

- Maurice W. (Friday Men's, Bozeman)** – Is also Alt for Thursday Big Book Study. Men's group 25-35 people. BB 15-25 people. Is a good time, feel free to show up.
- Leah F. (Great Reality, NEW Women's Group in Belgrade)** – Roughly have 8 people each week. 6pm Wednesday, River Rock in Belgrade.
- Dez R. (Early Risers, Bozeman)** - 20 of us, really cozy, solid for a while. Not always AA approved literature, 5 minute meditation then discussion.
- Brian W. (There is a Solution, Bozeman)** – Mon-Fri in person and online separate, Saturday and Sunday are hybrid. Sunday speaker, Saturday book study. Business is second Tuesday of each month. Please come visit for meeting, see how things are going.
- Catherine J. (Not a Glum Lot, Online)** – Celebrated anniversary, last Sat of month. Every night 9pm. Open to intergroup, lot of different people Mon Fri and Sun.
- Valerie K. (Young Peoples, Bozeman)** – Avg 15-20 people, looking into doing big speaker event, hoping to get in touch with other groups to figure out cost wise and logistics wise and maybe what they wished they knew before starting. Jojo will be speaking sometime on Tuesday. Always looking for people who are young at heart, makes big difference to have people who got sober young at meetings.
- Crystal B. (Wednesday Pink Cloud, Bozeman)** – Hybrid meeting, 6pm Wed. Business is second Wednesday. Approximately 6 in room, 6 online. Have had some new folks and it's been good to see them.
- Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade)** – Meet 6pm Sundays. BB study. Business 2nd Sunday each month, Have 20 people regularly. Great meeting.
- Tanya W. (6th Chapter, Bozeman)** – 10-20 people speaker supposed to be first Sunday each month, doesn't always happen that way. See you there.
- Nora D. (Wednesday Noon, Bozeman)** – 20-40 people each Wednesday
- Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman)** – South room at hall. Fluctuate wildly between 20 and 5 people in numbers. Have 2 new homegroup members, have filled chair positions (What?!). Things going well, have a lot of newcomers.
- Russ G. (3rd Steppers, Livingston)** – Attendance good, coming into busy season. Good attendance. 3rd Saturday first half of meeting have a speaker.
- Jenny B. (Page by Page, Livingston)** – 17 people about. Quarterly speaker meetings. 2nd speaker meeting coming up. April 14th at 7pm, Tom G from Bozeman speaking.
- Jojo S. (Rebellion Dogs, Bozeman)** – 20-40 people each meeting. Business is 2nd Tuesday at 6:46 pm
- Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group, Bozeman)** – Meet 4 times a week. HOW Group sent him to West Central in Iowa, awesome experience. Pre Assembly coming up for HOW group so Matthew can listen to his group's thoughts before the assembly
- Mike S. (West Yellowstone Group, West Yellowstone)** – Little slow time of the year, get about 10 people in meetings, Get about 25 people in summer. Get some newcomers, get some coming backers. Have Pink Can going around.
- Laurita G. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman)** – Hybrid meeting, business is 3rd Friday of month. Avg 20 women each time.
- Susan H. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis)** – Have 4 meetings a week. Mon Fri hybrid 7:30pm. Friday Big Book study. Wed at Jeffers, Sun Virginia City. 5-10 people each meeting. Want to thank D72 for setting up Pre Assembly,

important stuff brought to her attention and will be able to get feedback and share with Lisa.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.
Allison (Alt GSR TIAS)
Cameron
Dennis S.

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 3/20/26: \$6,160.27

Total Income: \$290.95

Total Expenses: \$497.94

Current Operating Balance: \$1,369.87

Greetings Groups:

Contributions were way down for Period 2/22/26-3/20/26 only taking in \$221.95 in group 7th tradition and \$69.00 in pink can contributions. Luckily, ur expenses were low this month to date as well only \$58.94 for Drinks and ice for Special Event so far, (We Still have to reimburse Gas expense for Jessica our Alternate Delegate who drove to attend from Kalispell which will be on next month's report and reimbursed ASAP totaling \$103.24). Expenses were above our spending plan for 2026 WCRSCAA for our DCM...we budgeted \$900.00 and the total cost for airfare, food, lodging and Uber totaled \$1,134.71, so it was \$234.71 more than budgeted which is just the way of the world in our current inflationary times . We will have to increase that next year on our 2027 spending plan. Some large expenses will be coming in next month as our 3 applicants for scholarships were approved last month for Area in April as well as expenses for our DCM to attend, so I am guessing the cost to the District just for Area Expense around \$1,400-1,500. So Please send your contributions to District 72,so we can be self supporting or we will be dipping into our prudent reserve if contributions are as low as this last month.

We still have quite a few outstanding literature sales receipts totaling \$376.24. So if your group owes money to District for literature purchases, please get with Steve our literature chair to get those paid up. (Tim commented that Steven was able to round up all but two of the outstanding invoices)

*****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 3/28/26 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.

- Nora's group asking for financial report with the minutes in addition to with the agenda if we are changing things. Say the Financial Report used to go out with the minutes
- Tim points out we're not changing things in week between District and Minutes going out but Lila can send Treasurer's Report out with Minutes if we ask her to
- Lila made a mental note but thankfully nobody heard it

Answering Service, Wendy C.

The report from the area doesn't come until the middle of the following month. I'm told there were 8 calls, 3 missed so far in March. The 3 missed calls were all reached by a different volunteer within a few minutes, so all were helped.

I am changing (this summer) the volunteering period from one month to three months to make it easier for everyone. The hotline consistently ignored my new volunteer information given them the 25th of each month and this created a lot of confusion for my volunteers. I'm hoping to alleviate this with the longer periods (90 days instead of 30) since I was unable to effectively get the hotline to change to my new volunteers. Even when they said they had the names changed, they still sent calls to the prior month's volunteers every month.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy

Archives, Joanne M.

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - March 2026 archives@area40district72.com

- Area 40 Archives Chair, Jody T, is organizing a weekend this summer where several volunteers will meet up in Ennis and help Rick H, Area 40 Archivist, with organizing the Archives storage unit. Tentative date is June 27th.
- 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
- I've been out of town this month so not much else is new.

- Tim realizes he forgot who he was going to interview. Who was he going to interview and what was in the packet?

- Joanne throws out names, packet just to start looking at for ideas of how to do interview and such

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

Absent, Lila read report

Hi District 72!. The CPC committee did not meet as scheduled this month, due to my absence. We do have a lot of projects to discuss and "will get back on the beam" next month. We will be meeting on April 15th on Zoom at 6 PM. GSRs: Would you please share with your group that we need AA member support and would love to have you at our next meeting. Ask anyone who is interested to reach out to me by phone or text: That number is ----- . Please ask that they include their name and phone number so that I can reach out to real people - not to unknown messages.

Thank you for your time, your service and your grace.
Blessings,
Betty M, Chair, CPC Committee

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Hello District 72 my name is Bob and I am an alcoholic and your Grapevine and LaVina chair. I don't have much to report except that I know that Grapevine is not making any money and subscriptions would really help. Thank you.

- Meghan asks is there anywhere we can see how our District is doing in competition?
- Bob says sort of, Hugh was going to get with New York to see by Zip Code how many subscriptions so he can determine winning District

Literature, Steven R.

2026-03-28

Four sales this month for \$304.24.

I've reached out to all groups that have delinquent payments. I'm still missing payment from two orders, but one is IN THE BUILDING, just locked and inaccessible to me right now.

Payment enforcement is ongoing and there are only two more that are outstanding.

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.

I do miss some contacts from time to time; I am not infallible! If you've tried to reach out and haven't heard back from me, please be patient and ping me again.

Thanks -
SR

- Leah asks how much have books gone up by? Steven says all books gone up by \$3. Bulk discount has still gone up by about the same. Bulk discount still better than buying singly, pamphlets up by 15%. Stuff's not cheap anymore.
- Wendy tried to place an order in December. Used cell number, used email, still didn't hear anything back. Asking why we have phone number instead of email

contact if email is more efficient? Steven checking, doesn't see. Wendy just wants to make sure she can get books, not complaint, just wants it to work. Will get it sorted out, talk together after meeting.

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

Absent, no report

- Lenore asked where are the schedules? Valerie reached out to drop off person and they were restocked on Thursday.

Roundup, Catherine J.

District 72 Roundup 2027 Committee Report

Submitted March 31, 2026 (Committee met March 21, 2026)

The Roundup 2027 Committee met on March 21, 2026, with 23 members in attendance.

Registration & Communications

March outreach continues. The Save-the-Date flyer and Roundup logo are in circulation.

Website (in progress): <https://wedge-trout-x2d3.squarespace.com/>

Email: roundup2027@area40district72.com

Event & Meeting Schedule

The Roundup will be held April 30 – May 2, 2027.

Next meeting: April 11 at 11:00 AM (adjusted due to Area 40 Assembly).

Venue & Lodging

Hotel contracts have been signed.

Room blocks: Homewood Suites – \$129/night; Best Western Grantree Inn – \$149/night (+ tax).

Meals have been selected, and menus will be available on the website soon.

Program Updates

AI-Anon and AA speakers have been selected.

Financial Update

Current balance: \$750.00

Committee Updates

New Chairs: Jeanne C. and Jackie.

Ongoing outreach, including collaboration with Richard J. (Toronto, CA).

Next Steps

Finalize booking details and share reservation information.

Continue website development and outreach.

Distribute Save-the-Date across the Area.

Volunteers Welcome

Volunteers are encouraged to get involved via the QR code on the flyer, by contacting Catherine J. -----, or emailing roundup2027@area40district72.com.

- Ask for GSRs: What would groups like for Merchandise?
- Laurita asks clarification for what constitutes GSR stuff. Catherine suggests stickers, mugs, sweatshirts, ideas for what groups would want to see/buy themselves for merchandise
- Mike asked for clarification on Catherine's handwriting. Handwriting determined, yes indeed.

Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District, 72,

Thank you to all who attended the pre-assembly, it was informative and I learned a lot. Hopefully our GSR's will be a bit more informed and ready for Area. If you missed it there will be an Area 40 Pre-Assembly on Saturday, April 11th from 12:30-5:30 this will be on zoom, the flyer is on the Area 40 calendar of events.

The next special event will be on Saturday, June 27th before the district meeting. Lisa will give her report from the Conference that is in May. More details will come soon.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Amy K.

- Susan asks is June 27th same day as Archives thing in Ennis and will it conflict? Joanne says not so much an event but she will probably miss that part, will need to Zoom in

Bridging the Gap, Michael S.

Bridging the Gap report
March 2026

Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 21 since the start of January.

- 2 female, 4 male.
- 6 matched with a temporary contact.
- 3 from detention centers, 3 from treatment facilities.

Updates

- Attended Area 40 Pre Assembly.
- "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.
- Area 40 is not holding our annual BTG conference workshop. Lenore provided information (attached appendix 1) about Area 25 workshop. I am trying to figure out logistics to attend in september

- Contact email: District72BTG@gmail.com

Thank you everyone for your commitment and service.

Michael S

District 72 BtG Chair

Corrections, Tony B

Corrections/Treatment/BTG meets the second Monday of every month, 5PM in the north room.

June 10th is the due date for applications to Montana State Prison.

July 11th is training data at Montana State Prison.

Always need new volunteers for GCDC AA, MSP meetings. Please feel free to talk to Tony B, -----, -----

-Tony B

Treatment, Rebekah P.

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Additional Updates:

Bozeman Health Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU):
Are carrying the message to an at risk population.

MCDC / IPU participation:
Continue to be a success!!!

Three women attended the meeting and 8 men.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Rebekah P.

Technology, Russell V.

Currently investigating why the district Zoom account subscription was refunded and therefore canceled.

- Laurita asks if women's serenity can get help with their Zoom. Want to switch to own Zoom account. Will talk to Russell after meeting.

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

- Does not have anything to report! Thanks Meghan.

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: March 2026

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi fam! I had a great time at the WCRAASC (West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Cedar Rapids Iowa at the end of last month! I will send my notes out with this report.

Thank you, Lila, for sharing my DCM report at the February meeting (my apologies that it was the incorrect one!).

We reviewed all of the agenda items for this year's General Service Conference that our Delegate Lisa will be attending this year.

I want to thank our awesome Special Events Chair, Amy, for coordinating (a very last-minute pre-assembly) here on Saturday March 7th. I am so grateful that so many of our area chairs were able to come! I am also very grateful that this was a hybrid event because I twisted my ankle but was able to attend online!

If you were 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!

I am also thrilled that several people are using our District Scholarship fund to be able to attend this upcoming Area 40 Spring Assembly!!

The finance Committee did an audit of our District accounts on Wednesday 3/18. It went very well and everything is in order!

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:

AAWS sent out a December 2025 highlights report.

1. There is an internal audit committee that has been continuing their work.
 - a. Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors.

- A. The Internal Audit Committee recommends that the AAWS board accept the Anti-Harassment & Discrimination policy.
 - B. The Internal Audit Committee recommends that the AAWS board accept the Whistleblower Policy.
 - C. The Internal Audit Committee recommends that the AAWS board accept the Personal Device Policy (BYOD).
2. The AAWS Finance Committee sent this summary for the ten months ended October 31, 2025: total operating revenue is \$15,367,700 which is about 7% less than the YTD budget of \$16,573,613. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$15,582,093, which is about 2% less than the YTD budget of \$15,960,072. Operating deficit before depreciation is \$214,393 compared to a YTD budgeted surplus of \$613,541. These figures do not include International Convention revenue and expense, which is tracked and reported separately against a detailed Convention budget by our convention management vendor, Talley Management Group, with AAWS Board oversight.
 - b. Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors.
 - A. The AAWS Finance Committee recommended a literature price increase of \$2 per book and 15% for all other items, effective February 1, 2026. During the AAWS Board meeting, the Board amended and approved a price increase of \$3 per book, with the 15% increase for all other items remaining unchanged.
3. Recommendations also came from the AAWS Communications and Language Services.
 - b. The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommends to the AAWS Board that section 6 of the Social Media Policy be updated to read: "The Communications Services Department will provide periodic updates to the AAWS Board regarding social media performance, challenges, opportunities, and any significant developments. Any new social media initiatives will be communicated to the respective trustees' committees and, when appropriate, to the corresponding General Service Conference committees for awareness and alignment with Advisory Actions."
 - c. The AAWS Communications and Language Services Committee recommends to the AAWS Board that it affirms that books in languages other than English or in accessibility formats such as Braille or ASL are not subject to translation to English.

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, sent out a February report. All total, Area 40 got 24 hotline calls, and only missed 7 total. District 72 got 5 calls and only missed one. Nice work to everyone involved with this!

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:

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

1. **RECURRING EVENT:** Online Area 40 Concepts Study on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30-12pm. Zoom info is: **ID:** 934 7874 0545 **PASSCODE:** 231067
2. Pockets of Enthusiasm is March 20-21st at the First Presbyterian Church in Helena. This will be a hybrid event

3. The 2026 Spring Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 17th-19th. This will also be a hybrid event
4. There will be a Treatment & Corrections workshop on Saturday, April 25th in Helena at the First Presbyterian Church
5. The Spring Round Up will be May 1-3rd in Kalispell at the Red Lion Hotel.
6. The Fall Assembly will be September 25-27th at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls.
7. 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 lenore.maunz777@gmail.com

PHONE NUMBER: (406) 599-4438

- Tim asked are books increased by \$2 or \$3? Lenore confirms it was proposed initially to be \$2 but the motion that was passed was \$3.

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 March 2026: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

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

- Revisit motion to pause \$500 Treatment budget line item for literature (tabled from February meeting)

- Lenore clarifies this money is for an AA meeting, not just books to hand out to random people. Just wanted to be clear that people understood that. Money is very much for the still suffering alcoholic

- Rebekah had heard there wasn't clarity around this meeting and what it was. Mentions she **will read report from Committee Meeting and that Committee Members/volunteers for IPU meetings present to answer questions.** Rebekah reads paragraphs in her report:

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- Rebekah states that she is also looking for more volunteers
- Joanne read IPU Engagement report:

Update from the District 72 Treatment Committee

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting at Bozeman Health: Carrying the Message within the Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Unit through Cooperation

For over four decades, AA maintained limited service involvement with Bozeman Health Hospital. Members communicated directly with physicians and responded to Twelfth Step calls upon request. At times, medical staff would contact individual AA members they knew to speak with patients. Healthcare systems have since evolved. HIPAA regulations and institutional policies now govern patient privacy and volunteer engagement, requiring more formalized processes.

In the spring of 2025, the Bozeman Health Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU) contacted the District 72 Treatment Committee to request that AA provide a meeting within their facility exclusively for IPU patients. Participation in Bozeman Health's volunteer program requires completion of a multi-step application and orientation process. IPU staff have worked closely with the District 72 Treatment Committee to establish clear facility guidelines and ensure compliance. This new AA service commitment represents many hours of collaboration and preparation.

This spirit of cooperation with Bozeman Health to serve IPU patients is a significant development. We are hopeful it marks the beginning of a strengthened and ongoing relationship with the hospital and, most importantly, with those who may be seeking recovery.

(On a side note here are some interesting documents to review from a study from by the National Institute of Health)

Hibbard, P. F., & Sheidow, A. J. (2024). Cooperation vs. affiliation: An exploratory qualitative study of Alcoholics Anonymous' position within the recovery ecosystem. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 42(2), 103–111.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10550887.2022.2149233>

Peer support group initiative for Hispanic/Latinx individuals with alcohol use disorder in rural Montana

<https://scholarworks.montana.edu/handle/1/19299>

- Crystal took info from last meeting back to her homegroup. Pink Cloud group still supports funds going toward providing literature for still suffering in IPU meeting if funds are available.

- Dennis says he is a volunteer for IPU meeting. Patients are people interested in going to a meeting, either are new or have relapsed. Since started have great opportunity of seeing individuals from those meetings show up in other meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous outside of hospital. Same with corrections, seen people from jail meetings in meetings outside. Literature is going to these people. AA Connection with hospital has been since maybe 1982, during Covid it was severed. Has been restored and opens up opportunities for 12 step work in hospital

- Catherine states IPU meeting is for people with co-occurring conditions, which she has personal experience with as well. Meeting allows them to show up without shame. The way Rebekah's been lining it up is that there is sustainability after she switches out of Chair position. Lining up possibility of doing 12 step calls at ER

- Joanne states her experience going in as a volunteer has been awesome, has been highlight of service work lately. What we share with people who are looking for answers for what's going on with them makes connections. They shake their heads up and down. After volunteers share, then patients share. It's been more than planting seeds, has been hooking people into helping see they might be alcoholic. Feels the least she can do is give them a mini big book and prayer card.

- Susan appreciates clarification from today. Original bringing up of the meeting back in December was not clear, not sure what was going on with this meeting and group thought books were just being passed out. She appreciates clarification and the use of funds toward meeting makes a lot more sense.

- Tim echoes sounds like there was a lot of confusion about this meeting. Maybe clarity around what has been going on specifically will be really helpful for those confused

- Rebekah says we've been giving out the small big books, haven't gone through a case yet. Along with little prayer card, has like 3rd step, 7th step etc prayer from book. Can't quite remember price of cases.

- Meghan took off Alt DCM hat and put on Hospital group hat. Group discussed that we're really focused on this one meeting and the cost of books going out. Points out that Treatment Chair is trusted servant and we did approve budget. Her group felt that's why we elected Treatment Chair and makes sense to trust trusted servant.

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.

- In favor 1 in room, 0 online = 1 in favor

- Opposed 24 in room , 3 online = 27 opposed

- 3 abstentions

MOTION FAILED

Minority opinion: Paul states he believes it is going to a good cause, books should be going to still suffering alcoholic. Thinks cost is concerning, especially since we

are getting close to prudent reserve. Overall thinks it is a good reason to be giving out literature.

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

- Discussion item: Adding the Grapevine QR code to the district meeting schedules
 - Lenore states came from her group. If we have room or interest, does anybody have any thoughts?
 - Lila states space on schedule already tight. If no extra room for phone numbers, from her experience on PI committee, people get upset. Can confirm cause she is one of those upset people.
 - Bradley states the PI committee asked about a rewrite of format to increase space on schedule
 - **Matthew Motion:** Table Discussion of Adding the Grapevine QR Code to the District Meeting Schedules until next month when PI Chair is present
In favor 26 in room, 2 online = 28 in favor
MOTION PASSED

- Discussion item: Travel reimbursement process for committee members - gas receipts or mileage?
 - Meghan states District used to reimburse at IRS suggested charitable reimbursement rate, \$0.14 a mile but didn't always even cover whole cost
 - Tim states that his (Treasurer) guidelines are to only reimburse people following guidelines. Guidelines don't actually state that Treatment Chair gets reimbursed for travel. Believes need clarification on Treatment Chair Guidelines. Also that Travel for Area Chair came from Kalispell roughly \$100 would put Special Events in negative
 - Lenore points out don't we have \$800 in Treatment Chair Travel Budget? Tim says yes we do but it's not in the guidelines so he's trying to actually follow the guidelines. Lenore states we may just need to update guidelines. Tim agrees.
 - Lenore also states the Pre Assembly is more of a District Event than Special Events, Amy's Awesomeness (AA) just sort of took it on and organized
 - Usually the Area reimburses Area chairs to travel. Amy states that she confirmed that Area Chair does not have money from Area.
 - Michael asks about the line item for Area Chair Travel. Tim states yeah had question about that. Area draws out of hat which Chairs from Districts will make up the respective Area Committee to vote in respective committee at Area assemblies.
 - Meghan confirms yes that's still how it is, usually it's just one chair in our District and other times it's two.
 - Joanne asks for Amy, in other special events did we ever get a bill for travel from them? Amy says no she's never had anyone travel. Ask Valerie? Valerie goes up and says no she didn't have anyone travel. Tim points out there was an Area Delegate but that Area reimbursed her.
 - Meghan confirms that yes we did tell her we would reimburse her. Yes we should reimburse her, decide where to put it. Meghan points out we do have line item for travel budget for Treatment Chair. Shouldn't have

to ask about each reimbursement because she is trusted servant, Guidelines should just be updated to allow that.

- Susan asks so should she just ask Treatment Chair for reimbursement? Meghan states that's part of the problem is the ambiguity, not clear in guidelines
- Leah shared her experience getting reimbursed was thorny, kind of a hassle for getting reimbursed \$16. Supported Rebekah's previously mentioned idea on gas cards for reimbursement
- Tim points out that if looking for reimbursement from District, a receipt is necessary to get reimbursed.
- Rebekah suggests pre-paid gas cards, if people keep receipts then could that help? Tim states not really. But if guidelines updated then this would work.
- Lenore asks Rebekah can you look at this for next month? Rebekah states she has looked and does find it confusing. She can make edits and suggest for next time.

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. April 25, 2026 at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

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12. Close with: Responsibility Statement