

## **PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP**

**Date Founded: March 11, 2010**

**Prepared by: Jordan A.**

**GSO# 695859**

**Updated by: Krista T. 11-2023**

**Founding Members: Jack S. and Ted McT. (1st GSR: Mick McT; Alt. GSR: Eric M)**

**Original and Current Location: Hatcher Hall, Sierra Presbyterian Church, 175 Ridge Road, Nevada City, CA 95959**

**Day of Week and Time of Meeting: Thursday, 7:00 - 8:15 pm.**

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The Primary Purpose Group (PPG) is a Big Book Study group patterned upon other similar Primary Purpose Groups throughout the country, originally located in Dallas, Tx. The original Dallas group was founded in February 2007 with its purpose being to bring the focus of our meetings back to the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous; that is, to learn and then apply what is in the Big Book. The meeting uses a Big Book Study Guide which is based upon talks by "The Arkansas Travelers: Joe McQ and Charlie B". The meeting has two "secretaries" who use the Study Guide to go through the Big Book, page by page, sentence by sentence, asking questions which are answered by the next sentence in the Big Book. It is an Open Meeting and its membership is widely varied, consisting of members of all ages and lengths of sobriety, including many young people. The meeting recognizes sobriety birthdays weekly with presentation of an anniversary "chip." On the last Thursday of the month, the group celebrates birthdays with a cake.

### **Pandemic Years 2020 - 2023**

When the Covid Pandemic hit in March 2020, the Primary Purpose Group shutdown for one week in April, but quickly got onto Zoom and started online meetings in April 2020. Group met online for approximately three months, then Sierra Presbyterian Church allowed meetings again, so the group returned to in-person meetings. Briefly they provided Hybrid meetings which started in August of 2020. Once in-person meetings again, masks and hand sanitizer was provided, but masks were not required by the group.

Jessica J. was instrumental in setting up Zoom for many meetings, PRG included.

March 31, 2020 Zoom Information for PPG: *Time: 7pm on Thursday*

*Join Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/326041464> Meeting ID: 326 041 464*

*Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782*

Comments by Krista T.:

We continued to see one another in person throughout the pandemic. In living rooms and parking lots at first and then we were blessed when restrictions were lifted on churches early on. I remember sitting together in one members living room for our first PRG Zoom meeting. All of us logged on separately on our phones and quickly realized the echo problem. We didn't let fear stop us from meeting and we are so grateful. All of our regular members stayed sober through the pandemic.

### **Inviting Recovery Home Residents - 2022**

Since 2022, Rachel D. has been picking up residents from a local nearby recovery home and bringing them to PPG. Many of them continue to come each week during their residency and some have found sponsors at PPG.

### **Newcomer's Pamphlet - 2023**

After doing a group inventory in early 2023, it was decided to create a newcomer pamphlet. Primary Purpose Group is a traditional meeting, but they also like to have fun. The pamphlet is meant to better explain their format and why they do the things they do. It also contains a phone list and some history about the Primary Purpose meetings.

### **Regular Attendees - 2023**

Primary Purpose Group is a Home Group Meeting. Therefore, regular members attend. This is listed for Archive purposes. Although this is current, some day this will be relevant history.

Regular attendees in 2023: Krista T., Travis A., Lisette S., Eric K., Bill W., Jordan A., Dena D., Dawn B., Danielle H., Melissa S., Woody ?, Rachel D., Lakoda B., Justin A., Christina G., Sherry?.