

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – December 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 12/13/25 4:30-6:30pm at Fellowship Hall, Bozeman](#) and via [Zoom](#). [Link information below.](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxQN0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 3623 3284

Passcode: 371512

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

1. Open with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
2. Read the District 72 safety statement:
 - If any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting. Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group wishes to create a safe meeting environment in which alcoholics can focus on achieving sobriety.
3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions - Gail M.
4. Read Concepts Eleven and Twelve:

11: "The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."

12: "The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action."

5. Establish quorum: Voting members are group GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and District Officers. If you are an alternate GSR, please only raise your hand if your GSR is not present. (calculate 2/3s for quorum)

25 in room, 4 online = 29 Total

Quorum = 20

6. Approve October's meeting minutes - All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors: **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR GSR REPORTS**

*If you are a GSR please come to the microphone to give your report.
Please briefly share:*

- GSRs – *Your name, home group & anything you think might interest or benefit your fellow GSRs and/or District Chairs about your home group (e.g., events or activities your home group is hosting or doing, topics that your group is interested in or struggling with, etc.).*

Maurice W. (Friday Men's, Bozeman) – Little by little increasing numbers of people. Had good turnout, is substitute for Thursday big book study, group is also doing well.

Gail M. (Wednesday Noon, Bozeman) – 20-40 in room, high number for group.

Valerie K. (Young People's, Bozeman) – Avg 15 people a meeting, business is first Tuesday. Speaker this Tuesday will be American Leah

Alycia T. (Primary Purpose, Bozeman) – Business is third Wed of month, event coming up February 7th panel potluck 4-7 speaker at 7:30 called We Have Ceased Fighting

Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) – Business is 1st Saturday of month after normal meeting. Not much going on, just gay people trying to stay sober. Looking for more members, if anybody would like to come it's a good meeting.

David K. (Tuesday at 8, Bozeman) – Avg 30 folks, meet downstairs of St. James. Business after meeting first Tuesday of month.

Susan H. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) – Meet 5 times a week. Also have zoom Hybrid Monday and Friday nights. Business is third Monday of month after meeting. Avg 5-10 people in meetings. Will be group conscience to discuss whether continue Tuesday meeting, usually only have 1-3 people in meeting.

Russ G. (Saturday Morning Third Steppers, Livingston) – Is not coffee guy anymore! But had 40+ this Saturday, high attendance this time year. Business is 1st Saturday of month following meeting. Started speaker meeting couple months ago on Third Saturday of each month. Nick will be speaker this coming Third Saturday. Caroling event will be going on, will be posting something online to get info out if anyone wants to join.

Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman) – Business is third Sat of month after normal meeting, Little busier than usual. Low on homegroup members, have two of them now. Have opener and closer position covered. Have steady stream of newcomers on weekends looking to make a change.

Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Women's group, also hybrid. Have 6 homegroup members. Hoping for 1-3 more. Use Venmo for 7th tradition, works good for hybrid. Have speaker end of month, meeting on Christmas Eve. Side note, there is a Three Forks women's meeting that is new (Friday at 5:30pm at Rebekah Hall in 3F)

Jojo S. (Rebellion Dogs, Bozeman) – Business meeting is 2nd Tuesday of each month

Jenny B. (Page by Page, Livingston) – 18-20 people. Business is 1st Tuesday after normal meeting. Hosting first speaker meeting, will be doing quarterly January 17th at 7pm. Have 6 homegroup members.

Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade) - At Peace Lutheran Church. Business 2nd Sunday of each month. 20 members, 6-8 homegroup members

Steve Z. (Broad Highway, Bozeman) – Monday nights 8pm, 5-12 people at meeting. Have speaker then discussion.

Matthew R. (HOW Group, Bozeman) – Business meeting this Thursday, finished up 1 year service commitments.

Autumn H. (Friday Beginners, Bozeman) – First Friday do book study of Plain Language big book, other Fridays are 15-20 minute speaker followed by discussion. Also have American Leah speaking this week!

Catherine J. (Not a Glum Lot, Online) – Have anniversary last Saturday of month.
Always busy, could use support

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.

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8. Introductions and Committee Reports **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS**

Treasurer, *Tim K.*

Please see full Treasurer's Report for details

Current Bank Balance as of 12/06/25: \$7,301.05

Total Income: \$2,885.35

Total Expenses: \$1,389.81

Current Operating Balance: \$2,480.61

See attached reports for reporting period 10/19/2025-12/06/2025 which shows all income and expenses for this period, YTD vs. Budget. Any questions or concerns please reach out to me.

I was given a receipt for Literature that was for our Treatment Chair who used the books for the new Hospital meeting. Since the District has not allocated money for this and it is not a pink can expense I debited it to the Treatment budget for Literature and that is why that line item is now -\$198.83 for Literature under the Treatment Chairs Spending plan. I have consulted and asked the finance committee and officers to bring this matter to the District for discussion or a motion of how to handle this in the future.

*****District 72 contributions remains the same mailing address: PO Box 1538, Bozeman Mt. 59771-1538, *Please make checks payable to District 72 and ***PLEASE specify in memo if pink can contribution OR Group 7th Tradition contribution OR Literature purchases PLEASE.**

*To Contribute to Area 40 send contributions to Area 40 Inc. P.O. Box 43, Billings Mt. 59103.

*To contribute to G.S.O. send contributions to General Service Board P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.

Please Print a copy off for the District meeting on 12/13/25 as we will NOT have copies available since we now have multiple page reports. If you are signed up to receive emails from District 72 you will receive a copy in your email.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Tim K-District 72 Treasurer.

Answering Service, *Wendy C.*

Answering Service Report:

We only had two Answering Service calls last month. One was missed by the volunteer but I reached out right away with directions to the meeting they called about. Also, kudos to our volunteers! They have all been very kind and appreciative of their choice to offer this service work. We have a good organized system here in our district's Answering Service! We are having an Answering Service statewide meeting this month and I will report on what I learn.

- Looking for male volunteers for Answering Service (GSR's please bring back to groups)

Archives, Joanne M.

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - November/December 2025

- Since my last report in October I have been maintaining records of D72 information. Printing, organizing, and working on other service commitments has filled my time. So not much to report on.
- I apologize for resting on my laurels and I hope to do more.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Betty M.

Hi everybody!

First, thank you for the honor of serving as your CPC Chair this year. I've learned a lot and developed such incredible respect for the work Alcoholics Anonymous does in our district. I'm grateful to all of you who give your time, your attention and your heart to AA Service work.

The MSU Nursing School contact has asked us to give a CPC presentation to their nursing students on Friday, January 16th from 1-3. We have our presenters scheduled and they are excited. Al-Anon will, once again, join us for the presentation.

Rebekah P, D72 Treatment Chair, and I have reached out to Rimrock in Bozeman to begin discussing how D72 might be able to be useful to them. They are enthusiastic and will welcome our involvement and have asked us to give them some time to settle in first. They have suggested we regroup in February. What we've learned so far: Rimrock is planned to be an outpatient facility in Bozeman. Their patients are in their program from 3 - 24 months based on need. They are definitely interested in having us involved in bringing A.A. meetings on-site, and Rebekah and I are talking with them more about needs, etc. early next year. Rimrock is also interested in exploring more about how we might be able to bring CPC Presentations (A.A. and Al-Anon) into their facility next year. As most of the Cedar Creek Staff has been retained, the need for an A.A./Al-Anon presentation is TBD. They also expressed a potential interest in getting AA Meeting Directories delivered, literature (TBD) and possibly want to connect with Bridging the Gap. More will be revealed. I will be scheduling a meeting in January for the Treatment, CPC, PI, BTG and Literature Chairs to begin talking about our potential involvement with Rimrock.

To close out the year, the CPC Committee is having a little holiday party at the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday December 17th at our regular meeting from 6-7 pm. All committee members and people interested in participating on CPC are invited. Call or text me at ----- if you're interested.

Happy Holidays, and thank you for the opportunity to serve our fabulous fellowship this year.

Betty M

- Betty adds that Rebekah will very much lead the treatment meetings and stuff, Betty is just being a secretary because she has the time available.

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Absent, Lila read report

Hello District 72. My name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic and your Grapevine and LaVina rep. I apologize but I am finishing a job today and will be unable to attend.

There is a Grapevine subscription contest running until the spring assembly and Hugh M. from Great Falls has a special hand-made prize for the district that has the most new subscriptions!

We will need to keep track of the new subscription numbers, so if GSR's could please promote this at your home groups and send me any new subscription numbers that would be awesome! Individuals are welcome to message me direct as well and Hugh will try to get numbers from Grapevine, but we should track it for him if we can.

My email is [-----](#) or you can text me at ----- . If anyone else is tracking this, please reach out and we can compare notes.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob C.

- Lenore encourages everyone to track Grapevine Subscriptions because she is competitive! And we are a large District.

Literature, Steven R.

2025-12-13

13 sales this month totaling \$1269.28.

I have several cases of big books, living sober, condensed big books, and plain language big books on order. Several specialty books on back order.

There are several meetings that are looking for pamphlet racks which GSO does not sell anymore. If your group has one that is unused, please let me know!

For any orders, please email me at [-----](#) . Text or phone calls also work but email is preferred.

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

- Warming Center meeting is discontinued
- HRDC now has a new standard Beginner's AA Meeting that meets Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 8pm at their new building (208 E Griffin Dr between N 7th Ave and N Rouse Ave. Park in HRDC lot. It's the light gray building on right in back). Will be added to next set of printed schedules.

- Hiccup w/ Pathway to Freedom meeting in Belgrade. Online meeting listing has been updated and print will be correct soon.
- Lots of small adjustments to change and update before printing.
- New women's meeting in Belgrade will be added to schedule
 - Autumn asks, was pointed out to her that mailing address for contributions to area still incorrect on schedule. Ashley states yes, just that schedule is printed quarterly but will be correct soon
 - Lenore states that meetings usually have 30 day trial period before on printed schedule regarding Three Forks meeting or new meeting in Belgrade, new meeting Broad Highway
 - Crystal states she's heard that yeah there is a waiting period for online
 - On 30 day thing Steven Z wondering about 30 day wait thing. May come from, he said GSO told him that Group won't get a group number from GSO until 30 days so that may be the thing. Could be an agenda item to figure out specifics.
 - Amy asked about holidays ads, Ashley says she missed the deadline on some holiday things, may have dropped the ball.

Roundup, Catherine J

DISTRICT 72 ROUNDUP COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: December 13, 2025

The Bozeman Roundup Planning Committee met on November 15, 2025, to continue organizing Spring Roundup 2027, scheduled for April 30–May 2, 2027.

KEY UPDATES

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to Rebellion Dogs for a generous contribution of \$250 and to District 72 for \$500 in seed funding.

Checks may be made payable to: Spring Roundup 2027

District 72 of Alcoholics Anonymous

ATTN: Spring Roundup 2027

P.O. Box 1538

Bozeman, MT 59771-1538

THEME AND LOGO

"The persistent use of meditation and prayer, we found, did open the channel so that where there had been a trickle, there now was a river which led to sure power and safe guidance from God as we were increasingly better able to understand Him." (p. 109)

Logo (in development): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/UmgZ58fqWWZXNv6W7>

OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS

Chairpersons are still needed for Facilities, Public Information, Accessibility, Entertainment, and additional service roles.

Service position descriptions: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/MG-4_0525.pdf

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall (in person) and on Zoom

Zoom: 659 311 3200 | Passcode: howitworks

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6593113200?pwd=NXNoRHJ0MXluY2JCRTBSeC82UIJHZz09>

FUTURE MEETING DATES

January 17 | February 21 | March 21

- Catherine has a sweet committee, still looking for chair people. Also that someone on Roundup committee would like to attend Spring Assembly
- Tim asks how can people register? No we don't have a form yet. If anyone good at that stuff, please come out and offer assistance!

Special Events, Amy K.

Thank you, has been an awesome year! Stay tuned for next year.

Bridging the Gap, Michael S.

Absent, Lila read report (couldn't connect to internet)

***2025 District 72 BtG Nov/Dec Report

There have been 7 requests since last District meeting

We are working on getting the new Griffin Group up and running. We started taking meetings in there Tuesday December 2nd. We have had a lot of interest and a decent turnout so far.

Please help spread the word. We meet Tuesday Mornings at 10 a.m. and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the warming center next to the food bank off of Griffin. Contact Kevin B, Alex M, or myself for more info.

I Will begin MCDC Meetings this month.

Hoping to get orientation completed in January for GCDC in order to attend meetings there as well.

Thanks again for your service and everything you do!

Michael S
District 72 BTG Chair

- Betty asks what's up with meetings? Ashley clarifies that the old Warming Center meetings are now open AA meetings that anyone can attend. They are Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 8pm

Corrections, Tony B

The corrections/BTG/treatment met on December 15th. Trying to get all the hard cover books out of the chaplains office.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

Hello District 72:

For the treatment committee report in regards to the IPU unit and MCDC.

The inpatient meetings are going well. Volunteers are showing up and the inpatient staff is helping with getting the BTG requests in.

MCDC is doing well and the women's and men's meeting are going well.

Rimrock is potentially interested in starting a meeting in their outpatient center beginning in March.

Our committee and volunteers met online on the fifth and brainstormed about how things were going.

We would always like more volunteers for service!!!!

Thank you-

Rebekah

- Would love more volunteers for both MCDC and Hospital Inpatient meeting
- 2 at a time volunteers, have a list of people that are approved and can go in. Catherine and Crystal stated it's more similar to GCDC where people have to meet requirements and then can go in. It's two people at a time.

Technology, Russell V.

Emails invites for

area40district72.com

sent to

Alt and dcm

Treasurer

Secretary and Bradley as Tech committee

Going to get the rest from Lila and go from there

Will need to coordinate with Tim to get the Zoom account moved over to the district coffers

Rick asked about meeting schedule

Shared drives

- Meghan asks will there be a shared drive so all others with accounts can see them? Bradley answers that we can do a shared drive, not implemented yet but can make one.

Alt. DCM (Alternate District Committee Member), Meghan R.

Has nothing to report. (Dramatic pause from Secretary)

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: Nov/Dec 2025

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi fam! I want to thank Amy and all of you who attended the workshop we had this afternoon before this meeting! As always, Amy did an awesome job putting it together! That movie was awesome!

I hope everyone had a good Turkey Day!

There are two new women's meetings starting up/have started- in Belgrade on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at the River Rock Church of the Nazarene and in Three Forks on Fridays from 5:30-6:30pm at Rebekah Hall.

These two meetings aren't on the schedule yet because we are supposed to give a 30 day trial period for new meetings before we add them to the official schedule.

I booked my flight, registered, and booked a hotel for the WCRAASC, which will be Feb. 27th – March 1st in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If any ladies are planning to attend and would like to share a hotel room, please come talk to me after this meeting.

FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION:

1. Apparently, the wrong address to send Contributions to Area 40 was printed on our old meeting schedule. I gave Lynn (our Area Treasurer) Ashley's contact information, so hopefully it can get corrected the next time we print schedules! (Maybe it already got corrected!).

NEWS FROM GSO:

1. Bob W., who is the General Manager at the General Service Office, sent out an email to the fellowship, wanting everyone to know that, unfortunately, contributions are down considerably. He said "As members, we often say that when A.A. needs money, the Fellowship will respond. This is again one of those times. Your generosity has sustained us through very difficult times in the past. If your group is able, in the spirit of this season of gratitude, please consider a special contribution to the General Service Board"
- a. Operating expenses before depreciation are \$19,146,151, a 1.8% decrease from the \$19,495,343 operating expense in the original budget adopted in January. The expense decrease is due to salary savings from vacant positions and savings in the Conference and Finance department budgets. Operating revenue is projected at \$20,283,275, unchanged from the original budget. The operating surplus before depreciation is \$1,137,124 which is \$681,498 after \$455,626 La Viña support.

There is a special Online Forum for Deaf AA Members on Saturday, 1/17, from 12pm-8pm. Please let me know if you have any questions!

The trustees' Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee (TCPC/T-A) affirmed the 2025 Conference Advisory Action to purchase a LinkedIn Premium Business plan on a trial basis for one year and looks forward to a progress report at the November meeting.

Three new Class A Trustees (nonalcoholic) have joined the General Service Board who will serve the Fellowship over the next six years: Tom Ivester, M.D., of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Chief Clinical Officer at Novant Health; Kelly Parsley, of Helena, Montana, a professor of Health Sciences; and Veronica Ramirez, of Weslaco, Texas, retired Chief Probation Officer of the Eastern District of Louisiana

NEWS FROM AREA:

1. AREA BUDGET: 2025 budget is \$54,565

- As of 12/1/2025, contributions are \$41,229.42, spending is \$47,834.37
- Contributions are \$6,604.95 less than our spending, & are around 25% below the budget
- Spending is around 12% below the budget
- Operational balance: \$3,557.45
- Still around \$2,000 to spend in December (estimate)

2. Please keep in mind that Area 40 pays for a number of services so that the districts don't have to cover the costs directly. For example, our website, hotline, online meeting schedules, the technology for our Area Assemblies is top notch, & we offer climate controlled storage not

only for our historic Area 40 documents but also each of the districts can choose to use it for their archival materials as well. If your district, group, intergroup, or roundup has extra money, please consider sending some of it to Area 40 on its way down the triangle.

3. Next year, our budget will be \$60,925. I also want to check that everybody has the current address for contributions, including the printed schedules in your districts. If you see a printed schedule that includes the Area mailing address, please make sure it says:

Area 40

PO Box 43

Billings, MT 59103

For Area 40 Pink Can Contributions:

Area 40 Pink Can Fund

P.O. Box 232

Missoula, MT 59806

4. Our Area Grapevine chair, Hugh, has a competition going for in Area 40 for what District can get the most Grapevine subscriptions...I spoke to Bob (our District 72 Grapevine chair) earlier today and so far we don't have anything!!

a. We should get on this! We are a big district so we should be trying to get as many subscriptions as we can!

b. I brought some grapevines (they are on the center table) if any GSR's want to take one or two to their homegroups!

c. Maybe we can all talk it up to our homegroups!!

d. You can talk to Bob or I if you have any questions!

5. Our Area Archives Chair, Jody T. is looking for volunteers to help with organizing our Area Archives storage in Ennis. This would not happen until next June/July (after winter is over). It sounds like it would be a great opportunity to see the Area Archives (if you haven't) and to help out our very own Rick H. who is our Area Archivist! If you have any interest in this, feel free to reach out to Jody. Her contact info is: ----- or -----

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:

<https://aamontana.org/calendar.php>

1. On February 7th Primary Purpose will be having their annual speaker event right here at Fellowship Hall from 4pm with a panel, then a potluck, and a speaker at 7:30pm.
2. On February 27-March 1st will be the WCRAASC at the DoubleTree Downtown in Cedar Rapids, IA
3. On March 20-21 (Friday & Saturday) will be the annual Pockets of Enthusiasm Event in Helena, MT. This event will be hybrid!
4. The 2026 Spring Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 17th-19th.
5. The Spring Roundup will in Kalispell this May 1-3rd. There is a flyer online to register!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needed information:

EMAIL: dc72@aa-montana.org or -----

PHONE NUMBER: -----

- She is very excited about the Grapevine Competition. We must win.

- Joanne asks if GSO has a Venmo. Lenore states they have it on their website, Lila and Tim state you can find it by going to their contributions on aa.org. Lila states she accidentally contributed 4 times so be warned. Update: I emailed GSO cause I have bills and didn't mean to contribute so much and apparently I didn't actually contribute anything at all.

Reminder: send all reports to Lila at district72.secretary@gmail.com

PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS.

9. Immediate Business – for DECEMBER 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR
QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Tim - Review proposed spending plan for 2026
 - May need to correct adjusted Hall Rent payment back to what it was before because the Committee Chairs still use the hall despite the combined Nov/Dec meeting. Tim reduced it by one month but got told otherwise.
 - Steven asks is it reasonable to get rid of Quickbooks. Yes we voted to get rid of it. Ok.
 - Crystal states it is a great report, very helpful and she can follow it. Thank you.
- Following Agenda items potentially impact the one above:
 - o Rebekah P. - Request to combine Literature and Travel expense lines on Treatment budget for 2026 to gain flexibility for chairperson to allocate approved funds as needed and determined by the committee
 - States MCDC, Rimrock, and Inpatient all will likely need literature of some form. If some treatment group is involved in corrections, like 50% of population, then their funding falls under Corrections. So MCDC and I believe Rimrock as well. Inpatient unit at Hospital is different, they not under corrections umbrella. Case of books is \$186. Also requesting some books into their library. Also requested Serenity Prayer cards. Not exactly sure what numbers will be but knows it will be a need in upcoming year. Can be taken back to groups to discuss. Also for trips to MCDC, most people who drive don't submit their gas receipts for reimbursement so thinks some can be reallocated.
 - Meghan clarifies so yes she wants an increase to cover upcoming literature expenses.
 - Lenore asks does combining line items really matter? Rebekah says is a decent idea, but in future could be helpful to have listed a good idea of how much literature is needed for each group. Lenore means shouldn't literature and expense lines stay separate? Rebekah states could reexamine after start of year.
 - Betty asks about literature for places like Rimrock, she states that they were asking about CPC. She asks ok if Rimrock is strictly an outpatient facility, do we believe that we have an obligation to furnish them with literature for alcoholics? Not sure what to think about it because MCDC and Hospital both inpatient. Should groups be able to vote on that first? Meghan states that's a good question but that Rimrock technically fall under Corrections so would be Pink Can funding.
 - Meghan wants to clarify if we keep line items separate would better help us track what is spent on literature vs what is spent on travel. If there was anymore literature needed and travel expense used, then she'd have to ask for

permission to use unused stuff for literature. But if we combine then she doesn't have to be as strict with travel vs literature and could be more useful going forward.

- Joanne asks how much is a case? 40 books, \$186, little baby big books. Went through in 3 months. Joanne states could we flip the line items, flip 800 to literature and 500 to travel.

- Crystal asks would hospital help cover costs of literature? Rebekah states that it was discussed with Hospital and agreed that AA would cover costs of literature.

- Joanne reminds that hospital is a psychiatric unit, not a treatment center. So we go in representing AA.

- Tim states his concern is whether or not we are following Traditions. Should groups be informed of this decision? It is the group's money that we are spending and they may have an opinion that brings different light to the decision (*Because budget would increase by \$100 total for Treatment Chair). Believes this is important enough that we should be bringing this back to groups first. Cool thing is that Spending Plan can technically be amended every month if needed.

- Joanne clarifies that it is an AA meeting that is going on in the Hospital, a little different than what the Warming Center meeting used to be

- Catherine states that relationship with hospital is delicate; some people in Hospital don't know whether or not they belong in AA. Vulnerable population. Jail had no way to regulate attendees (? Suddenly I lost train of conversation there)

- Russell states Traditions 5 and 7 so should be brought back to groups

- Joanne said something about Bridging the Gap.

- Crystal asks can we make motion to allocate this money from travel to literature for this month only and then take back to the groups? Not adding to spending plan for 2026 yet.

- Motion to give one time approval to move some travel money (\$186.67) into literature money for Treatment Chair to cover literature for Inpatient Hospital meeting.

- Tim clarifies there is money available in spending plan still

- Amy asks how long do people stay? Rebekah people stay 3-7 days. Short window.

- Gail says since Rebekah hasn't gone through majority of spending plan yet should be fine but we need to approve spending plan today. Tim states actually was due in October. Ok.

VOTE 22 Yes in room, 4 online. 1 abstention MOTION PASSES

o Lenore - Proposal to increase the budget for Alt DCM in 2026 so they can attend at least 1 are assembly per year

- When Lenore was Alt DCM, she was able to attend Area due to extra in budget. Thinks it is super helpful for Alt to know what's going on at Area. Start with one a year, would add an additional \$450 based off of her budget. \$450 could potentially cover more than one if costs are cut with sharing room etc.

- Betty states thinks it is a fabulous proposal. Has worked out easily in past due to roommate compatibility but may be that each needs their own room in future so Alt DCM can step in if DCM is not available.

- Tim states his homegroup tries to send Alt GSR with the GSR. Has been good for Alt GSR in his group to have introduction with the GSR present.

- MOTION: Motion to increase the budget for Alt DCM by \$450 a year to attend at least one assembly a year.

- Matthew clarifies is it once a year or once a rotation? It is once a year. Should we change the position description? Tim states we should probably look at each of the chairs if we are adjusting their spending plan.

VOTE 23 in room, 3 online in favor. MOTION PASSES

- Tim Motion to table the 2026 Spending Plan until the groups have been informed of the proposed changes for the January business so groups can have a chance to discuss.

- Crystal asks for clarification on what GSR's are supposed to be bringing back. Rebekah says two separate things. Combining Literature and Travel expenses into one line item is option, may lead to loss of clarity in where Treatment chair spending is being used though. Or can increase the budget of the Treatment Chair by \$100. Wants to propose \$600 for travel/misc adjustment for next 3 months, \$800 for literature, as opposed to \$500 for literature and \$800 for travel. Treatment total of \$1400 with suggested changes as opposed to \$1300.

VOTE 23 in room, 3 online in favor MOTION PASSES

10. Old Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

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11. New Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Lenore - Discussion about whether District 72 would be interested in joining District 11 (Billings) on their committee to prepare a bid to host the 2028 WCRAASC in Billings
 - Lenore West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference, that District 72 does not have a location big enough to host it so District 11 asked if anyone in our District interested in potentially being on their committee. Got a show of hands and counted. Maybe 11. Let Lenore know if you are interested!
- Rebekah P. - Request to spend \$186 of current treatment budget (currently allocated to travel) for literature for the treatment meeting at the Bozeman hospital
 - Agenda Item resolved in previous business, no further discussion.

If you have items for next month's agenda, please email Meghan at: ----- at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting date (when possible). Remember there is a form on the Area 40 District 72 mini site to help in writing agenda or discussion items

***Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to:
area40.district72@gmail.com

Next district meeting: 4:30 p.m., Sat. January 31, 2026 at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

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12. Close with: Responsibility Statement

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