

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

October 1, 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."- Rick

3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions - Celia

4. **Reading of Concept 9:** Betty read the concept and shared some thoughts

5. **Betty shared some reminders** re: Roberts Rules of order and how the conversation/voting happens in these meetings.

6. **Establish quorum** - 11 online, 9 in person - 20 total

7. **Approved August 2022 meeting minutes-** Motion to approve minutes made by Gail. Rick seconded.

8. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online): Kelly, Joanne

(attended in person): Cassidy, Tony

GSRs and reports:

Jerry (attended in person) **Stacey's Alumni** (Gallatin Gateway) - Attendance has been pretty strong, Mondays and Fridays, doing well.

Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - 4 meetings a week, both Zoom and in person. Attendance on the Zoom side has been a little light most days except Saturday. Live meetings are well attended. **October 8th at the Fellowship hall is the HOW group annual speaker event.** Theme is "The AA Group - Where it all Begins". Carrie B from Bend, OR will be speaking. Event starts at 2:30pm, 3pm-5pm: workshop, 5:30pm-6:30pm: potluck, 7:30pm-9pm: speaker. Will be hybrid. Babysitting vouchers will be available.

Karon(attended online) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Hybrid meeting, 6pm on Wednesdays. As a meeting they are doing well, as a group they are having trouble filling service positions. Interested in talking to other groups about challenges with filling service positions.

Jennifer (attended in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - Meetings are going quite well. Attendance is great. Tuesdays they read the 12x12, last Friday of the month is birthday meeting. Going to move their business meeting to after their meeting. Will have elections in January.

Alex (attended online) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman) - Nothing new to report, still only in person Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 7pm.

Gail (attended online) **Wednesday Noon** (Bozeman) - Still hybrid, going along well.

Stephen (attended online) **Bozeman Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - Still meeting at 6pm on Zoom, hospital still closed to outside groups, reading out of the 12x12, tomorrow night is our business meeting.

Joe (attended online) **Vennis Over the Hill** (Virginia City/Ennis) - Doing great! 2 meetings a week that are hybrid. Jeffers and Sunday are not hybrid. Getting some newcomers.

Doreen (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Sunday morning at 11am. Still hybrid, going well.

Katie (attended online) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman) - Meetings going really well, nothing new to report.

Nicki (attended online) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Steady daily turnout, 40-50 people most days of the week. **Getting ready for the upcoming Halloween party on the last Saturday of October.**

Sarah (attended online) **Friday Noon Women's** (Livingston) - Read through the Big Book, 3rd Friday of every month is a speaker, 4th Friday is a tradition.

Celia (attended in person) **On Awakening** (Bozeman) - 6:30am Tuesday and Thursday. Recently moved rooms in the fellowship hall in Bozeman, hybrid meeting.

8. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (attended in person)

- Good month for income. Operating balance at \$3965.84.
- Please submit receipts for any expenditures you've had as a committee chair

Answering Service- Gillian (attended online)

- Total calls to Area 40 from January 1 st to date: 301
- Total calls to District 72 from January 1 st to date: 62
- Call to District 72 in September: 4
- Three calls were from visitors wanting to know where meetings were in their area.
- One call was from a woman in Big Sky who (maybe?) wanted to stop drinking, but wasn't sure. She was given meeting info, together with a volunteer's phone number.
- Thanks again to my two steadfast volunteers, Sarah S & Thomas G.

Archives- Catherine (attended online)

- Catherine suggested the District consider sending the Archives chair to the Archives convention next year.
- Catherine shared some photos from that convention

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended in person)

- 6 requests this month. 1 was premature, 1 who recently got out of Gallatin County Detention Center but then decided to go back to Idaho.
- **If you know anyone who is getting out of treatment or corrections that if they are interested in getting connected when they get out they need to fill out a form so their information can be passed along to Phil from the institution.**

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

- Nothing to report

Corrections- Jennifer (attended in person)

- Attended Area assembly. Highly valuable 2 hours.
- Will be meeting with Jackie at the GCDC with the Area corrections chair, Ty K. - more info on that to come

- Will begin a 2nd women's meeting at the jail 7pm on Saturdays.
- Next orientation for the jail is the 10th of November - if you are interested, get a fingerprinting appointment and fill out the paperwork first. It takes awhile to get approved so get on it ASAP!
- Once you are approved, some of the things you're able to do are sponsor inmates when general requests go out, bring meetings into the detention center, and answer phone call from inmates
- They try to do the orientations every 2 months so hoping the next one after November will be in January.

Grapevine- Angie (attended online)

- Developing a new smartphone app. Check out details on the Grapevine website
- Has a new book coming out called Emotional Sobriety over the Horizon which is Grapevine issues translated into Spanish.
- Every month they put a new poster out that has different graphics, check it out on the website.
- Price increase - price of Grapevine issues are going up in 2023.

Literature- Amy K (attended online)

- Sold a bunch of pamphlets and a case of Big Books
- Put in another order for a bunch of books and will need to order more Big Books
- There was an email address on the back of the meeting schedules for placing orders but nobody was checking it. That is being removed and people should contact Amy if they need literature.
- GSRs - books are available through the District Literature chair. If your group needs any literature, contact Amy as she may have it in stock or can order it for you.

Public Information-Sarah (attended online)

- Ordered close to 1300 schedules this month. 700 were delivered to Fellowship Hall in Bozeman. Also took them around town to urgent cares, ER, law and justice centers, in Bozeman and Livingston.
- Some changes to the schedules: came to our attention that there were several meetings that are no longer meeting and so were taken off.
- Groups: please check schedules (both print and online) and let Sarah know of any changes that need to be made.

Special Events-Savannah (not in attendance)

- Nothing much to report, still working on the end of year event (changing of committee chairs)

Treatment- Chris (attended in person)

- MCDCC has been going well, has a large pool of people who have given him their numbers but a small pool of people who actually go.
- If you can spare a Saturday afternoon (3rd Saturday of the month) 5pm-9pm, to take a meeting to the treatment center, let Chris know.

Round-up Chair- Bruce (not in attendance)

- Looking for a master of ceremonies, and some other positions.
- Dates have been confirmed: October 27th-29th 2023. Room block rates \$139 +tax at the GranTree

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended in person)

- Attended Area Assembly this Fall - learned a lot and had a really great time. Betty shared some of the valuable lessons she learned.

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

- Elections at Area Assembly - made for a very busy assembly. Delegate, Area Chair Alt Delegate and Secretary all elected using 3rd Legacy procedure. Kacie N. from District 91 was voted in as Delegate, Lisa C from District 72 voted in as Alt. Delegate, and Lynn W. from District 11 was elected as Secretary. Jake L from District 72 voted in by acclamation as Treasurer. More information can be found online.
- Floor action to create a standalone hotline chair position. Passed and a new person was voted in.
- Voted to discontinue the phone directory - motion passed
- Treatment committee asked to send the Bridging the Gap chair to the national workshop. Would like to put forward a proposal to host a national workshop in the future. Passed.

- Motion to eliminate the Triangle and the editor position and it passed.
- Motion to create a formal Area 40 technology committee. Motion passed. We will have a full job description to discuss at the Spring assembly.
- Upcoming events include Spring Assembly, Spring Roundup in Missoula, and the West Central Regional Forum (which only comes to MT once every 16 years) will be in Missoula August 25th-27th 2023
- Selection of Area committee members - DCM will be on the CPC committee and the Treatment chair will be on the Treatment committee at Area.

9. Old Business

- Finish elections:
 - Kassidy is stepping back as PI chair so that position is still open
 - Bridging the Gap
 - Tony and Gillian nominated - Tony voted in by simple majority
 - PI
 - Katie M - Voted in by acclamation
 - CPC
 - Karon and Sarah S. nominated - Karon voted in by simple majority
 - Treatment
 - Chris O. - Chris voted in by acclamation
- Voted on the motion to amend district guidelines Treasurer position. Unanimously in favor. Motion passed

10. New Business

- Kassidy - informed the group he is willing to serve as technology liaison for the foreseeable future.

11. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, October 29th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom