

District 72  
Meeting Minutes  
10/31/20

Opened at 5:04 pm with serenity prayer

Concept Ten read: **Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority-the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.**

Approve September 2020 minutes: A motion and a second motion then a vote. All present voting members in favor of approving the September minutes. September minutes approved.

**GSR reports** in chat box

17:09:55 From Meghan R : Sunday Night Hospital Group- still going strong, good core group with a good variety of rolling visitors. Continuing our meeting on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

17:10:12 From Dennis : Thursday @ Noon-Bozeman. Still suspended during Covid.

17:11:18 From Gillian Swanson : Livingston Women's Friday Noon Mtg: We are still meeting in person at the Fellowship Hall in Livingston. We have been having a consistent turn out of 10+ people and are holding elections for

group service positions in December. If you are a gal in the area on a Friday, please come visit

17:11:35 From Dennis : Dennis S. and Joby D. now representing Fri Double A Men's Group- meeting weekly on Zoom.

17:11:50 From Lenore : Hi friends!! The HOW group is doing well. No changes to our meeting schedule. All meetings

are on zoom (Sunday night at 7:30, Monday night at 7, Thursday night at 7, and Saturday morning at 8:30). The Monday

and Thursday night meetings are also meeting in person as well as zoom. Come visit us in person or on zoom!!!

17:11:50 From Aaron B : Primary Purpose-still doing well with both in person and zoom running side by side. Nothing else to report at this time.

17:12:05 From Ty BYP GSR : Bozeman Young People meeting at 7 on Thursday and Sunday at fellowship hall in person.

Also meeting on zoom on Tuesday nights at 7. Attendance in person is strong and with quite a few new folks coming in

we could use some support from men and women willing to be sponsors.

17:12:15 From Heather H. : early risers Sunday am 830, Zoom for foreseeable future as well. we have around a dozen or

so folks every Sunday. it's been really powerful the last couple of months as far as the sharing and spiritual growth have gone.

17:16:43 From Phil and Betty M : Betty M here - GSR for Pink Cloud. All is well and attendance is strong. Last month, we elected a new GSR (Karon K) and Alt. GSR (Megan P). Both of them are here at the District Mtg committee tonight.

17:19:24 From Gail MacMillan : Gail for the Wednesday Noon Group - still meeting via Zoom. Meeting attendance growing again since the weather has become cooler again.

**17:37:03 From Chrissan R : Sunday Night Common Solution , Peace Lutheran Church @5:30pm.**

**17:44:07 From Judy H. ,D72 GSR, Vennis Over the Hill Group : All is well with Vennis Over the Hill Group. All 4 of our meetings are now in person face to face.**

### **Committee reports**

Treasurer report:

DISTRICT 72 OCTOBER 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT						
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$8,190.78</b>	
GROUP 7th Tradition	\$258.83	\$21.95	\$4,724.07	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$59.31</b>	
LITERATURE	\$0.00	\$124.50	\$150.68	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
PINK CAN	\$0.00	\$59.31	\$1,043.25	<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$8,250.09</b>	
ROUNDUP	\$752.84	\$0.00	\$752.84	<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<b>\$858.83</b>	Note that the Roundup deposit is
ACCESSIBILITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>PRUDENT RESERVE*</b>	<b>\$1,889.95</b>	not included in the final balance because
OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>PINK CAN ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$1,043.25</b>	it is not part of the operating budget.
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$258.83</b>	<b>\$59.31</b>	<b>\$5,918.00</b>	<b>OPERATING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,458.06</b>	
	<b>ESTIMATED</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>	<i>*Based on 3 months (25%) of the operating budget per passed motion 202004.</i>		
<b>Group Contributions</b>	\$7,559.80	\$5,918.00	\$1,641.80			
<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>SPENDING PLAN 2020</b>	<b>PREVIOUS YTD EXP</b>	<b>YTD CURRENT EXP</b>	<b>TOTAL YTD EXP</b>	<b>REMAINING SPENDING</b>	
DCM	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	
ALT. DCM	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
SECRETARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TREASURER	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
ANSWERING SERVICE	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.00	
ARCHIVES	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
BRIDGING THE GAP	\$502.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$502.00	
CPC	\$865.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$706.00	
CORRECTIONS	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
GRAPEVINE	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
LITERATURE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,490.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$1,048.00	\$442.00	
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$2,247.80	\$61.63	\$0.00	\$385.93	\$1,861.87	
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.67	\$135.33	* Please send group contributions to:
TREATMENT	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	District 72: P.O. Box 1538 Bozeman, MT 59771
DESIGNATED CHAIR	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Area 40: PO Box 3826, Missoula, MT 59808
<b>OPERATING TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,559.80</b>	<b>\$361.63</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,957.60</b>	<b>\$5,602.20</b>	GSO:
<b>LITERATURE AND PINK CAN ACCOUNTS</b>						P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
	<b>2020 OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>MONTH OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>CURRENT INCOME</b>	<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	
Pink Can	\$719.13	\$476.77	\$59.31	\$0.00	\$536.08	
Accessibility	\$858.83	\$858.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858.83	
Lit. Balance + Books	\$150.68	\$162.66	\$124.50	\$715.87	-\$428.71	
Roundup (not in balance)	\$0.00	\$752.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$752.84	Please see note above.
<b>Group Contributions</b>	<b>7th Tradition</b>			<b>Pink Can</b>		<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>



Jail. Scheduled visits with sponsors but you have to schedule in advance. 30 minutes to an hour you can sign up for.

Literature: One order from September. A new group that started up in Belgrade Sunday night common solution, meeting at Peace Lutheran church at 5:30pm. Meeting in person. Is a GSR present from that new group? Not present.

Current Balance for literature \$1,535.79

Public Information: Please let Kristi know as soon as you can any changes to the schedule including new meetings and info. The Area 40 webmaster is changing. Sharon S is in contact with the webmaster or email or text Kristi with your changes or updates. Passing off from the old webmaster Brandon to the new webmaster. There is a meeting guide App as well that will have our schedule access there. The webmaster's email is also on the Area 40 website [webmaster@aa-montana.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-montana.org). Any changes to the live meeting schedule for zoom for our district email to this address [recoverybozeman@gmail.com](mailto:recoverybozeman@gmail.com) so they can update that on the google document.

## **DISTRICT 72 PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) COMMITTEE**

October 31, 2020

### **PRINTED MEETING SCHEDULE**

Printed copies are available. Please be sure to notify the PI Committee Chair if your group meeting status changes. We will be sure the changes are made in the printed meeting schedule, the web site meeting schedule and the 'temporarily closed' list.

A PDF copy of the November meeting schedule is also posted on the District 72 page of the Area 40 website for individuals to print if printed copies are not readily available. An email was sent to all GSR's and District Committee with the link. The navigation to the District page is not very intuitive; go to [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org), then select the area committee tab, then select district mini-sites, then select district 72 bozeman.

### **AREA 40 WEBSITE**

Area 40 has a new (interim) webmaster. A lot of cleanup has been done and response to requests is very good. We have updated the Bozeman 'temporarily closed' lists, please be sure to notify the PI Committee Chair if your group meeting status changes.

Copies of the minutes for 2019-20 District 72 meetings are also posted on District 72 page of the website and the District Inventory Report will also be posted there when it is complete.

The Meeting Guide app is up to date, reflecting District 72 meetings on the Area 40 website and printed meeting schedule. (It is also a fabulous resource if you are traveling). The webmaster is currently making some changes to improve the process of getting the Area 40 website meeting updates to the Meeting Guide. Stay tuned for future enhancements which may include better temporarily closed and online meeting link information.

### **NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Complementary newspaper announcements continue to be published in local papers. The announcements will be changed in November to a holiday theme.

Thanks for trusting us to serve!!

Round Up: closing executive letter, see email from Betty to add to minutes.

### **Executive Summary:**

The Roundup Chair was elected in April 2018, first meeting held in June and a mission statement drafted and passed: *“Under the auspices of District 72 of Alcoholics Anonymous, and with Al Anon participation, Bozeman is hosting the 2020 Spring Roundup. Our purpose is to come together so that we may help the newcomer, strengthen our sobriety, and to celebrate unity, recovery and service. We use the literature and format of Alcoholics Anonymous to guide us.”*

The event was scheduled for May 15-17, 2020 at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman (with an additional meeting room in the Days Inn). The team gelled; planning progressed. The District was kept in form regularly on progress, as well as team questions for GSRs. All was well until the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, State guidelines were issued prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people at an event unless safe distance (6 feet or more) could be ensured. What to do...

With District 72 and Area 40 representatives, the Roundup Team met and considered whether to cancel the event or be the first District in Montana to hold a Roundup virtually. With only 6 weeks to the event, a strong belief in the importance of fellowship at roundups, the steadily growing COVID numbers, a highly diverse Area where internet access is not always possible and concerns with Zoom security, the expanded team spoke. The event was cancelled.

Communications were issued immediately to AA and Al-Anon Districts in Montana, requesting that the information be shared with their GSRs as soon as possible. Refunds were made in full to all who registered for the Roundup via mail or online. Due to strong financial management, seed money from previous roundups as well as donations not refunded, the 2020 Bozeman Spring Roundup was able to pass on a balance of \$3777.84 as follows:

- \$2000 – 2020 Fall Billings Roundup
- \$ 475 – 2021 Spring Butte Roundup
- \$ 550 – AA General Service Office
- \$752.84 – Earmarked in separate account for next roundup in Bozeman

It was honor and privilege to chair this team of intelligent, enthusiastic, talented, sober yet not glum men and women. I leave feeling deep satisfaction and gratitude that AA’s time honored traditions and concepts work in times of crisis and indecision, and that our loving Higher Power, present and expressed through the group conscience, leads us to the best decisions we can make at the time. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty M, 2020 Bozeman Spring Roundup Chair  
October 31, 2020

Special Events: Savannah is the new Special Events Chair; she is looking for guidance or input and any ideas etc... Lisa C is interested in possibly putting together a committee interested in planning an event for Christmas EVE. Savannah is interested but definitely looking for guidance. Anyone interested please get a hold of Savannah.

Treatment: We are very limited in what we can do in person. But looking into bringing grapevine into treatment. As Well as how to support GSO through grapevine subscription.

BTG: no report

District Inventory AD-Hoc committee

Great turn out. Not huge but about what we expected which was awesome and there was great discussion. Our committee hasn't met yet, but we took notes and compiled info we would like to meet. We tried to make it happen this week before the district, but it didn't happen so once we can meet and can put together suggestions to present to the district. Steve: Would you say by December that would be enough time. I look forward to hearing about it. Time to digest, reflect and compile is great. Even if January. The info is coming soon!

ALT DCM: Didn't get to discussion/investigation about moving these meetings to in person or at least the option to meet in person in addition to online. That is on me I spaced it and so hopefully by December we can get that remedied.

DCM report: The inventory discussion was super valuable. I'm grateful we were able to do that. Exciting ideas that we can hopefully pass on to the incoming committee chairs and officers.

### **Old Business:**

Corrections vacancy: Chris O. nomination. Chris gave us his sobriety date and service history. Two and a half years and experience after incarceration. I feel we can do more for the system of Montana across the state. I would enjoy the opportunity to serve. Motion to elect Chris O. by acclamation. A second motion to elect and then we voted as a district. Unanimous in favor of. Chris elected. Congratulations Chris!!!

All of our positions are filled which is great!! Congratulations to the District!!

Committee guidelines/by laws current and looking for any additions or changes pertinent to your chair's position and information about what it involves.

Treatment: see in the chat box notes from Catherine: about accessibility.

**18:07:46 From Catherine J MT : From "Accessibility issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those difficulties are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual, or emotional. While there are no special alcoholics, there are alcoholics who face additional personal barriers to accessing the A.A. message. Persons who have visual and auditory challenges, those who are housebound or chronically ill, those who are living with the effects of brain damage or stroke, and many others who may have less visible challenges."**

From Accessibility for Alcoholics Guidelines.

Having a district inventory chair like Ty a regular thing, an actual designated chair?

Lisa, I think it would be helpful and more ready to follow through on the insight that came from the inventory but also to have one conducted regularly with more consistency I think it was ten years since the last one.

Steve, I also think it would be a great idea maybe get with Ty and create an outline of the job description and what it entails, use area 40 guidelines to look at that we are going to table until December so we can look at that.

### **New Business:**

Lisa: "Operating budget": difficult to sort out GSO and Area contributions without first sorting out what we as a district can do with possibly ordering/purchasing equipment for hybrid meetings to take place. Or any other ideas that the district might have on how we could utilize that money within our district to do more to meet the alcoholic in recovery. Steve: We don't have to solve the issues of how to spend the \$4,500 but it needs to be discussed and decided upon sooner than later. Just be thinking about how we as a district could be utilizing

that money in relationship to the suffering Alcoholic. Lisa, keeping the balance around just until we could decide what we want to do as a district with equipment for the fellowship hall and then we can look into contributions/split. I know GSO was having difficulty keeping their office space in New York city, so I'm not against contributing to GSO. We do also need to wait till we hear from everyone via the inventory committee once they get back to us on the feedback they accumulated back from the groups during the inventory. Gillian also looking to create discussion around equipment for the Hall in Livingston as well? We haven't had any discussion yet on that, but we should, and we will.

**\*Next District meeting December 12th 5pm on Zoom. It is our annual NOV/DEC combo meeting.**