

## Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

June 24, 2023

4:30pm-6:30pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom

1. Opened with the serenity prayer: Betty M.
2. Read the District 72 Safety Statement: Betty M.
3. Raise your hand if you are a voting member for District 72 (district officers, district committee chairs, GSRs, and Alt GSRs - only if your group's GSR is not here)
  - Quorum: 24
4. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:

5. Reading of Concept Six: Rick H.

*"The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."*

6. We will continue coming up to the microphone for reports, questions, comments, etc.....

7. Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes? (meeting held 5/27/2023)

- Corrections to May minutes noted by Gail M: "Venice" should be spelled "Vennis"; Costume party at Roundup is noted to be in December instead of October. Motions made and Minutes approved with corrections  
**Motion to accept:** passed

8. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors:

Kathy S, **Women's Noon 12x12 Study Group** (Livingston) - going well, have been getting new members via BTG in Helena.

Ashley H, **Bozeman Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Monday and Wednesday at 8 pm, steady attendance between 12-20, business meeting held 3rd Wednesday.

Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - attendance has been increasing and have been having a lot of 1st Step meetings for newcomers. Encouraging increased donations into basket due to inflation. Planning a kickball event 1st weekend of September. Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm.

Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet at Peace Lutheran Church, attendance between 10-20 people business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm.

Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Mon & Fri @ noon, business meeting held 2nd Tuesday @ 11am.

Catherine J **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - currently still online only but working on gaining a space Hospital to resume in person meetings. Business meeting held Sun. after the meeting.

Matt S, **Venice Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - meet Mon, Wed, & Fri. @ 7:30pm, Sun. 10am in Virginia City. Business meeting held 3rd Mon.

Doreen M, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Meets at 11 am at the Hall. Going well, attendance has been increasing and persons attending volunteering to chair. Have also added a few home group members.

Business meeting held 2nd Sun. @ 9:50pm.

Cathy, **West Yellowstone Group** (West Yellowstone) - Meets Wednesday and Sunday, discussion and Big Book Study. Attendance around 22.

Tony B, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church, 10-20 people, business meeting held on 1st Thurs. after meeting.

Adam B, **Steps & Traditions Group** (Bozeman) - meets Wed. 7pm at Grand Avenue Christian Church; going well steady attendance, business meeting held 1st Wed. after meeting.

Chelsea Y, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Meet Sun - Fri at 5:30pm & Sat at 7:30pm with Women's meeting held at same time in Large Hall room. Attendance good, 47 at main meeting, 17 at Women's Meeting. Have elected new Chairman and Service positions.

Melinda W, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - meet at the Episcopal Church downtown in adjacent building, business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 9pm.

Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - The HOW Group is thriving in our new location at the Fellowship Hall. We have 4 meetings a week, Mondays 7pm is our Big Book Study, Thursday 7pm is a Discussion meeting with topic chosen from Big Book or 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Saturday Morning 8:30am is a Discussion meeting with topic chosen from Big Book or 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and Sunday night at 7pm is our Speaker Meeting. All meetings are 1 hour. Average attendance is 25 - 40 members. Our Birthday Meeting is the Last Thursday each month at 7pm, come join us to celebrate your sobriety. All our meetings are in the East Room of the Fellowship Hall.

Tomorrow June 25th, our Group in cooperation with Al-Anon is hosting a Luncheon beginning at 12:30pm with Soup and Bread. 1-2:30 is How Relationships Change Workshop, followed by an Ask it Basket. There will be 3 AA Members and 3 Al-Anon members on the panel.

We are getting underway to begin the planning of our Annual Speakerevent on Saturday October 14, at the Hall, featuring Bob D. from Las Vegas. Event will begin at noon with fellowship and snacks and Workshop with ask-it-basket from 4-5, followed by a potluck dinner and Speaker meeting beginning at 7pm. There is a flyer available on the Area 40 Website under Calendar of Events. Everyone in the community is welcome!

In service,

Tim K.

**Visitors:** Erica (Alt GSR), Matthew R. (Alt GSR), Rick H. filling in for Lenore Alt DCM, Austin assisting Bradley in Tech.

## 9. Introductions and Committee Reports:

*(Reminder to send any reports, flyers or information to [district72.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:district72.secretary@gmail.com))*

**Treasurer:** Meghan R. -

- (see email attachment for June 2023 budget report, or on Area 40 in District Mini Sites)
- Large expenditures this month. Appeal to groups to increase their contributions to District 72 as reports indicate a small percentage of groups donating. See also the spending plan. A question was raised as to whether or not the Accessibility \$ had been spent yet and it has not.

**Answering Service:** Emily Y. -

- In April there were 30 calls to the area with 5 calls to District 72; 2 missed calls were returned.
- For May there were 50 calls to the area with 10 to District 72; 2 missed calls returned and able to set up with local contacts.

**Archives:** Gail M. -

- We had a meeting of the Archives Committee this week. We discussed what we have in our cabinets at the Fellowship Hall and things that I should look for specifically. We also talked about the ongoing interviews of old-timers and transcribing them. We have some group histories but would always welcome more. Even if your group is not old, it's valuable to the archives of District 72.

I also spoke with Earl F., Area 40 Archivist. We discussed a display for the Fall Roundup that will be here in October. One thing that he mentioned is that the Archives belong to all of us, they are not to be housed and never looked at again. We also talked about old-timer interviews and what they should focus on.

Thank you for letting me serve.

**CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community):** Karon K. -

- We've met with Jeanne C, AI-Anon PI/CPC chair to discuss potential collaborations, like sharing contact information for professionals. We need to determine how best to share and store data.
- Upcoming conferences at Big Sky:
  - 6th Annual Conference on Challenges in Mental Health Care for the Primary Care Physician: July 19-22. They will display literature but can't accommodate us to staff a display. We'll be sending the following pamphlets:
    - [A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional](#)
    - [A Brief Guide to A.A.](#)
    - [If you are a professional](#)
    - An Open Letter to Health Care Professionals
- We're looking into acquiring or creating a business card with information on the AA meeting app. We've asked GSO if there is a QR code or if plans are to develop one for accessing the app. This card would be valuable for professionals to give to their clients/patients/others to access information about AA meetings.
- We are researching other opportunities to speak or provide literature at professional meetings
- Ty K, Area CPC chair reported that the Area CPC is putting on a luncheon with a class A Trustee before the Regional Forum in Missoula, August 25-27. He's interested in inviting professionals from our District to participate and has asked for contact information for criminal justice and law enforcement. We'll be working on those updates as soon as possible.

**Grapevine/Structure:** Savannah D. -

- Have been delivering Grapevines to Treatment facilities in the area

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- Put in a huge order this month to restock empty shelves so has a large variety of literature
- It is easier and cheaper to order from her directly rather than GSO and also helps support District 72. Please spread the word to groups to please buy literature from Amy.

**PI (Public Information):** Katie M. -

- We ordered 800 schedules this month. We have a delay in getting the schedules this month. They were supposed to be ready by Thursday at the latest and it has been delayed, we will get them next week. I will have them in the drawer by next Thursday, if there are any GSR's here who will have trouble getting the July schedules please let me know and I can make arrangements to get them to you.
- The committee delivered schedules to approximately 32 locations. We mailed schedules to 7 groups in our district. We also mailed schedules to 6 locations, both jails + hospitals in West Yellowstone, Ennis + Virginia City.
- We are continuing to contact jails + hospitals in the outlying towns in our district to see if they would like us to mail schedules to them. If you are going to any of these towns and want to help us deliver schedules please contact me, we would love the help!
- Warming Center
  - The meetings are the 1st + 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon.
  - This is not an open meeting. It is a service commitment only.
  - We have made an orientation packet for all volunteers.
  - GSRs please announce, we need more volunteers - we have flyers here
- Next committee meeting is not planned yet, if you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

**Special Events:** Valerie K. -

- Service Event planned for July 29 beginning at 12:30 with barbecue, music, outside Speaker, and Delegate report.
- Please announce this event to groups that we are in need of Volunteers, Food etc..... contact Betty M. for more information

**Bridging the Gap:** Tony B. -

- Had only 2 requests through May and June both males
- Please announce to groups that more assistance is needed for referrals headed to or in Enid
- Melinda W commented that she did not see any BTG forms at MCDC when she attended the meeting there; Chris O. stated that Tony and his phone numbers are on the white board for people needing referrals after treatment. Anyone attending is welcome to add their phone number if they desire.
- Question raised as to how BTG in Helena communicates with District 72, it is through Tony.

**Corrections:** Jennifer M. - (absent)

- No report given

**Treatment:** Chris O. -

- Reports meetings have been taking place at MCDC
- Working on a possible presentation with ADS

**Roundup Chair:** Bruce W. - (absent)

- No report given

**Technology:** Bradley G. -

- Reports being able to purchase excellent equipment set up with budget provided
- Seeking storage for equipment and will coordinate with Archives on a solution (per Gail M.)
- Having regular committee meetings and discussing having a rotation for running equipment at meetings
- Working on formalizing job description for Technology chair and group

- Reimbursement for equipment from the accessibility fund will be occurring
- Area 40 Guidelines for Technology committees are being reviewed
- Question raised regarding availability of equipment for a possible District meeting in Livingston and Bradley states it will be

**Alt. DCM:** Lenore M. - (absent) Rick H. filled in

- There will be an event on July 22 for a Delegate report starting at 11am  
This will be a Zoom event. (see email attachment for flyer, or find on Area 40 website)
- GSRs are encouraged to take information back to groups regarding the importance of ordering literature from Amy to support District 72.

**DCM:** Betty M. - (see the 4 flyers attached to this email)

- **Conference Advisory Actions of the 73rd General Service Conference**  
**Description:** Recommendations passed by SimpleMajority, Recommendations Not Resulting in Conference Action, Floor Actions Not Resulting in Conference Advisory Actions, 73rd General Service Conference Committee Considerations
- **West Central Regional Forum @ Hilton Garden Inn, in Missoula - August 25 - 27th.**  
**Purpose:** Enhance communication between AA members, General Service Board, and staff & directors from GSO and the AA Grapevine.  
**Program:** Presentations, workshops, panels & more. Sharing sessions that will allow you to comment and ask questions of the board & staff.  
**Cost:** Registration is free. Hotel has a group rate of \$139/night. Call 888-728-3027  
**More Information:** Flyer attached.
- **Agenda Item Writing Workshop Handout & GSC Agenda-item Submission Form**  
Handouts to be distributed to all GSRs & District Chairs - attached
- **Video Project - Carry the Message to High School & College-Age People**

#### 10. Immediate Business:

- **A motion was passed in May to have our monthly district meetings for August and September in locations other than Bozeman.**
  - **Are there groups/towns who would like to volunteer to host in August?**
  - **Are there groups/towns who would like to volunteer to host in September?**

**Motion:** Have August meeting in Livingston and September meeting in Ennis.

**Passed:** motion seconded and passed

Discussion to change the August 26 district meeting to August 19 because the Western Central Regional Forum is Aug. 25 - 27.

**Motion:** Change the August D72 from 8/26/2023 to 8/19/2023.

**Passed:** motion seconded and passed

**Motion:** Hold the August D72 meeting at the Vince Grant Hall in Livingston.

**Passed:** motion seconded and passed

**Motion:** Hold the September D72 meeting with the Vennis Over the Hill Gang located at the Jeffers Church, September 30th at 4:30 pm.

**Passed:** motion seconded and passed

#### 11. Old Business:

- **Discuss using the format that Area 40 uses for “Agenda Item Proposals” at our district meetings in terms of writing motions** -- Lenore M.

Lenore would like to table this for another month until she is here

## 12. New Business:

- **No new business**

**REQUEST:** *If you have any items you want added to the next month's agenda, please email it to Lenore at [lenore.maunz777@gmail.com](mailto:lenore.maunz777@gmail.com) at least 10 days in advance of next month's meeting date so there is enough time to add it and send the agenda out.*

**Motion to adjourn @ 6:30pm**

## 13. Responsibility Pledge

*“I am responsible.*

*When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.*

*And for that: I am responsible.”*

**Next district meeting Saturday, July 28th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.**

**See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40**

**as well as current District information:**

**[AA-Montana.org](http://AA-Montana.org)**