

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

March 26, 2022

4:30pm-6:30pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom
12 online attendees 22 in person attendees (as of end of meeting)

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- Amy K

3. Reading of Concept Three: Earl

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

4. Establish quorum- 15 in person, 9 online (as of 4:30pm)

5. Approved February 2022 meeting minutes- Katie made a motion to approve, Savannah seconded

6. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online): none

(attended in person): Bradley, Amy K

GSRs and reports:

Stephen (attended online) **Sunday Night Hospital Group** (Bozeman)- 6pm on Sundays, still fully online
Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman)- Currently have Zoom and in person meetings. Meetings are run concurrently.

Katie (attended in person) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman)- Online and in person meeting on Tuesday nights, running concurrently

Gail (attended online) **Wednesday Noon Group** (Bozeman)- Smaller meeting at the Fellowship hall than it was downtown, 12 people in person, 1-3 or 4 online, asking people to wear masks in person, revisiting whether they want to stop that.

Aaron (attended online) **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman)- Monday and Wednesday 8pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church, slight uptick in attendance, 10-15 people per meeting

Megan (attended online) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Wednesday nights, still hybrid meetings, 4-6 in person, 8-10 on Zoom.

Lila (attended in person) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman)- Increase in attendance at speaker meeting. Thursday and Sunday are still small. Haven't gone over their group inventory yet but they have started implementing some things that came out of that.

Dennis/Maurice (attended online/in person) **Friday Men's Noon Meeting** (Bozeman)- New GSR, Maurice, Phil is new GSR of the Thursday group. Has been growing exponentially. Dennis will be stepping back from service in this area.

Phil (attended online) **Thursday Noon Meeting** (Bozeman) Thursday noon meeting 9-15 people there, Baptist church. Recently went to mask optional per group conscience.

Joe (attended online) **Vennis over the Hill** (Virginia City and Ennis)- Monday and Friday are hybrid at 7:30pm, Wednesdays birthday meeting in Jeffers, Sunday at 10am in the library in Virginia City, attendance has been good.

Jerry (in person) **Stacey's Alumni Group** (Gallatin Gateway)- Meets on Monday and Friday at 7pm. Birthday meetings are last Monday or Friday of the month.

Reyes (in person) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Attendance has been great. Last week had a group conscience about stuff from WCRAASC.

Jeff (attended in person) **Big Sky Group** (Big Sky)- Attendance is good.

Doreen (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) Getting 8-10 people in person and 5 or so regulars online. Going well, hoping to get some more people.

Sarah (attended online) **Friday Noon Women's Group** (Livingston) At Vince Grant Hall, seeing some seasonal uptick in attendance, 15-20 per meeting, Big Book Study

7. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (attended in person)

- Income of \$1000+, expenses \$200+, operating balance \$4906.42
- Take note of 7th tradition contribution address changes!!
- Also new Area 40 address change for group contributions

Answering Service- Gillian (attended online)

- 7 calls in the last month, it has slowed down
- 4 of those calls were people looking for meetings. 1 Big Sky, 2 Livingston, 1 Bozeman

Archives- Catherine (attended in person)

- Has 7 responses to the COVID survey so far, if anyone wants to do it in person let Catherine know. She'd really like to get better representation
- Working on event with Savannah
- Tuesday at 8 group was wondering what the definition of an old-timer is for the purposes of the old-timer interview project Archives is working on. Hasn't been definitively determined yet! Show up to the archives committee to join the discussion.

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended online)

- Had an Area wide meeting last week. Reviewed the online signup options. Reviewed how things are going in general, seems to be going fairly well though in general there seems to be a lot of turnover.
- 7 requests in District 72 in the last month. Some from outside area treatment centers, some from Gallatin Valley Detention Center.
- Remind people who signed up that if they changed their email address to please update Phil with those so he can get in touch.
- If your group needs sign up sheets or other documents, text Phil and he will e-mail them to you

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

- Took schedules up to the hospital
- If anyone hears of anything from the professional community where recovery workshop could take place please let Neil know
- Volunteering to help out with literature
- Neil informed the group of his new sobriety date which puts him under the suggested sobriety date per District guidelines. Discussion followed regarding whether to allow him to keep his position
 - Jerry made a motion to allow him to continue acting as CPC Chair, Maurice seconded
 - 13 in favor in person, 8 online, 1 opposed in person
 - Motion passed to allow Neil to maintain his service position as CPC Chair

Corrections- Chris (attended in person)

- Committee meeting-had a working dinner to honor Pat who recently left Bozeman who has been heavily involved in corrections. Mike H will be taking over for Pat at the pre-release. Meetings over there have been going well, just had a second orientation, numbers aren't great, 3-4 people at a time, struggling with numbers at the prison, having no shows or 1-2 guys or no meeting at all. Staffing problems, on again off again with them closing the facility because of staffing issues. Continuing to round up volunteers for when meetings DO happen.
- Reminder that applications are available on the District mini-site for people interested in volunteering
- **New meeting opportunity at the detention center, Tuesdays at 4pm (need to have applied and been approved prior to attending this meeting).**

Grapevine-Angie (attended in person)

- Looking for people to enter photos for wall calendar, submit photos online at the Grapevine photo contest, you will get a free wall calendar if your photo is selected.
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/photocontest>
- Asking people to submit 7 minute audio clips of your story grapevine.org
- Ordered new prayer and meditation books for the hall in Bozeman. There is a box in the sponsorship room to drop old grapevines
- Angie had ordered some booklets that were supposed to stay in the hall but they are gone. Earl suggested maybe putting a donation or honesty box out there to recoup some of the expenses

Literature- Chrissan (not in attendance)

- Haven't been able to get in touch with the Literature chair. May need to start looking at finding a new literature chair.

Public Information-Sarah (attended online)

- Thank you Dennis, Phil and Rick for helping distribute schedules
- 500 April schedules printed. They are stocked at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman. Reb Dogs is taking a bunch for newcomer packets, yay!
- Not super fluent with Google Drive and is having trouble with some formatting on meeting schedules. If anyone is able to help her format them so there is more room for phone numbers, text or call her please if you can help!

Special Events-Catherine for Savannah (attended in person)

- Working with Archives to put an event together, also working on a volleyball event
- Get in touch with Savannah with event ideas

Treatment-Chris for Alex (no report)

- Resigning his position

Round-up Chair- Bruce (not in attendance)

- Reyes let us know that Reb Dogs is collecting money for round-up scholarships

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended in person)

- Has attended some business meetings

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

- Attended WCRAASC, pre-assembly, concept study all from the comfort of home
- Equity of work distribution plan-quite a few agenda items being distributed among committees for Area Assembly
- Plain English translation committee chose a draft. Mike L was on that committee and will be at the Area Assembly. If you want to talk about these discussions, GO TO AREA ASSEMBLY!
- Area 40 concept study- 3rd Saturday of each month, on Zoom
- Area 40 pre-assembly-went through the General Service Conference agenda items to give input to Connie to vote at the conference. Also went over Area 40 Assembly agenda items-this is different from the General Service Conference because every GSR and committee chair in the Area is able to vote at Area Assembly. Make sure you have the updated [Area 40 agenda](#).
- District 11 in Billings Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom they are going over Area Assembly items-ask Rick for more info
- Area Assembly WILL be hybrid! [Flyers](#) are on the Area 40 website.
- 818 399 1916 to get in touch with Reyes who will send out Area 40 dashboard info
- Questions about the Spring Roundup in Helena, no information available on the website

*Update, e-mail from Robyn in Helena:

Hi Betty,

The Roundup is still a go, May 12, 14 & 15 at the Delta Hotel. The registration will open soon. We had a last minute issue come up so we are running late. We will have the info at the Area 40 meeting and it will be on the website as soon as possible.

Robyn

7. Old Business

- Hybrid meeting technology
 - This is Bradley's last month helping the district out in this capacity
 - Reyes offered his equipment and services-ran a test run for the pre-assembly and it went well. Reyes agreed to do that for the District through the end of this year.

8. New Business

- Two chairs have resigned their positions, Literature and Treatment
 - Amy K stood for the Literature position, shared service history and sobriety date. 15 in person plus 8 online in favor. Amy is the new Literature chair!
 - No one stood for the Treatment chair. Chris offered to serve as interim chair. **GSRs: bring back to your groups that we'll be asking for nominations next week as well.** Betty motioned to allow Chris to become interim chair, seconded by several people
- **New District Chairs and officers will be elected in August. Bring that back and have people read about the positions and come to the August meeting for elections to begin January 1 2023.**
- Jerry's group had questions about royalties paid out on literature-answer is there are no royalties paid out right now. Also had questions about the structure at the GSO, we ran out of time to properly discuss these items.

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

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

