

## Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

February 26, 2022

5pm-7pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom  
8 online attendees 15 in person attendees

### 1. Opened with the serenity prayer

**Mission:** "District 72 unites AA Groups from the Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, and Park County areas of Montana. We band together to fulfill our primary purpose – to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. As an association, it is our responsibility to provide common functions and service activities for AA members. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in monthly District 72 business meetings. We strive, as a district, to work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and operate from the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous."- Betty M.

### 2. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions- Leah

### 3. Reading of Concept Two: Rick H.

*When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.*

### 4. Establish quorum- 17 in person, 8 online

### 5. Approved January 2022 meeting minutes- Jerry made motion to approve, Phil seconded

### 6. Introductions/Attendance:

**Visitors** (attended online): none

(attended in person): Bradley, Arthur, Bruce

### GSRs and reports:

**Stephen** (attended online) **Sunday Night Hospital Group** (Bozeman)- 6pm on Sundays, still fully online, business meeting is the first Sunday of the month

**Pat** (attended in person) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman)- Business meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 8:30pm. Meet 4 times a week, all meetings are both in person and on Zoom (not hybrid), Monday Book Study at 7pm, Thursday discussion meeting at 7pm, Saturday discussion meeting at 8:30am, Sunday speaker meeting at 7:30pm (in person only), Sunday discussion meeting at 7:30pm (online only), business meetings are hybrid meetings.

**Katie** (attended in person) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman)- Meeting happens simultaneously online and in person (not hybrid) Business meeting first Tuesday of the month.

**Heather** (attended online) **Early Risers** (Bozeman)- Business meetings happen about every 2 months, next one will be next Sunday around 9:40am.

**Aaron** (attended in person) **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman)-Meeting Monday and Wednesday, Wednesday is hybrid, recently had a successful speaker event, third Wednesday of the month at 9:10pm is their business meeting. BridgetoShore.com is where the link to the hybrid meeting is.

**Alex** (attended in person) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman)- Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday at 7pm. Business meeting is on the first Tuesday of every month. All in person. Just did a group inventory.

**Dennis** (attended online) **Friday Men's Noon Meeting** (Bozeman) 1st Baptist church, meeting in person, requires masks. Business meetings aren't set.

**Joe** (attended online) **Vennis over the Hill** (Virginia City and Ennis)- Business meetings are usually the third Monday of every month. Everyone is doing good.

**Jerry** (in person) **Stacey's Alumni Group** (Gallatin Gateway)- Last business meeting was 3 weeks to a month ago.

**Jennifer** (in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman)-Had a business meeting and added to their meeting format to make sure someone is here to get the computer stuff set up.

**Kietra** (online) **There is a Solution** (Bozeman)-Meets 7 days a week at 7am. Meets both in person and on Zoom. Averaging 27-35 online. Saturdays are doing a book study, Sundays are a speaker meeting. Business meeting is the first Monday of every month, right after the meeting, held on Zoom.

**Monica** (in person) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Business meeting is second Tuesday of every month at 6:46pm. Meetings are at 5:30pm

**Jeff** (attended in person) **Big Sky Group** (Big Sky)- Business meeting is last Tuesday of the month on a quarterly basis (Jan, April, July, Oct)

**Doreen** (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) Sundays at 11 am, back in person, hybrid meeting. **Please spread the word that they are meeting in the hall**, business meeting first Sunday of the month at 9:50am

**Mike** (attended in person) **Joy of Living** (Three Forks) After Covid hit, things fell apart but they had a business meeting last week and elected him GSR, trying to get things going again. Meeting is growing.

**Sean** (attended in person) **Belgrade Surrenders** (Belgrade) Mondays and Thursdays in Belgrade, merged two groups recently, had a business meeting in January, nothing else scheduled as of yet. 8-15 people.

**Jen** (attended in person) **Easier Softer Way** (Bozeman), **New Women's meeting**, Thursdays at 1106 S 6th in Bozeman at 6pm, face to face, business meeting is last Thursday of every month, which is also their speaker meeting

## 7. Committee Reports

**Treasurer-Leah T.** (attended in person)

- Leah went over the report, reminder there's a new address for GSO contributions
- Having a Treasurer Committee meeting each month, if you are interested in learning more about what goes into being the Treasurer at the District level, start attending these meetings! Contact Leah for more info

**Answering Service- Gillian** (attended online)

- Have had a really good month. 5 people who wanted help. 8 calls about meeting locations.

### **Archives- Catherine** (attended online)

- Has gotten 5 responses for their COVID group story survey, really hoping to get many more
  - Here's how to participate in the survey:
    - Thank you for participating in the District 72 Archives COVID19 Group Story! Click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19GroupStory>
- Potentially planning an archives event for the week before Founders Day
- Jerry and his group would like to see the results of the survey in a way that shows how many meetings were left open and where they fell on a map to determine how far away an alcoholic was from a live meeting throughout the pandemic

### **Bridging the Gap- Phil** (attended in person)

- 5 people requested help, 2 stayed in Bozeman, one went to Joliet, one went to Townsend and one went to Billings
- New sign-up sheet, Phil got feedback that people wanted to go back to signing up on paper and not online. If you have members of your group who want to sign up for BTG please get that info the Phil as soon as you can

### **CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community- Neil** (not in attendance)

- No report

### **Corrections- Chris** (attended in person)

- Held committee meeting on February 11th. Second Friday of every month at 6pm is their committee meeting, being held in a hybrid manner on Zoom and at the Fellowship hall in Bozeman. Purpose is to come up with ideas on how to better carry the message into facilities, Ty (Area Corrections chair) showed up to their last meeting, stepped in and talked about putting together a big literature order through Area Pink Can account.
- Facilities are trying to staff meetings, GCDC is doing pretty well, meetings are hit and miss as far as staffing or participant numbers. Prison volunteers needed right now. Has 8 volunteers right now and hasn't had anyone apply recently. Application is online or you can contact Chris directly.
- Meetings are live in Deer Lodge, 2nd and 5th Saturday of the month. Each person typically goes once every 3 months.
- Bruce asked, are there any Spanish Big Books in the detention center? Unsure-Chris will look into it.

### **Grapevine-Angie** (not in attendance)

- No report

### **Literature- Chrissan** (not in attendance)

- Haven't been able to get in touch with the Literature chair. May need to start looking at finding a new literature chair.

### **Public Information-Sarah** (not in attendance)

- Sarah was unable to attend but sent her report to the Secretary: Ordered 500 meeting schedules last month. Thanks to Phil for help distributing them to hospitals and facilities in the area. Plan is to order 500 schedules/month going forward now that in person meetings seem to be back in full swing

Some notes for Sarah from this meeting:

- Update the District meeting time on the schedules
- Reach out to the webmaster to get new District meeting time updated on the Area 40 website
- Need the GSO address updated on the meeting schedules (found on the most recent Treasurer's reports)
- Fellowship Hall in Bozeman needs schedules

- Would be great to have meeting schedules at the Hall in Bozeman prior to the District meeting so people who come in from outside the Bozeman area can bring them back to their groups.

#### **Special Events-Catherine for Savannah** (attended online)

- Working with Catherine on Archives event in June

#### **Treatment-Chris for Alex** (attended in person)

- MCDC was still shut down the entire month of February, trying to be in touch about setting up Zoom meetings but is having trouble getting in touch

#### **Alt. DCM-Betty** (attended in person)

- Betty would like to attend more meetings in the District, specifically business meetings

#### **DCM / District Committee Member-Rick** (attended in person)

- Area Assembly is coming up, GSRs, you are welcome to attend!! Please consider it.
- Next weekend is the West Central Regional AA Service Conference! Friday March 4-Sunday March 6 \$20 registration fee
- Online preassembly happening, March 20th
- April 8th, 9th, 10th is the Area Assembly at the Great Falls Holiday Inn. "AA4" special code for AA room rate (\$99/night). Most of the business is all day Saturday and part of Sunday.

### **7. Old Business**

- Fall 2023 Round up chair election
  - Phil nominated Bruce-Nov 20th 1988 sobriety date, Bruce shared some of his service history and intentions for Round-up committee. Voted in by acclamation.
- Hybrid meeting tech alternatives
  - Jennifer spoke about the set-up used by three groups who cost share their technology. Cost about \$500 for a laptop, television, camera and microphone
  - Rick will talk to Reyes about his equipment and we will table this discussion until next month
  - Jeff is concerned about whether we need to continue with hybrid meetings. **We will add this to the business meeting agenda next month.**

### **8. New Business**

- GSO Tax Filings-Stacey's Alumni group looked at the increasing costs of the General Service Office, would like to know how we get information on who hires, controls hours, dictates reasons for salaries, improvements, etc. Is the General Service Office funded by American AA contribution dollars only? Rick suggested reading the Service Manual, Concept 11. What is the necessity of GSO being located in New York? Could it be in a more economically viable location within the United States? Rick directed the group to some resources for learning more, this should all be very public information and accessible for whoever would like to see it.

### **9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge**

**Next district meeting Saturday, March 26 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom**

