

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

August 27, 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

2. **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.

3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions

4. **Reading of Concept 8:** Rick read concept 8

5. **Establish quorum** - 8 online, 16 in person - 24 total

6. **Approved July 2022 meeting minutes-** Rick motioned to approve, Phil seconded

7. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online): Dennis, Joanne, Melinda

(attended in person): Earl, Lenore, Nancy, Tony, Emily, Cassidy, Ashley

GSRs and reports:

Jerry (attended in person) **Stacey's Alumni** (Gallatin Gateway) Attendance has been increasing for some meetings, decreasing for others.

Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - All meetings are happening on Zoom and in person concurrently. Zoom meetings are about 8-10 people, in person are better attended. **On September 4th the Sunday night meeting will move back to 7pm from 7:30pm.**

Megan (attended online) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Tried to have elections but have so few home group members they weren't able to fill all positions so any women who are looking for a home group should come check it out.

Jennifer (attended in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman)- Tuesdays 12x12, Friday birthday meetings, second Tuesday of each month is their business meeting prior to the meeting. Attendance is good. Hybrid currently.

Alex (attended online) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman)- Doing their elections after district elections.

Jeff (attended in person) **Big Sky** - Nothing new to report.

Maurice (attended in person) **Friday Men's Group** (Bozeman)- averaging about 20 people every week

Aaron (attended in person) **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - Just had service position elections, doing preparation for February speaker event.

Gail (attended in person) **Wednesday Noon** (Bozeman)- Hybrid meeting, 12-20 in the room 2-5 on Zoom. Looking for more home group members.

Stephen (attended online) **Bozeman Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - Still meeting 6pm on Zoom on Sundays. Until the District balance approaches the prudent reserve the Hospital group will no longer contribute financially at the district level.

Joe (attended online) **Vennis Over the Hill** (Virginia City/Ennis)- Doing well, had almost 24 people at their meeting on Monday, having 3 meetings a week in Ennis and one in Virginia City.

Doreen (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Currently have a hybrid meeting, getting more attendance in person, gradually getting bigger.

Kietra (attended online) **There Is A Solution** (Bozeman) - Zoom and in person, can use more women.

Looking for speakers on Sunday mornings. Contact Kietra or attend a meeting if you are willing or know someone. 20-25 people on Zoom, 5-12 people in person.

Wendy (attended online) **Belgrade Surrenders** (Belgrade) - Has live meeting at 7pm Monday and Thursday, they've been growing like crazy.

8. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (attended in person)

- \$0.30 discrepancy is all cleared up!
- Deposited the check from Cooke City group that was found last month from 2021
- Had a few expenses, \$724.24 including rent, reimbursements for special events and technology

Answering Service- Gillian (not in attendance)

- Answering Service for last two months:
 - Total of 16 calls
 - 12 from vacationers looking for meetings
 - 2 from alcoholics, one man, one woman. Both connected with sober alcoholics, and went to a couple of meetings.
 - The man moved back to Arizona & we have had no luck with our lady who no longer wants to go to meetings. We asked if we can stay in touch. She said yes, so we will!!!

Archives- Catherine (not in attendance)

- No report

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended in person)

- Had 5 requests, 4 of them were women.
- Please go back to your groups and ask people to be BTG contacts. In particular running short of women volunteers in Livingston. Shoutout to Gillian and Sarah for helping with this.

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

- Nothing new to report

Corrections- Jennifer (attended in person)

- New volunteer orientation at the detention center every 2 months. Currently have 2 new females and 2 new males who are actively engaging.
- 9/8/22 is the next orientation. Please bring this back to your groups that we really need more people (especially women) to commit to meetings

Grapevine- Angie (attended in person)

- There is a new virtual monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm-8pm ET. Carleen L will be sharing her story from the December 2013 issue on the second Tuesday of September.
- Grapevine photo contest for a wall calendar.
- **New Grapevine Instagram is looking for inspirational photos**
 - “Send us your most striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity, and other sobriety themes.”
 - Photos must be anonymity protected (no full-face poses or identifiable images of people).
 - Selected photos will be posted on the AA Grapevine Instagram page!
 - You may enter as many photos as you wish. Contest is ongoing.
 - Please include your name and last initial, and location.
 - Send photos to social@aagrapevine.org
- **Looking for stories for March 2023** - theme is “Service Keeps us Sober”

Literature- Amy K (attended online)

- Sold some new Service Manuals and a bunch of pamphlets.
- Got Daily Reflections in for Corrections
- Contact Amy for any literature needs!

Public Information-Sarah (not in attendance)

- I don't have much to report, preparing an order of schedules that will be ready towards the end of next week or so.
- I did receive a message from the Vennis Over the Hill Group that they would like some extra schedules to distribute in their community. If any other out of town groups would like that, please let me know and I would be happy to drop some in the mail to you.

Special Events-Savannah (attended in person)

- Changing of chairs party that will happen at the last District meeting of the year
- Delegate's report still not scheduled, looking at a little later in the year

Treatment- Chris (attended in person)

- Takes a meeting to MCDC once a month. Great place to carry the message and hopefully get them to a meeting after treatment.
- **Needs more female volunteers!! Contact Chris if you are interested and have questions about eligibility, commitments.**
- Area coordinator for Treatment may be ill and we will be trying to get a meeting at Warm Springs. Also a Chemical dependency center in Livingston that Chris will be trying to get in touch with to see if there are additional service opportunities.

Round-up Chair- Bruce (not in attendance)

- No report

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended in person)

- Has been working on getting ready for the meeting/elections

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

- Fall Area Assembly coming up with elections for Area positions. Agenda is on the Area 40 website, it is hybrid. September 9th-11th. Registration information is on the Area 40 website as well.
- Fall Roundup in Kalispell - same weekend as District Meeting. September 23rd-25th. **If you are interested in banquet meals you need to be registered by September 1st!!**
- Printing delays at World Service, currently encountering supply chain issues and that will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Hardcover big books are back in stock as well as Daily Reflections. Any questions, Rick will get you the contact info.
- **Area Assembly -Agenda items for Area 40 that will be voted on. GSRs should look at the agenda to take items to their groups and be able to vote on them with an informed group conscience.**

9. Old Business

- All tabled to September while elections are held

10. New Business

- Area Assembly scholarship requests: we got 2 applications for Area Assembly scholarships.
 - Phil moved to approve the 2 scholarships, Jeff seconded
 - 23 in favor 0 against. Motion passes.

- Elections:

DCM - **Betty M.** voted in by acclamation

Alt DCM - Kassidy, Lenore and Angie stood for position. **Lenore** voted in.

Secretary - **Joanne M** voted in by acclamation.

Treasurer - Meghan R and Nancy stood for position. **Meghan** voted in.

Motion to extend the meeting to 7pm. Motion passed.

Answering Service - Wendy and Emily stood for position. **Emily** voted in.

- We had a member who wanted to stand for this position in absentia. Discussion followed that there was no precedent for this and nothing in the guidelines about whether or not we would accept that nomination. It was suggested by Earl that we consider amending the guidelines in the future about whether we would allow nominations without the person present.

Archives - Gail and Angie stood for position. **Gail** voted in.

Corrections - **Jennifer** voted in by acclamation.

Grapevine - **Savannah** voted in by acclamation.

Literature - **Amy** voted in by acclamation. Wendy as back up if we do not continue meetings on Zoom.

Public Information - **Kassidy** voted in by acclamation.

- Motion to move the September meeting to October 1st so as not to conflict with Kalispell roundup. Motion passes.

11. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, October 1st @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom