

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

April 30, 2022

4:30pm-6:30pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom

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- Phil M

3. Reading of Concept 4: Rick

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge

4. Establish quorum- 15 in person, 6 online (as of 4:30pm)- 21 total

5. **Approved March 2022 meeting minutes-** Phil made a motion to approve. Maurice seconded. Therefore approved?

6. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online):

(attended in person): Trevor, Bob

GSRs and reports:

Stephen (attended online) **Sunday Night Hospital Group** (Bozeman)- Meet at 6pm on Sundays, all Zoom, reading out of the 12x12

Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman)- Attendance is really good both live and on Zoom.

John (attended in person) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman)- Online and in person meeting. Will be discussing discontinuing the online meeting at the next business meeting.

Gail (attended online) **Wednesday Noon Group** (Bozeman)- Going along. Still doing a hybrid meeting also.

Ashley (attended in person) **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman)- Mondays and Wednesday nights, had been doing a hybrid meeting on Wednesday but haven't been seeing online attendance so will be discontinuing online and going back to only in person meetings.

Karon (attended in person) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Wednesday at 6pm, continue to do hybrid meetings, 15-20 people weekly. Continue to have a pretty steady stream of newcomers. Having more newcomers

than before the pandemic. Seems that providing meetings on Zoom has provided an avenue for newcomers to find AA.

Phil (attended in person) **Thursday Noon Meeting** (Bozeman)- 12 people a week, Big Book study
Joe (attended online) **Vennis over the Hill** (Virginia City and Ennis)- Doing great, visitors are starting to show up, meetings grow pretty good in the summertime. Monday and Friday are hybrid meetings.

Jerry (in person) **Stacey's Alumni Group** (Gallatin Gateway)- Monday and Friday at 7pm. Monday 8-10 people, Friday about 18 though there were about 30 for the birthday meeting last night.

Reyes (in person) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Thinking about doing a group inventory, attendance has been high, recently rotated service positions. Discussing how they will set their cost of literature, recently went to Area assembly, meetings nightly.

Jeff (attended in person) **Big Sky Group** (Big Sky)- Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Recently had their birthday meeting with good attendance. Expecting a quiet few months because it's the shoulder season

Doreen (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman)- Meets Sunday morning at 11am. Currently hybrid meeting, going really well. Consistent group on Zoom, a few new people but would love to see some new faces.

Jennifer (attended in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman)- Tuesdays reading the 12x12, Fridays regular discussion meeting. Hybrid meeting, recently started having consistent business meetings.

David (attended in person) **Early Riser** (Bozeman) Sunday morning, hybrid 8-16 in person, 6 on Zoom

David (attended in person) **There is a Solution** (Bozeman) 7 days a week in person and on Zoom, Zoom is 25-35 per meeting.

Mike (attended in person) **Joy of Living** (Three Forks)- Group is wanting to get large print big books. Mike will talk with Amy (literature chair) to get info on that.

7. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (not in attendance)

- I corrected the address issues we had for Area, the correct address is on the report now. I apologize but thank you for bringing that to my attention last month.
- I added the GSO general address, so now we have the 7th tradition mailing address for GSO as well as the General mailing address for GSO.
- The District PO box is due for renewal, they raised the price from \$188/year last year to \$212 for 12 months. I put \$188 in the spending plan for this item but it's been raised to \$212. I am looking for the district's approval to pay this since it is more than the approved budget.
- In the box that details the Bank account balance, there is an outstanding payment of \$258.98 that is the check for reimbursement to Rick for attending the area assembly, he hasn't gotten his check yet so that check hasn't cleared yet. Otherwise the checking account and spreadsheet are in great shape, everything looks good down to the penny again.

Answering Service- Gillian (not in attendance)

- Total calls to Area 40: 70
- Call to District 72: 6
- All six calls were from visitors wanting to know where meetings were in their area. One person was a newcomer coming on vacation & I put him in touch with a local AA – Bob E. of Ennis.

Archives- Catherine (attended online)

- Has been in touch with Earl about setting a date for Archives event. Looking at June 18th and June 25th. Likes June 25th, thinking maybe it can happen just before the district meeting. Want it to be interactive and maybe do some interviewing of old timers at the event.
- 70% of the groups that answered her survey are still offering online meetings. Would still love to see other groups complete the survey. **If your group hasn't completed it, please consider doing so with the link below:**

Thank you for participating in the District 72 Archives COVID19 Group Story!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19GroupStory>

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended in person)

- 5 requests from Gallatin County Detention center, all were staying in Bozeman.
- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help Bridge the Gap

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

- No report

Corrections- Chris (attended in person)

- Literature from Area pink can fund has been streaming in and being distributed to Gallatin County Detention Center (GCDC) and Montana Chemical Dependency Center (MCDC). Will see if GCDC will allow them to put the literature on the library carts, for example 12x12s, Big Books and Daily Reflections
- Good attendance at GCDC meetings, considering adding another time slot for a women's side meeting at GCDC.
- New GCDC meeting on Tuesdays at 4pm.

Grapevine-Ashley for Angie (attended in person)

- Nothing to report

Literature- Amy K (attended online)

- Amy will be unable to attend regular meetings at the hall but she is able to meet people there if they need to pick up literature. Call or text her if you need anything.
- Amy attended a Zoom meeting to begin to learn about her position. She will be looking at our inventory and calculate the dollar amount of what we already have.
- \$192.04 of literature sold this morning. Amy will send the check to Leah via the District PO box..

Public Information-Sarah (not in attendance)

- Bradley helped me with the quad fold schedules and I am still working on formatting touch ups with that.
- I only printed 75 schedules for groups to take back to their meetings as I didn't have the new literature chair's information. I have it now and will be ordering 700 schedules that I will have next week to distribute. I printed the 75 personally so there will be no additional charges.
- I did not receive the schedule that was passed along at the last district meeting with changes, so if that could be sent to me at this email address, I will make those adjustments as well. *(note: we don't know what happened to that meeting list at the end of last month's meeting. Will need to pass around a new one to get changes)*

Special Events-Savannah (attended in person)

- June 18th or 25th for the Archives event, luncheon or potluck. Once they decide on a date they will confirm with Earl
- July 23rd planning an AA Service and Volleyball tournament. At Glen Lake Rotary pavilion park, 10am-3pm. Music, fun, service!
- District "changing of service position" party, talking about doing this at the last meeting of the year.

- Have everybody come, outgoing and incoming GSRs and committee chairs at the District meeting
- Karon made a suggestion that we be sure to do the GSR workshop again next January, it was immensely helpful.

Treatment-Chris as temporary Treatment chair (attended in person)

- **MCDC has reopened meetings and our District will go on the 3rd Saturday of each month.** Been gathering volunteers and will look at picking up the 5th Saturday if we have enough people interested. This will be starting in May (5/21)
- **Still in need of volunteers, get a hold of Chris and he will get you sent to the right place.**

Round-up Chair- Bruce (not in attendance)

- **We'll be conducting the first meeting this Wednesday at 7pm at Fellowship Hall.** Meetings will be held to 1 hour or less. Will be discussing the theme and the available service commitments. Contact Bruce or attend planning meetings if you'd like to be involved.

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended in person)

- Attending different meetings, has hit a lot of the noon meetings, still a goal to get to all the meetings before the end of the year.
- Have been discussing putting together a survey for women to find a day and time that women may be able to go into GCDC in addition to the meeting that's already held there

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

- Lots of things to report from Area Assembly:
 - Setting up a delegate's report from Connie sometime this summer. Maybe end of July. Discussed agenda items quite a bit,
 - Literature item that had to do with the changes to Bill's writing, when the authors of the items looked through the background information they saw that 3 or 4 of their items were already being considered. There was a motion to have no additional changes made to Bill's writing. 48 yes, 50 no. The motion failed.
 - Triangle newsletter-motion to make it non rotating, no action taken. Motion came out of committee to have the Triangle be digital only and require a minimum of 4 a year. 71 yes, 22 no, motion passed.
 - Elected a Triangle editor, 2 people stood for the position, Laura was elected.
 - PI committee motion to approve description of the Area hotline chair position. 89 yes 1 no, motion passed.
 - Motion to spend up to \$3500 to do a hybrid assembly in the Fall of 2022. 86 yes, 9 no, motion passed. Minority opinion was heard. Vote to reconsider 22 yes, 62 no, motion failed (so the motion was not reconsidered). **Fall assembly will be hybrid. Excellent opportunity for GSRs to attend the assembly.**
 - PI committee agenda items were the comprehensive media plan, would put non AA people in charge of some of our media decisions. That was a real problem with people, sense of the Area was no. Paid placement of public service announcements on streaming platforms, also seemed to butt up against some of the traditions, sense of the area was no. We will find out what happens after the General Service Conference.
- Rick has the sheet with group information for District 72 groups. Needs to be updated with the Area secretary. Meghan will reach out to group contacts and verify correct information.
- Need to set a date for Delegate's report (usually happens immediately prior to July District meeting)

7. Old Business

- Do we have anyone interested in standing for the Treatment Chair position?
 - Chris would like to step down as Corrections chair and stand for this position. Shared sobriety date and service history. Voted in, 1 dissenting opinion. **Chris O is the new Treatment Chair**
 - Discussion about procedure-we don't have a precedent for someone who wants to step down out of one position and into another

8. New Business

- Chris O. is stepping down as Corrections chair. Jennifer offered to step in as interim Corrections chair. GSRs-announce at your groups that we will be taking nominations for new Corrections chair (commitment will run through the end of the calendar year) at next month's meeting
- Area Assembly scholarship applicant-we received a late application for the Area Assembly and were unable to vote prior to the Assembly. Reyes made a motion that we approve the scholarship application. Phil seconded. 15 in favor, 0 nos, motion passed.
- P.O. Box increase by \$24/year. Rick motioned to pay the new rate, Meghan seconded, unanimously approved. Motion passed.
- Reminder that we will be doing elections in August for the 2023-2024 District term

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, May 28 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom