

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

May 28, 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- Angie S

3. Reading of Concept 5: Betty and Savannah

"Throughout our world service 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."

4. Establish quorum- 21 total in person, 9 online, 12 in person (as of 4:30pm)- 21 total

5. **Approved April 2022 meeting minutes-** Gail moved to approve meeting minutes, seconded (?) motion approved

6. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online):

(attended in person):

GSRs and reports:

Stephen (attended online) **Sunday Night Hospital Group** (Bozeman)- About 12 people a week, reading out of the 12x12

Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman)- Attendance is really good 40+ people in person, 8-10 online. Voted to continue a Zoom presence in addition to their in person meetings.

Katie (attended online) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman)- Need more women!

Gail (attended in person) **Wednesday Noon Group** (Bozeman)- attendance going up, 14-17 in the room and 2 or 3 online

Aaron (attended in person) **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman)- Stopped doing hybrid meetings, in person only, 10-20 people at a time.

Karon (attended in person) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Having hybrid for the foreseeable future, 12-20 people about evenly split between in person and on Zoom

Phil (attended online) **Thursday Noon Meeting** (Bozeman)- averaging about 12 people, doing well, studying the big book, everyone welcome

Joe (attended online) **Vennis over the Hill** (Virginia City and Ennis)- Having a group conscious July 2nd, groups doing great, everyone welcome

Jerry (in person) **Stacey's Alumni Group** (Gallatin Gateway)- seeing an increase in attendance over the last 2.5 months

Kassidy (in person) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - some events coming up, a July 4th party, more info coming at next District meeting, Big books are going out the door without being purchased, looking for information about how they are being handled in other groups, will be discussing splits in June.

Eleanor (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman)- Meeting hybrid, averaging 15-20 people split between in person and virtual, getting newcomers and celebrating birthdays

Jennifer (attended in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman)- 12x12 on Tuesday at noon, Friday at noon, hybrid equipment and cost sharing management-they will be looking for someone else to take over this aspect of the meeting (service opportunity)

David (attended in person) **Early Riser** (Bozeman)- 16-20 people, good attendance

Maurice (attended in person) **Friday Men's Group** (Bozeman) -about 20 people in each meeting, people like the cookies :)

Alex (attended online) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman)- trucking along, always looking for more people to join

Deborah (attended online) **Tam Great Fact Group** (Bozeman)-meet at the Dinosaur park in the pavilion, about 12 people hanging steady

7. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (attended in person)

- Went over the Treasurer's report
- Expenses this month:
 - Savannah's expenses to Area Assembly
 - P.O. Box was renewed
 - Rent (4 months)
 - Literature order

Answering Service- Gillian (not in attendance)

- Calls to District 72 from Answering Service, April 2022
- Total calls to Area 40: 49
- Call to District 72 : 9
 - Seven calls were from visitors wanting to know where meetings were in their area.
 - Two calls were from people who (maybe?) wanted to stop drinking, but weren't sure.
 - They were given meeting info, together with volunteer's phone numbers
- Thanks to my two steadfast volunteers, Sarah S & Thomas G

Archives- Catherine (attended online)

- Shoutout to 7 groups who have done the archives survey.
- Stepping Stones event-speaker event held via Zoom 6/4, usually held in the Wilson home <https://www.steppingstones.org/visit-events/events/>

- Thank you to Eleanor, Julie and Gerry for keeping the Archives committee moving forward
- June 25th “Tea with Oldtimers” event will be held in a hybrid manner and that way we can involve old timers who are out of state or homebound

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended online)

- 4 people made requests, 2 from GCDC, 2 were through email from Nexus treatment center, one was going to Billings and one to Bozeman

CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community- Neil (attended in person)

- Workshop with treatment court- Neil is attending on June 2nd. There will be some professionals there and he thinks it’ll be good to have an AA representative there in case there are questions from them about what AA does.

Corrections- Jennifer (attended in person)

- Had an opportunity to meet people in person this month and put more faces to names which has been great.
- Detention center- question about putting the return address for correspondence as the Fellowship Hall, couldn’t remember what the consensus was
- Brought literature from Pink Can fund into detention center
- Jennifer has some applications for the prison and detention center and she can send this electronically as well if anyone wants to submit an application to take meetings into those facilities
- When someone is denied in the detention center, does that mean they can never go in? Not necessarily-Jennifer can look into that for you and the person may need to reapply
- June 9th orientation for GCDC

Grapevine- Angie (attended in person)

- Received copies of “Prayer and Meditation” book, will put copies in the hallway at the Hall in Bozeman, made notes to please return after reading
- Carrying the Message project-still other ways to take part online. You can go online and donate subscriptions individually, click the gift certificate button and it’s super easy.
- Doing online podcasts as well

Literature- Amy K (attended online)

- Sold some books and pamphlets, we are out of regular Big Books so that’s what the big order is. Ordered hard copy, soft copy, and large print as well as updated service manuals.
- Book order should be here by the middle of June
- Purchased \$204.46 in pamphlets, and in books \$1189.90

Public Information-Sarah (attended online)

- There are schedules inside the storage room that groups can take if needed. Also an order that will be available June 1st of 700 schedules. Those will be distributed throughout Bozeman and Livingston. If anyone knows of places in outlying areas that need physical meeting schedules please get in touch with Sarah
- Only in person meetings are on the printed schedule, online meetings are only online and in the app
- Rick asked to double check that addresses are updated on the printed schedule
- Betty will circulate a meeting schedule in the meeting to update with any necessary changes

Special Events-Savannah (attended in person)

- Archives event will be called “At the Table with the Old Timers” held on 6/25
- 7/23 volleyball tournament and service event at Bozeman Rotary park

- Early December event being planned to welcome GSRs and committee chairs to their new roles for the 2023-2024 rotation

Treatment-Chris (attended in person)

- First live meeting at MCDC a couple weeks ago. Wasn't able to get any female volunteers rounded up.
- Had about 7 men and 4 volunteers, had a really good meeting, and dropped off a ton of literature. Been in contact with Area Treatment chair to bring meetings in to Warm Springs
- We need volunteers for front line 12 step work. GSRs please bring this back to your groups!!! We need people with 1+ years sobriety to take meetings in. With more volunteers that means less of a commitment

Round-up Chair- Cassidy for Bruce (not in attendance)

- We have assigned a backup chair and backup treasurer
- 1st week in September 2023 is the goal for the roundup

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended in person)

- Been attending different meetings, trying to hit business meetings so please let Betty know so she can attend your group's
- Went to the Helena Roundup-it was sheer joy to be in a space with other alcoholics and share in the fellowship

DCM / District Committee Member-Rick (attended online)

- Area 40 concepts study 3rd Saturday of every month 10:30am-12pm to talk about the concepts-ask Rick for details
- Search for stories for the 5th edition of the Big Book is underway. If you know of anyone interested in sharing their story, deadline is October 31st <https://www.aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th>
- Minutes from spring assembly are on the website if anyone is interested.
- June 14th and 25th will be a Zoom workshop that the area chair put together on how to write an effective agenda item.
- 7th annual unity and service conference, zoom and in person, July 8th, 9th and 10th concerning traditions and concepts www.unityandserviceconference.org
- September national technology AA workshop, how technology will be used in AA in the future
- District 63 conference at the end of September is in Spearfish, SD. Rick highly recommends the speakers that will be there
- Tentative date for Delegate's report is before July business meeting but Rick will check with Connie on that

7. Old Business

- None

8. New Business

- Took nominations for open corrections chair position to fill position through December 31st 2022
 - Jennifer M self nominated and gave a brief service history and sobriety date. Voted in by acclamation
- Set a date for the final district meeting. Decided to table this discussion until the Christmas stroll is announced.

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, June 25 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

