

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

May 29, 2021

5pm-7pm via Zoom

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."-Rick H.

1. **Opened with the serenity prayer-** Betty M.
2. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions-** Bob E.
3. **Reading of Concept Five:**

"Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

-Catherine J shared on her experience with this concept

4. **Approved April 2021 meeting minutes-**

Sarah S motioned to approve

Gillian seconded

No dissenting opinions so we approved the minutes.

5. **Introductions/Attendance:**

GSRs and reports:

Stephen Sunday Night Hospital Group (Bozeman)- still on Zoom, consistently seeing around 20 people, lots of out of towners, not sure when the hospital will allow us back so will continue of Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Gail Wednesday Noon Group (Bozeman)-Closed meeting, been discussing when to go back to in person meetings. May need to change locations because parking has become very difficult downtown. Consistently about 12-15 people online.

Pat H.O.W. Group (Bozeman)-Meetings on Monday at 7pm, Thursday at 7pm, Saturday 8:30am, all are in person and online. Sunday is online only at 7:30pm. On June 1st they will go back to all in person meetings with pre-COVID protocols - No mask requirement, tables and chairs will be setup for the meetings, coffee will be served. Post meeting sanitization will continue.

Dennis Friday Men's Group (Bozeman)- Online right now, next Friday they will try first in person meeting, looking into some hybrid options.

Ashley Primary Purpose (Bozeman): In person Mondays and Wednesdays, Wednesday on Zoom still as well, started making coffee again and let up on mask policy.

John Tuesday at 8pm (Bozeman)- still on Zoom, this Tuesday they will be deciding when and whether to go back to in person.

Brian Big Sky Group (Big Sky)- 4 meetings a week, the one at the medical center requires you to check in at the front but otherwise they have been operating business as usual. Red Cliff campground meeting and cookout coming up, please reach out if you are bringing a big group up so they can be sure there is enough food

Karon K. Women's Pink Cloud Group (Bozeman)- Wednesdays at 6pm. Will be going back to in person Wednesday July 7th. Still interested in if there will be accommodations made in the future for hybrid meetings and how the newcomer experiences that kind of meeting.

Heather Early Risers (Bozeman)-Sunday morning at 8:30am going back in person next Sunday June 6th they will be back to Fellowship Hall. Discussing ways to do hybrid, considering just the audio portion on Zoom. Have had 15-20 people during the pandemic, hoping to see an increase.

Bob Vennis Over the Hill (Virginia City/Ennis)- 4 in person meetings a week, M/W/F are hybrid, attendance has picked up, got some newcomers just out of treatment who have been attending, have been back in person for about a month and a half now, doing good.

Alex Bozeman Young Peoples (Bozeman) Tuesday speaker meeting at 6:45pm seeing about 10-20 people. Tuesday and Friday at 7pm on Zoom about 10 people a week

Jennifer Women's Serenity Group (Bozeman)-this week will be going back to in person, Tuesdays, will be doing hybrid meetings. Seeing a lot of women online who are considering moving to Bozeman so it's been nice to start that relationship and hoping to see them in person once they make the move.

Matt W Rebellion Dogs (Bozeman)- -4th of July celebration coming up, details to follow.

Sarah Women's Friday Noon Big Book (Livingston) Friday at noon, read a step from the 12 x 12, speaker on the third Friday of the month. Discussing implementing a birthday meeting once a month. Also, discussing newcomer topics once a month. Have had some really big meetings lately, about 20 people per meeting.

Doreen 6th Chapter (Bozeman) Sunday mornings at 11am, on Zoom 15-20 people

Ben Wednesday Night Steps and Traditions (Bozeman) -group is doing well.

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T.

- Expenses were rent and printing schedules
- Operating balance \$5597.47-this includes the accessibility fund and the pink can fund

Answering Service- Gillian

- Total calls to Area 40: 57
- Calls to District 72: 7
- Six calls were from visitors to our area looking for meeting information.
- One call was from a Livingston woman who had been sober, was drinking again & wanted to go to a meeting. One of our members picked her up, took her to the Friday Women's Group. She decided she was not ready to stop drinking.

Archives- Catherine

- Wednesday June 16th first Archives committee meeting on Zoom-contact Catherine for details
- Will have an out of town archivist attending to learn some more about archives in general

- Requesting to use the District Zoom room for the committee meeting in June but then likely to do in person after that

Bridging the Gap- Phil

- A couple of people were coming out of the detention center and Phil has helped make contacts for them in other Districts. It has been a relatively quiet month. Will be going back to live in person meeting at GCDC starting May 31st. A slow rollout for each meeting so that the staff isn't overwhelmed.

CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community-

- No report

Corrections-

- Montana State Prison meetings are back in person, Chris O will be writing the schedule for that. **If there are any men who are interested they can always use more people attending. 2nd Saturday and 5th Saturday of the month they bring meetings up.**

Grapevine-Angie

- Slowly but surely a Grapevine display will be up on the bulletin board at the Fellowship Hall.
- I ordered 3 recent Grapevine book publications (Emotional Sobriety, Free on the Inside and Murjeres En AA) that will be available for people to read or use in meetings. We also had donations from Brian in Big Sky, Joe from an Ennis group and the Bozeman group of Primary Purpose.
- I appreciate people reaching out to me! I am open to other idea to promote the Grapevine so please let me know if you have any ideas!!!

Literature- Chrissan

- \$277.74 is sales. Inventory is down but she placed an order for Big Books and 12x12s because things are starting to pick up.
- Has old service manuals in inventory, waiting until the new one comes out before she orders more.
- Service manuals are also available to access for free online:
https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/en_bm-31.pdf

Public Information-Sarah

- This month we have had lots of changes to the schedule as meetings continue to move from Zoom to in person. Last month I had 500 paper schedules printed so we could get them back into circulation in the communities of District 72. I am planning on sending the updated schedule for June to be printed on Tuesday. I have asked Meghan to send out a copy of the schedule. **If GSR'S could please take a look at your meetings and make sure everything is correct and that I have the right contact name and number listed, I would greatly appreciate it!** I was in touch with several meetings this past month where this needed to be updated as the person had moved away or the service rotation had changed. Please let me know if I need to make any additional changes!
- Copies of the updated schedules are in the top drawer next to the door in the literature room at the Hall. I can also mail you copies or you can print them from the below link.
- <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

Special Events-Savannah

- Savannah shared about the event she's planning for this summer
- **Maybe next Friday for a committee meeting to iron out details around 6:45pm. Reach out to Savannah if you want to participate.**
- Considering a raffle prize, looking for donations
- Maybe reach out to Angie about having a Grapevine display?
- Maybe have committee chairs wear something that identifies them
- Leaning towards July 11th date to give us more time to get the word out and have more time to plan

Treatment-Mark

- WE ARE BACK TO face to face MEETINGS AT MCDCC!!!
- The last zoom call was a couple weeks ago and was a great call although we didn't have a full complement of folks. I will be finishing up my creation of a schedule and a sign up sheet for face-to-face meetings starting the 3rd week of June back at the facility and Butte. I will have that for you to post sometime this week possibly before the end of the weekend.
- I want to say thanks to all of the folks who have participated in the zoom meetings during these trying times. Your service is greatly appreciated! I look forward to seeing some of you volunteer for the face-to-face meetings as well as getting volunteers from the rest of the district outside the Bozeman area.

Alt. DCM-Betty

- Nothing to report.

DCM / District Committee Member-Rick

- Zoom Unity and Service Conference July 9th-11th. Pre-registration required. This will be sent out for all those interested
- Area Treasurer-there is a candidate and on June 3rd they will be discussing whether to vote this person in. There will be a new address for where to send Area 7th tradition contributions after this meeting.
- Area 40 Delegate went to the New York conference via Zoom. When do we want to do Area Delegate's report? Traditionally we do this in July. This will be on next month's agenda. Rick went over some of the highlights:
 - AA preamble will change
 - corrections pamphlet language will change
 - reported charter will discontinue printed aa directories
 - Literature-approved the start to a 5th edition of the big book.
 - Recommended to begin to translate the Big Book into a plain language, simple English translation.
 - Change verbiage from find a mate of the opposite sex to find a partner in the 12x12 and approved the change to the "lustful enough to rape" language.

7. Old Business

1. **GSRs:** What does your group suggest we do with the excess money District 72 currently has in its coffers?

Meghan asked: What is the amount above our prudent reserve? This was not clarified because we are not only in the brainstorming phase so the actual amount did not seem pertinent to discuss.

Motion made by the HOW group-in the motion it was asked that GSRs bring it back to their groups and discuss the motion at the next meeting. Tabled to next month.

Karon-Pink Cloud group-have not discussed what to do with the money but will discuss the motion on the table from the HOW group and get back to the District next month.

Doreen-more outreach to newcomers, group thought it would be good to put on some workshops for newcomers to find out more about AA and what it involves.

John-donating directly to the Grapevine, donate to whatever needs it most, GSO if they need it.

Gail-group is concerned with having enough money for items in the general budget, like assembly. They did discuss the HOW group motion and did think that was a great idea.

Jennifer-has not discussed this with the group yet but will come back to June meeting with ideas.

Sarah-group tabled their discussion and will get back to us

Brian- Group has not really discussed it yet, his opinion is we could just not spend it

Matt- Has not discussed it

Deborah-have not discussed it

Bob-will discuss in their meeting

Chase-will be having their business meeting to discuss it

Ashley-tabled it and will discuss at next business meeting

Alex-just give the money away, his group suggested he follow his heart on voting, since much of the money came from the last budget maybe we should just start having fun with it, give a bunch to special events. Make AA fun again!

Stephen-expanding CPC and PI to look at new areas where we can put literature like HRDC or other places that may be impacted by alcoholism more than other areas of the community. More money back to Fellowship hall.

We will vote on the HOW group motion next month. If there are other motions at that time we will vote on that as well.

2. Do we want to meet in-person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman in June?

10 people in favor

4 people against

District Meeting will be in person next month. Karon suggested we do a hybrid meeting. Bradley offered to help facilitate a hybrid meeting. Decision was made to make it a hybrid meeting.

8. New Business

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, June 26 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm at Fellowship Hall and on Zoom