary@aadistrict5.org for inclusion in the minutes of tonight's meeting.)

Monday, July 14th, 7:30 pm

Living Sober Group

25th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

Christ Venice Methodist Church

July 20th, 1-3 pm, District 5 - 75th Panel Delegates Report Potluck Luncheon

Venice Gardens Community Center

Please bring a dish

Volunteers to make coffee and bring snacks to the July 15, 2025, GSR Sharing Session and District 5 Business Meeting (to be ready by 5:30 p.m.): Set up and Coffee: Richard Snacks: Lindsey

Chairperson's Report – Jean M.

Good evening everyone, we have a very busy meeting tonight! We have to vote about the new Area Split, budget motion for reimbursement of officers and committee members and upcoming Area Motions, as well as reports from our members who were checking on meetings in our District, I've been very busy on Zoom and phone with our Delegate and Area Chair this past month. So, please be brief with your reports and comments, I would like to end by 8pm.

I've also run out of copy paper and need an increase in my budget!

**Alt Chairperson's Report - Steph P.
No Report**

Ad-Hoc Committee Report – N/A

**Archives – Fred G
No Report**

Accessibilities Committee - Angela M

Corrections Committee – John A

Our District 5 Corrections committee continues to support 40 meetings per month in 4 different facilities in our district. We do 6 meetings per week at DeSoto Correctional, 1 at Charlotte Correctional, 1 at the Charlotte Work Camp, and 2 at the Charlotte County Jail. On Monday, between the meeting at the work camp, in the chapel, and Spanish in the education building we have as many as 65 men in attendance. We are blessed to have this opportunity.

Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers who make this valuable work happen. We currently have three in the process of being approved so the load will be able to be shared a bit more. We are always anxious to welcome more.

Current Practices – Carol R

District 5 Current Practices Committee report June 2025

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Current Practices Committee. If you are organized, have good computer and writing skills, enjoy research and collaboration, or are simply interested in learning more about District 5's current practices, please consider joining us. My email address is passport423@gmail.com and I would love to hear from you.

This month, the following updates related to Legacy of Service were published on the District 5 website:

1. The title "Legacy of Service" has been added just above the Legacy of Service on each District 5 standing committee and officer webpage. This was done to help all officers and standing committee chairs locate the legacy of service for their position/committee so that, in keeping with Current Practices, they can keep their legacy of service up to date throughout their term.
2. I have confirmed that the Literature Committee, Accessibilities Committee and Treasurer web pages, each of which include an up-to-date legacy of service, were published to the web in May. The Grapevine, PI/CPC Committee, Chairperson, Treasurer Home Page/Legacy of Service were recently published and their legacies of service are up to date. Current Practices will be working with the remaining officers and standing committee chairs in the next few months to make sure their Legacies of Service are up to date on the web and in the Book of Current Practices.

3. Next priorities: Bringing Book of Motions and Book of Current Practices up to date.

Grateful to serve,

Carol R., Chairperson District 5 Current Practices Committee passport423@gmail.com

Finance – Tim S
No report

Grapevine – Vacant

District Liaison to Intergroup – P.J.

Key points: Office revenue stream is up, now have a secretary and web chair, deciding on an accounting system.

The office needs to know who has a key to the office. If YOU have one, please call them and let them know so they can get a documented list.

Literature Chair – Deb B

Hello District 5 ! ~

Currently we are working on a Sponsorship pamphlet workshop ; read and share. This will be a virtual meeting held Mondays in August 5:00 -6:00 pm . Details will be posted on our website district5aa.org
Attended the Area virtual meeting held 6/3. The Sub - committee finished our DCM for Area15 pamphlet.
We will be reviewing at the Cape Coral 1/4ly Conference in April :)

Also reviewed a summary of Lisa Delegate report back . The Agenda items our district most interest were :

J) Consider adding Concepts to the 12 and 12 ~ failed

K) Consider update Living Sober ~ passed

Details along with all other Agenda items attached to this report .

There was also an idea for a virtual read and share Plain Language Big Book ~ more will be revealed following Conference .

Susan V S.E. Trustee has been assigned to the Literature Committee and will be attending the Oct 1/4ly Assembly .

Our meeting in June is canceled due to vacations ~

Our next meeting is July 30 ~

This will be virtual @ 4:30

Id and pw on District 5 web page ~ scroll to Literature Committee.

We are flexible with time , please email us Literature@district 5.org

Grateful to serve

Deborah B

D5 Literature chair 📄👤📧

PI/CPC - vacant

Registrar Report – Amy P

I received some updates from our district DCMs so I spent time working with the Area 15 Registrar to make the updates in Air Table. We were able to get information removed from our district which did not belong there. I made 11 groups inactive after confirmation by the DCMs that the group are no longer in existence.

I will continue to take further information from other DCMs and make corrections accordingly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amy Pocevic

District 5, Registrar

Treasurer's Report – Kevin C.

Please be sure to include an email address with your District donations so we can email out a thank you to your group rather than have to print and page for postage. THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following groups for their generous support. Steps to Sobriety, Big Book Step Study-Venice, Let Go-Let God, Barn Bunch Babes, Eye Opener, YANA (You are not alone), Men's Book Talk, Progress Group, and the Morning Makers.

MAY Profit & Loss**Group Contributions: \$1,607.90****District Basket: \$64.00****Total: \$1,661.90****Payments & Expenses****Reimbursements: \$ 883.98****Storage: \$176.94****Church Rent: \$65.00****Total: \$1,125.92****Net (+/-): + \$535.98****Prudent Reserve: \$4,010.38****Checkbook Balance: \$11,411.51****Outstanding Checks \$75.84**

Where to send your contributions

GSB is requesting that contributions be made online if possible

Go to aa.org and follow the instructions

Otherwise, send check to:

PO Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 15 Area 15 Treasurer

2950 W Cypress Creek Rd

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

District 5, please make check payable to District 5 Treasurer and include group name & number

District 5 Treasurer

PO Box 7356

North Port, FL 34290

Love & Service, Kevin C. Treasurer@district5.org

Treatment Facilities – Jason S**Website – Butch L.****No report**

Old Business:

These positions still need to be filled for the 2025/2026 term:

- **Chairperson is still needed for the Grapevine.** -- Recommended Qualifications: minimum of 2 years' continuous sobriety • knowledge of AA's 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Partial list of duties: use the AA workbook for their committee (found at aa.org) as a guide • attend all monthly District 5 business meetings and present a report of committee activities • forward typewritten version of report to district secretary for inclusion in meeting minutes • attend all Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and participate in workshop for their committee • include summary of workshop in committee report at next District 5 business meeting
- **DCMs are needed.** Recommended Qualifications: 4 years continuous sobriety • 2 years' service as a GSR in any district • working knowledge of AAs 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts. Partial list of duties: attend monthly DCM Committee meeting • visit assigned groups and keep each group's GSR/point of contact informed of General Service activities • make sure the District 5 Registrar has correct information for each assigned group • attend all District 5 business meetings • attend all Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and while there, attend the DCM Sharing Session, any workshops assigned by the DCM Coordinator, and the business meeting on Sunday • include summary of assigned workshops attended at next District 5 business meeting
- **Alternate DCMs are needed.** Qualifications and duties are the same as DCM, except that Alt DCMs are only required to attend Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies if they are attending in the DCM's place.
- Updated on List of groups for each city within the district disturbed to DCM's to update meeting lists for each sub-district for existence and viability. Please check the Intergroup website for all up to date info and report any changes. DCM Ruby has completed her list. All other DCMs are in progress and plan to update next month. Jean went through the others not assigned and only 1 of the 12 belonged to District 5.

Last month this motion was discussed and asked to be brought to groups for discussion and vote this month:

- **Background:** This motion replaces Amended Motion 266 and Motion 379. The intent of this motion is to:
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- increase amount of reimbursement for either banquet ticket (from \$30 to \$50) or one non-banquet meal (\$30 to \$40) for listed positions. (The \$30 amount was set in 2008 by Motion 266 in 2008 and has not been increased since.)
- show that receipt is needed for reimbursement and that reimbursement is received by the next business meeting

Amendment to Motion 266 passed 12-21-2010 reads: To fund the District Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Alternate District Chair, DCM's and voting ACM's, Chairperson's of Standing Committees or Alternates in their place, one night's lodging and up to \$30.00 for a meal as Quarterly expenses, as needed, as available. That each attend the appropriate Workshop or Committee Meeting and make a report at the following District 5 General Service Meeting. Motion out of Current Practice Comm.

Motion 379 passed 10-16-18 reads: To amend Motion #309: All qualified District 5 trusted servants attending the Area 15 Assembly be reimbursed at the next District business meeting or other arrangements made directly with the Treasurer.

- After a discussion and motion to vote on the proposed changes, this **PASSED** and will go into effect for the next Area Assembly which takes place on July 11-13th, 2025, in Cape Coral. *Remember that a receipt is required to receive the refund and the maximum is \$40.*

New Business:

- A motion was made to increase the Chairperson's budget by \$200 for additional expenses such as copy paper. Motion made by _____, seconded by _____. Kevin C verified there were funds to account for this and the motion passed.
- Motions A - F were discussed as outlined in the South Florida Area 15 2025 General Services Committee 2026 pamphlet. GSR's are to bring the motion to your group and we will vote on it at the July District meeting.

Next Month Reminders:

- July 15, 2025, GSR Sharing at 6, followed by District 5 business meeting at 7.
Volunteers for coffee and snacks (ready before the 6 p.m. GSR Sharing Session):

Set up and coffee: Richard
Snacks: Lindsey

Adjournment: motion to close made by Pamela of _____ group; seconded by Amy P of _____ Group.

Meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m. with Responsibility Statement, followed by The Lord's Prayer

District 5 of South Florida Area 15, General Service
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