

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – February 2026 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 02/28/26 4:30-6:30pm at Fellowship Hall, Bozeman and via Zoom.](#)
Link information below.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MmVxQm9pXmNlV6MxdSVk9qdjVFQT09>

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 – Maurice W.
4. The 12 Concepts for World Service are a set of guiding ideas written by A.A. co-founder Bill W. to help A.A. run its service structure in a fair, responsible, and democratic way. In simple terms, they explain who makes decisions, how authority is shared, and how we make sure the voices of the groups are heard at every level. We reference them at this meeting to remind ourselves that A.A. belongs to all of us, that leaders are trusted servants, and that our services work best when they reflect our collective conscience and protect the unity and future of A.A.

Read Concept Two: "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

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) = 24 in room, 2 online is 26 total

Quorum = 16.25 humans

6. Approve January's meeting minutes – All in favor
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) – Have reached 35 people on Fridays. Alt for Thu BB Study, avg 20 people

Jenny B. (Page by Page, Livingston) – Group smaller this month, April 14th will be Speaker meeting. Not seeing Pink Can in group! Might just make one.

Jojo S. (Rebellion Dogs, Bozeman) – Every day at 5:30. 25-35 people average. Business is second Tuesday at 6:45

Brian W. (There Is a Solution, Bozeman) – In person and online. For weekends meeting is hybrid. Saturday is book reading, Sunday is speaker. Attendance has been good, been up.

Jake C. (Not a Glum Lot, Online) - 15-25 people each night

Laurita G. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman) – Fridays BB study, are a hybrid, averaging 20 people

Pat L. (Primary Purpose, Bozeman) – Both Mon and Wed based off AA literature. Avg 20-25 each meeting, business is 3rd Wed of month

Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) – Business is 1st Sat of month after regular meeting. Still a small group but tight group. Welcome to come even if not LGBTQ, can show up if ally

Valerie K. (Young People's, Bozeman) – Avg 15-20 people. Business is 1st Tuesday of each month.

Nora D. (Wednesday Noon, Bozeman) – Getting to be huge, close to 50 people in meetings. Small homegroup, only about 4 people in homegroup. Happy to have more homegroup members.

Susan H. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) – Avg 5-15 people each meeting. Business is 3rd Monday of month after regular meeting. Got literature racks, filled with literature thanks to Steven. Group conscience expressed Pink Can money should be used for Corrections only, for literature, books, and any other AA conference approved material. Has members with long term sobriety to interview for Archives Chair.

John M. (Tuesday at 8, Bozeman) – Only news trying to change pronoun of God to she/her in meeting format

Ken S. (Hospital Group, Bozeman) – Meet Sundays 6pm at Hospital. Are a Step study group

Sue W. (Women's Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Business second Wednesday, half and half online and in person. Avg 20 per meeting, Have couple new homegroup members.

Autumn H. (Friday Beginner's Meeting, Bozeman) – Book study first Friday of Plain Languge bb, other Fridays have speaker and open discussion

Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade) – Peace Lutheran. Business 2nd Tuesday of month. Avg 20 people each week.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.

Nikki

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 2/21/26: \$6,862.21

Total Income: \$1,535.24

Total Expenses: \$95

Current Operating Balance: \$2,140.81

Hi All!

Attached is the Treasurer's report for February 2026. Please print off copies for your groups to see and discuss as well as to have when we attend the district meeting next Saturday 2/28/26. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, text or email me anytime! I also am attaching the proposed and approved 2026 spending plan we approved last month for your records!

Thanks for allowing me to serve District 72 and all your great groups!

*****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.

- Maurice asks for clarification on how to specify Pink Can vs 7th Tradition contribution
- Tim states without any specification, he assumes whole check is 7th Tradition but can specify that certain part of check is Pink Can

Answering Service, Wendy C.

(Absent, Lila read report)

Hi Lila,

Here is last month's Area report. There were 5 calls. The one showing as unanswered was called back and reached by the volunteer. Things are going smoothly, and there are volunteers lined up through June. Thanks!

Wendy

Subject: February 2026 Hotline Report

Hello Everyone

I hope everything is going well. The Spring Assembly Is coming up and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. As of now I will be attending the Pre-Assembly in Missoula to give out my report. I believe that is March 28th. Hosted by Districts 81, 91, and 93. If your District is planning a pre-assembly and wish to invite me feel free to reach out to me, I would be more than glad to be of service. Here is February's report.

District	Calls	Missed
11	7	2

12	1	0
21	1	0
23	0	0
31	0	0
41	1	0
42	0	0
51	1	0
61	2	1
71	2	2
72	5	1
81	2	0
91	1	1
93	1	0

Thank you for your continued effort to help the Hotline. Everyone's effort is much appreciated.

Lance W

Archives, Joanne M.

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - February 2026

archives@area40district72.com

- I joined the 2027 Spring Roundup Committee as Archives Chair. This has prompted me to start preparing District 72 archives items that can be displayed at the event. Notebooks filled with past event flyers, newsletters from GSO, Area 40, and District 72 will be part of the display, along with items from Area 40 Archives.

Interesting fact - D72 used to have a monthly newsletter.

***Groups - please be sure to include the year along with dates on your flyers so they can be collected in chronological order.**

- Committee Chairs - if you have any items you think should be preserved in the D72 archives please reach out via the new email address at the top of this report. I'm happy to talk with you about what materials would be good to preserve or not.

- Oral history of “AA Oldtimers” - If you know of anyone who is a good candidate for an interview please let me know. I ask that you help by providing the following information:
 - **Your name & contact info**
 - **Are you interested in conducting the interview?**
 - **Name of person to be interviewed**
 - Please talk to the person making sure they agree to participate**
 - **Their contact # or email**
 - **Let them know who I am and expect to hear from me**
- You can email with questions or the above info: archives@area40district72.com

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Betty M.
 (Absent, Lila gave report)

Attendees: Doreen M, Kim K, Betty M.

We discussed those projects we felt pretty confident that we would be doing this year. Based on what we did last year, we are assuming that we will be invited to give a joint AA/AlAnon presentation to the MSU Nursing Students during the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters in 2026. We've got a solid approach and ample supplies for this.

The Committee talked about doing a couple of different projects as a group as this is the final year of our rotation. We want to allow every person on the committee to be able to participate fully in the work of the group so that they have a good sense of what CPC is all about, what we do, with whom, why and how.

We specifically talked about a couple of areas... St. Vincents, Billings Clinic and – I just thought of another good one – CHP. We also talked about how we might be able to reach the professionals^[1] that are part of the school systems in Gallatin Valley as well as our Gallatin Valley Interfaith Council. We will be reaching out to each of these institutions over the next few months or so. Interest has also been expressed in the local Justice Departments in the past.

So, we have a lot of possibilities. We need people willing & able to commit to getting involved in our committee, and participating actively in it. If anyone is interested in learning more about CPC, please reach out. My number if -----

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.
 Betty M, CPC Chair

^[1] From GSO: “A **professional** can be a family doctor or other health care professional, a member of the clergy, a law enforcement or court official, an educator, a social worker, an alcohol or other counselor, or anyone who deals with problem drinkers in the course of their work. Many of these people often encounter the suffering alcoholic, and in spite of public awareness, many of them simply don't know what to do with a drunk.”)

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Hello, my name is Bob and I am an alcoholic and your Grapevine chair.

There is still a contest running until the Spring Assembly for the district in Area 40 that gets the most new subscriptions. The winning district will get a hand made prize from Hugh, the area 40 Grapevine chair. That is all I have for now, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature, Steven R.

Three sales this month, for pamphlets to Vennis group for \$112.69.

I've reached out to all groups that have delinquent payments. Im still missing payment from a few orders but I have been working on enforcing payment. Im confident all groups will pay but its slow.

No orders from GSO this month but I will likely be making an order soon, primarily for some Spanish-language pamphlets as we're fairly limited in our stock. If you have any special requests please get them to me within a few weeks.

As always, email is preferred for orders: ----- Text is second best but phone calls work. Expect to need to reach out at least twice if you call.

Thanks -

SR

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

All is quiet on the PI front. We are continuing to restock our delivery locations. Likely moving to a legal size format for our brochure groups, please let me know before the 15th if you have any updates you want added to the new set of schedules. Online changes can be made immediately.
Ashley H.

Roundup, Catherine J

DISTRICT 72 – SPRING ROUNDUP 2027
Roundup Committee Report – February 2026

The District 72 Spring Roundup 2027 Committee met on February 21, 2026, with 16 members in attendance, including several new volunteers. We are grateful for the strong participation and continued willingness to serve. We are pleased to report that Heather is serving as Hospitality Chair and Doug as Entertainment Chair. The Roundup Gmail account (roundup2027@area40district72.com) remains active, and website development continues. Our Save the Date flyer is nearing completion, with plans to have printed copies available at Area Assembly and the Kalispell Roundup.

Our Facilities Chair Tiffany, Secretary-Julia, and Chair-Catherine met with the Best Western Grantree to review facility spaces and layout options. The meeting was productive, and solid plans are coming together as pricing and contract details are reviewed. The event remains scheduled for April 30–May 2, 2027, with the working theme, “Where there once was a trickle, there is now a river,” from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Step Twelve.

Our next meeting is on March 21, 10 am at Fellowship Hall or via Zoom, meeting ID 659 311 3200 password howitworks

Catherine

Special Events, Amy K.

See you Saturday, March 7th. Please bring food for potluck!!

Bridging the Gap, Michael S.

Bridging the Gap report
February 2026

Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 15 since the start of January.

- 1 female, 4 male.
- 5 matched with a temporary contact.
- 1 from detention centers, 4 from treatment facilities.

Updates

- Applied for Area 40 Assembly scholarship.
- Continuing work on the new "Griffin Group" open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets in the HRDC warming center's "Homeward Point" facility Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m. We have seen solid turnout but need to keep the momentum going! PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD.
- Contact email: District72BTG@gmail.com

Thank you everyone for your commitment and service.

Michael S
District 72 BtG Chair

Corrections, Tony B

Corrections, BTG, treatment meets on the second Monday of each month at 5PM at the Hall (north room). Not mandatory, but if you are interested in volunteering please let me know. I have GCDC applications, please shoot me an email or call (-----).

below is a note from Misti Tinder to al volunteers.
thank you

Note from Misti Tinder:

"Afternoon all the wonderful volunteers. I just wanted to send a friendly reminder that we need to follow the specific times and days that are listed for specific programs, so that we can accommodate the various programs we offer. I also want to remind you that if you have a program that is listed for H pod as either in the central program room (room next to chaplain's office) or listed as every other week varying with, I pod please get H pod in the loop. The same can be said for the west side if you are doing those pods, please make sure you are catching C, D, E and B pod if it's an evening program. We have had H pod and B pod state they are getting missed for some programs. One last thing please remember that we don't have our hats on when coming into the secure side, as this is a safety issue. If you want to place it in the chaplain's office with your coat, just make sure you have it off prior to coming into the secure side. Thanks to all for what you do and as always if you have questions or concerns, I'm happy to answer the best I can.

Thank you,"

Treatment, Rebekah P.

(Absent, Lila gave report)

Hello Fellow Members and Committee Chairs,

Please find the February report for District 72 Treatment.

Our recent meetings at MCDL have been productive. The women's meeting was attended by eight participants, with two volunteers present to carry the message. The men's meeting was also supported by two volunteers; several of the men in attendance expressed interest in exploring our online meeting options.

We are currently looking for additional male and female volunteers to support these efforts. On a related note, progress with the IPU unit is going well, and we are also seeking new members to join this treatment service group.

As a brief side note, it is interesting to see that the dates for this month and next month align, resulting in two consecutive Friday the 13ths and MCDL meetings occurring on the 21st for both months.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I truly appreciate everyone who has stepped up to volunteer and support these facilities.

Best regards,

Rebekah P.
District 72 Treatment Chair

Technology, Russell V.

Reconfigured email set up to bypass initial password
Joanne Archives chair set up, going to establish system for interview audio storage set up

Zoom cc changed to district 02/28
Buuuuut looks like it was canceled on the 16th , reached out to Betty M. to confirm that Zoom refunded her \$138.17
Looking into a Bluetooth speaker that has a microphone to reduce the amount of cables needed for district meetings

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

- She has no report. But will read Lenore's report!

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

Absent (at WCRAASC) Meghan read report. Except we didn't realize until she started reading that it was February 2025, not 2026 so she did not read it but here is the correct DCM report.

DCM REPORT: February 2026

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi fam! I am sorry I am not there in person for this meeting, but I am at the WCRAASC (the West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I will do my best to take good notes for you all!

I want to thank our awesome Special Events Chair, Amy, for coordinating a pre-assembly in Bozeman on Saturday March 7th at Fellowship Hall from 12:30-5pm. This will be a hybrid event, so please join us on zoom if you can't make it in person! Thank you Lila for sending out the flyer to this event!!

Our Area 40 Delegate Lisa, and our Area 40 Chair Jessica will be joining us in person to review the items on the agenda for the Area 40 Spring Assembly.

This is an awesome way to learn about the important topics, discussions, and decisions that will be discussed at the Spring Assembly in Great Falls on April 17-19th. It is also an awesome way to learn more about the A.A. service structure!

I will be representing our district at Area Assembly, so me getting to hear all of your thoughts and questions will be very helpful!

In turn, Lisa will be representing our Area at the General Service Conference, so this will be helpful for her too!

If you are unable to attend our District 72 Pre-Assembly, there will also be a zoom Pre-Assembly on Saturday, April 11th from 12:30pm-5:30pm.

GSR's, please make sure to pass this information on to your home groups!

Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend these events, you don't need to have a service position at District (or at all) to attend!

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

1. I mentioned this last month too, but our Area 40 Grapevine Chair, Hugh M. announced at Fall Assembly that the district that gets the most new subscriptions to the Grapevine before Spring Assembly 2026 will win a prize that he will make by hand. Because we are a big, active District, it would be awesome if we could participate in this!

NEWS FROM GSO/AAWS:

1. AAWS has a new video available for viewing called "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Video". This is an animated video that is based on the illustrated pamphlet called "Twelve Concepts Illustrated". In it, we get to see our Twelve Concepts brought to life and see how the A.A. inverted triangle is used for our service structure to enables us all to work together to carry the message of hope and recovery. It also has a wonderful introduction to A.A. service, with roles and responsibilities that are illustrated and easy-to-understand.

a. To view and share this video, look it up on aa.org

GSO had their quarterly meeting for the 4th quarter. The report included the following updates:

ARCHIVES: The committee discussed draft updates to the Archives Workbook, and following a thorough discussion, approved all the changes as presented. In summary, the changes include:

- Recent revisions to policies and procedures, such as the Deed of Gift Form, categorization of "Archival Materials for Access and Use" and similar updates.
- Recent revisions to policies and procedures, such as the Sections reordered to enhance the overall flow of content in the workbook.

- Inclusion of appropriate images to enhance the content, where applicable.

CORRECTIONS: The committee reviewed progress on communication utilizing the GTL tablet (a communications platform used by correctional facilities). The committee noted the usefulness and cost effectiveness of this communications platform and looks forward to an updated report on these efforts at their Q1 2026 meeting. The committee emphasized that the corrections desk continues to share with all districts, area, intergroup, and H&I Corrections committees about the accessibility of AAWS and AA Grapevine literature on tablets in correctional facilities.

FINANCE:

IRS Form 990

The trustees' Finance and Budgetary committee recommended to the General Service Board filing the IRS Forms 990 for A.A. World Services, Inc., AA Grapevine, Inc., and the General Service Board of A.A., Inc.

GSO Financial Results

- a. The committee reviewed the unaudited financial results for the nine months ended September 30, 2025. Total operating revenue is \$13,775,293, which is about 6% less than the YTD budget of \$14,608,870. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$13,664,759, which is about 3% less than the YTD budget of \$14,059,309. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$110,534 compared to a YTD budgeted surplus of \$549,561. Literature accounts receivable is \$520,329, of which 35.5% is current, 28.1% is less than 60 days past due, and 36.4% is more than 60 days past due. The reserve fund is at 6.2 months of 2025 budgeted GSO, GV, and LV operating expenses.
- b. Contributions were 11% less than budget, and gross literature sales were 6% greater than budget. Literature gross margin was almost exactly the same as budget. The expense categories at or below budget are payroll taxes; professional fees; printing, postage, and supplies; data, automation and website; and travel and meetings.
- c. As of September 29, 2025, operating cash on hand was \$344K versus accounts payable of \$1.931M, resulting in a short-term deficit of \$1.587M.

Conference Proposed Agenda Items (PAI)

The committee discussed the following 76th General Service Conference proposed agenda item submissions (PAIs):

- *PAI-11:* The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item, "GSO/GSB to make financial information more accessible through annual reports, quarterly reports, and online resources," and took no action. The committee noted this would conflict with confidentiality concerns regarding sharing letters and would not be within the scope of the General Service Conference. The committee cited that existing annual and quarterly reports suffice; additional details would overburden staff, and confidentiality must be maintained. It was also noted that the Quarterly Financial Report content has recently expanded as of the 75th General Service Conference.
- *PAI-73:* The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item, "Add a statement to the current GSB Reserve Fund policy that states, 'GSB may make use of investment income from the Reserve Fund not to exceed the amount of investment income earned from prior fiscal year to meet non-emergency critical budgetary requirements, but not for any other GSB authorized spending.' This addition to the reserve fund policy is intended to supersede or replace any current language regarding the withdrawal procedure of the reserve fund" and took no action. The committee discussed that passing such a policy could potentially restrict the GSB from fulfilling its legal

responsibilities. The committee favored a broader Conference session on “Rebuilding Our Reserve Fund” rather than adopting restrictive policies.

- *PAI-74:* The committee reviewed the proposed agenda item, “Create a policy stating that if the Reserve Fund balance is below nine months of operating expenses for 12 consecutive months, the General Service Board will devise and submit to the Conference Finance Committee a plan including timeline to replenish fund to nine months of operating expenses. This addition to the reserve fund policy is intended to supersede or replace any current language regarding the maintenance of the reserve fund process and or procedure” and took no action. The committee discussed that passing such a policy could potentially restrict the GSB from fulfilling its legal responsibilities. The committee favored a broader Conference session on “Rebuilding Our Reserve Fund” rather than adopting restrictive policies.
- *PAI-99:* The committee agreed to forward to the 76th General Service Conference the proposed agenda item “Motion to add this wording to the pamphlet ‘Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix’ on page 13 immediately following the Samples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities pie charts. ‘AA Grapevine and La Viña do not accept contributions. They are supported by sales of subscriptions, books and other specialty items. When your group is discussing how to distribute contributions to A.A. service entities, please consider how you may support Grapevine/La Viña. Purchasing subscriptions for your group, gift subscriptions, books or specialty items is a great way to support Grapevine/La Viña.’”

PUBLIC INFORMATION: The committee expressed appreciation for a new draft service card for young people and suggested that the Staff secretary proceed with making this new service material available to the Fellowship once completed.

NEWS FROM AREA:

1. There is a room block rate for our upcoming Spring Assembly. Please note that reservations must be made before **March 27th** to secure a room at the rate of \$119+tax per night for the [Holiday Inn Great Falls - Convention Center](#). The room rate code is A40.
2. Our Area Hotline Chair, Lance W. sent out his report for January. In December, Area 40 missed a total of 14 of the hotline calls in all of the Districts. Lance noted in his report that almost all of the missed calls were returned. District 72 had 5 calls and 3 missed calls, but it sounds like these missed calls were likely returned!

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:

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

1. The WCRAASC (West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference) will be Friday 2/27 – 3/1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I will be attending that in person.
 - a. I received an email letting me know that the DoubleTree Downtown Cedar Rapids has set aside more rooms for this event. If you want to make a reservation, call (319) 731-4444 and ask for Shelly. If anyone has any additional questions about this event you can call or text the events chair- Troy F at -----
Pockets of Enthusiasm is March 20-21st at the First Presbyterian Church in Helena. This will be a hybrid event
The 2026 Spring Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 17th-19th. This will also be a hybrid event
There will be a Treatment & Corrections workshop on Saturday, April 25th in Helena at the First Presbyterian Church
The Spring Round Up will be May 1-3rd in Kalispell at the Red Lion Hotel.
The Fall Assembly will be September 25-27th at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls

The Fall Round Up will be October 2-4th in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn

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

EMAIL: dcm72@aa-montana.org or -----

PHONE NUMBER: (406) 599-4438

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 FEBRUARY 2026: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Tim - Finance committee recommendation to approve 3 Area Assembly scholarships
 - Tim explains how scholarships work
 - Group contributions have been good and within our budget as District to be able to afford funds for all 3 scholarships (Michael, Valerie, Crystal). All willing to lower costs by sharing rooms and sharing rides
 - Finance committee agreed to fund all three scholarships
 - John asks how much it is.
 - \$450-500 if no ride and room sharing but with sharing, all three would be about \$1,000

MOTION: Finance committee recommendation to approve 3 Area Assembly scholarships

Vote: 25 in room yes, 1 online yes. 26 total yes

MOTION PASSED

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

- None

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

- Paul S. new business: Group concern about increase in treatment chair budget
 - Group expressed not sure if the books being given out for inpatient unit meeting are actually going out to AA meetings, to alcoholics seeking help vs people just in psychiatric treatment

Motion: Motion that treatment chair does not receive additional \$500 funding until verified that money goes toward helping alcoholics and not just people receiving treatment at hospital. (Motion seconded)

DISCUSSION:

- Joanne states she has been in the meetings. It is a volunteer only meeting, nobody is required to come to meeting. It is a meeting, has format and steps are read. There is a male and a female AA member. Share what it was like, what it's like now. Patient can then share. People are there cause they self committed. They are trying to figure out if they are alcoholic. People can leave the baby big book if they don't want it. Her experience has been that people have been really grateful for the meeting. Sometimes they state that they realize they're not alcoholic.
- Michael asks what counts as verification of alcoholic?
- Paul states that's a good question, he doesn't know. We are self decided as alcoholics. His group's concern is about checks and balances, just giving books to

anyone that asks for one seems irresponsible of AA funds. His group suggests maybe giving pamphlets.

- Susan points out it was brought to group attention in January, brought it back to her group to get their opinion. Says that budget just changed and it wasn't discussed, (the subject of treatment having more money), budget was just changed without being discussed. Wishes she had spoken up when spending plan was being discussed but felt treatment budget should have been brought up separately
- Russell asks didn't we already discuss and approve the budget? Tim says yes we did and budget was passed.
- Tim states that yes we did discuss and pass budget. Looking at spending plan, Treatment Chair spending was way below budget last year. Tim states at first he was against it but over time his opinion changed. Importance of informed Group Conscience. Checked with Joanne, amount of books given out varies depending whether they want it (Note: I didn't quite catch the typical number range of books Joanne said typically given out but that it varies). AA was invited to bring meetings into the hospital so we carry the message. Tim points out that we can indeed change the budget at any time.
- Joanne points out Treatment Chair is not present, might not be ideal change her budget when she's not here, maybe could table it.
- Pat asks about Plain Language book, does it come small? Thinks it's important for accessibility. As far as anyone knows it does not.
- Meghan reminds District that we are focusing on the budget increase, Rebekah also has a committee too that could use help and opinions in committee
- Susan points out that procedurally something might be missing. Option to discuss budget items does not feel like it's being given. Brought up option to discuss Pink Can was not made clear after GSR's asked to bring back to groups.
- Meghan apologizes that she has not been making room for feedback in agenda after GSR's have been asked to bring back group opinions and thoughts

MOTION (Pat or Joanne, somebody) to table this discussion for next District meeting
- 25 in favor in room, 1 in favor online = 26 in favor, **Motion passes to table for next month**

MOTION TO CLOSE

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. March 28, 2026 at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40 as well as current District information: <https://www.aa-montana.org/>
District 72 mini site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

12. Close with: Responsibility Statement