

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

April 24, 2021

5pm-7pm via Zoom

Mission: "District 72 is an association of AA Groups banded together to carry out common functions and service activities in order to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in district meetings. We strive, as a district, to work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous."

1. **Opened with the serenity prayer-** Betty M.
2. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions-** Meghan R.
3. **Reading of Concept Four:**

"Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."-Lisa C.

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

Mark motioned to approve

Pat seconded

No discussion or vote

5. **Introductions/Attendance:**

GSRs and reports:

Stephen Sunday Night Hospital Group GSR (Bozeman)- meeting on Zoom, nothing to report.

Gail Wednesday Noon Group (Bozeman)- still on Zoom, have talked about moving to in person but haven't made a final decision. Closed meeting, 10-15 people each week. Would love to have more! This group celebrates birthdays every week

Chase Better Late Than Never (Manhattan)-Meets on Wednesdays and Sundays. Currently meeting in person, all are welcome!

Pat H.O.W. Group (Bozeman)-Zoom meetings Monday 7pm, Thursday 7pm, Saturday 8:30am, Sunday 7:30pm. Live meetings Monday 7pm, Thursday 7pm, Saturday 8:30am. well attended on Zoom, both local and out of town participation. Last Thursday of the month is a birthday meeting.

Dennis Friday Men's Group (Bozeman)- good participation on Zoom, just opened the topic of doing a hybrid meeting if they are able to figure out the technology.

Ashley Primary Purpose (Bozeman): In person Monday and Wednesday, getting 15-20 people. They were also doing Zoom but that attendance has really dropped off. Monday has been discontinued but still doing Wednesday on Zoom.

Katie Tuesday at 8pm (Bozeman)-still on Zoom, might get to return to in person soon.

Brian Big Sky Group (Big Sky)-7pm Thursday, 7:30am Saturday, Big Sky Chapel hybrid meetings, things are going pretty well, 6-15 people depending on the night. **June 22nd this group is hosting a get**

together at Red Cliff Campground with a 5:30pm meeting. All are welcome! Birthdays are the last Thursday and speaker meetings are the second Thursday of the month.

Megan Women's Pink Cloud Group (Bozeman) Wednesday 6pm, regular attendance on Zoom 15-20 people, Zoom number and password recently changed: Zoom ID: 822 0951 0292
Passcode: Honesty. Group is still thinking about whether to do in person but hasn't made a decision yet.

Mark E Rebellion Dogs (Bozeman)- (Reb Dogs does not have a GSR yet but Mark gave a quick report) Reb Dogs is fully back to face to face meetings, averaging about 30 people per meeting, serving snacks and coffee

Joe Vennis Over the Hill (Virginia City/Ennis)- nothing to share at this time

Visitors: Lisa C, Bradley

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T.

- Balance: \$8,344.95
- Literature had an income of \$277.40, \$172.50 came from the pink can for a supply of books for Corrections.
- Contributions for 7th tradition from groups were \$703.83
- White Sulphur Springs made a contribution and we will follow up to clarify because they are not a part of district 72, but part of 61.

Follow up from Lisa C, Area Secretary:

Leah asked me as Area secretary to look into whether White Sulphur Springs is part of our district. It's not. It's in District 61. However, White Sulphur Springs asked District 72 a few years ago if we would be willing to list their meetings in our print schedules. In February 2019, District voted to allow it, and I'm pretty sure we've been doing that ever since. (Excerpt from the Feb 2019 minutes pasted below.) My guess is that even though White Sulphur Springs remains in D61, they wanted to contribute to D72 to cover a portion of the print schedule costs.

"White Sulphur Springs and adding them to our schedules, they are technically considered part of Helena district 61. Groups are reporting that they see no problem with it, one concern was raised about making sure district 61 is ok with it and make an indication on our schedule that they are part of district 61. A motion was raised to add White Sulphur Springs meetings to our district 72 schedule, pending we get it cleared by district 61 and note it on or schedule that they are part of district 61. A second motion was made and a vote, Motion PASSED."

- Expenses to District 72 (April)
 - \$77.10 -Literature invoice
 - \$188.00 12 mos renewal of Dist 72 PO box

Answering Service- Gillian (not in attendance, report delivered via District Secretary)

- Calls to District 72 from Answering Service 2020: 166
- Calls to District 72 from Answering Service, First Quarter 2021

January

Total calls to Area 40: 70

Call to District 72 : 6

February

Total calls to Area 40: 55

Call to District 72 : 10

March

Total calls to Area 40: 59

Call to District 72 : 14

Archives- Catherine

- Putting together a committee for a couple of big projects Archives is working on. Stay tuned. **If anyone would like to join the committee, contact Catherine**

Bridging the Gap- Phil

- 5 different requests came out of Gallatin County Detention Center this month. Worked with getting connections for 2 women who went to Helena, and 3 men who are now in pre release in Bozeman. Phil met with them, delivered books, provided them with info for access to meetings, distributed business cards.

CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community- nothing to report

Corrections-no report

Grapevine-Angie

- Been looking into getting a literature rack for Grapevines at Fellowship Hall, maybe will use bulletin board at Fellowship Hall
- **To donate Grapevines you can drop them at the Fellowship Hall with Angie's name on it and call her to let her know they are there: 600-1100.**

Literature- Chrissan (not in attendance, report delivered via District Secretary)

- \$275.95 in sales
- Current inventory: \$1213.81

Public Information-Sarah (not in attendance, report delivered via District Secretary)

- I spent this month updating the schedules, especially in Livingston as I noticed a lot of those meetings were missing. I had the updated meeting PDF uploaded to our mini-site and ordered 500 print copies. The cost for that is expected to be \$150 and I should have them in about a week. **If you or anyone you know of is interested in helping distribute them, please let me know and we can coordinate.**
- I did have a committee meeting to discuss ways that we can have more of a mixed media presence (radio, tv, & newspaper). We are investigating the resources at aa.org and planning to come together again next week to continue planning.
- Lastly, I spoke with Carla T., the District 61 Advertising Chair on how to implement these ads and she provided me with some PSA & radio spot templates. I am excited to keep moving forward and implement these things. Please let me know if you would like to be involved. We could really use the help!

Special Events-Savannah

- Trying to get a committee together to plan an event, wants to rent out Bozeman Beach for a volleyball tournament, potluck, has had a lot of people offer to help with the planning. Any and all help would be wonderful. Maybe early July but no concrete details nailed down. Hopefully more by next month.

Treatment-Mark

- Apologies for missing the last MCDC, would like to have GSRs ask whether people would be willing to take part in MCDC Zoom meetings. 3rd Saturday of the month, 1.5 hours of your time, contact Mark if interested

Alt. DCM-Betty

- Focused on putting together meetings to keep people engaged, have fun, and get business done.

DCM / District Committee Member-Rick

- Attended West Central Regional AA service conference. It was very efficient, went through a lot of information. Rick sat on the CPC committee, considering a pamphlet for mental health professionals etc.
- Fall Round up November 5th-7th in Great Falls scheduled to be in person
- Fall Assembly still scheduled to be in person September 17th-19th in Great Falls.
- Zoom conference, Unity and Service July 9th-11th. Please go to <https://unityandserviceconference.org/> to register
- Meeting guide app-will be expanding it to include online meetings
- West Central region was in the black
- GSO is doing better but still a little short of being within their 10-12 month prudent reserve

7. Old Business

District 72 Guidelines Review, Discussion & Vote (if we are ready)-

- Lisa shared a little on the guidelines:
 - Mission statement was reworded to clarify who and where we are. No discussion
 - Changes to Secretary job: when to send out agendas, whether to e-mail to a bunch of different people, was deemed unnecessary because we post the minutes on the mini-site. No discussion.
 - Treasurer-changed check from 2 signatories to 1. In practice, this has been changed for at least 6 years. No discussion.
 - Changes to PI-added additional job duties that weren't included previously. No discussion.
 - District Inventory Chairperson-added language about what this chairperson would be responsible for. Same with Roundup. We have not decided whether this will be a standing position or ad hoc-this language is just to have a description.
 - Accessibility-language about what the accessibility fund is for in case something comes up in the future when nobody with institutional knowledge of how and why that fund was originally created is around. No discussion.
 - Robert's Rules of Order-used to have a glossary of these at the end of the guidelines, we would like to adopt a document that more succinctly and relevantly discusses how this shows up in our meetings. No discussion.

18 voting member quorum established at the start of the meeting.

15 voting members were present when we voted.

Motion to adopt District 72 revised guidelines made and seconded (because it came directly from a committee). Motion passed with 100% unanimity.

District Zoom account-Betty had offered this for the use of whatever groups may need it. While it was well meaning, it wasn't consistent with what the District wanted. The Pink Cloud group would like to pay back the District for the meetings they were able to use. This account will be used strictly for District

business going forward, if there is a group in dire need, please let Betty know.

Summer meetings: will we do any in person District meetings this summer? There has not been any progress made re: IT infrastructure for Fellowship hall for hybrid meetings. We decided we will keep District meetings on Zoom for the time being.

8. New Business

Brainstorming session for what to do with all the excess money District 72 currently has in its coffers. Some ideas that came up:

- Scholarships for people to go to Area-should we send to all
- Send more to GSO and some to PI for Mixed Media
- Send money to Grapevine because they are really hurting-lost a lot of money in 2020, purchase more subscriptions to Grapevine
- Grapevine program called Carry the Message-sponsor subscriptions to places in our District, hospitals, institutions, etc
- National Conferences for Corrections/PI/Archives. Area has sometimes sent chairs there but maybe we could send some District Chairs-might be an especially useful time to do this because so many people are needing to reinvent their positions because of COVID

Please share in your GSR report next month whether anything came out at group business meetings re: what groups would like us to do with this money.

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, May 29 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm