

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

August 19, 2023

4:30pm-6:30pm

Hybrid meeting held in person at the Vince Grant Hall in Livingston and via Zoom

Thank you Livingston for the awesome BBQ & hosting the District 72 meeting!

1. **Opened with the serenity prayer:** Lenore M.
2. **Read the District 72 Safety Statement:** Lenore 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)
 - Voting members in attendance: 21
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Lila H.
5. **Reading of Concept Eight:** Lenore M.

“The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.”

6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the June 2023 minutes? (meeting held 7/29/2023)**
 - **Motion to accept:** passed

7. Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:

- Erica S, **Third Step Meeting** (Livingston) - Attendance good 30 - 40 people, business meeting held 1st Sat. of the month.
- Ashley H, **Bozeman Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Mon. and Wed. at 8 pm, things going good, business meeting held 3rd Wednesday.
- Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm in Big Room of the Hall. Attendance good, a lot of women, newcomer men are getting involved. Sept.3 is Kickball Event starting at 1pm with BBQ, kickball, and speaker meeting. A flyer coming soon, business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm.
- Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet at Peace Lutheran Church, book study. We have lots of space, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm.
- Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Tues & Fri @ noon, attendance is steady, business meeting held 2nd Tues. @ 11am.
- Bob, **Venice Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - have a new meeting started, lots of visitors who are willing to help host.
- Doreen M, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - meets at 11 am at the Hall, steady attendance. Newcomers are helping out by setting up chairs. Business meeting held 2nd Sun. @ 9:50pm.

Christine C, **West Yellowstone Group** (West Yellowstone) - Meets Wednesday and Sunday, discussion and Big Book Study. Will have a group conscience in October, held 2x's a year.

Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church @ 7:30pm, Business meeting held on 1st Thurs. after meeting. Attendance at business meeting has been shaky.

Chelsey A, **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. 1 of 3 group inventories is complete. Next 2 are scheduled for Aug. & Sept. Halloween Party scheduled for Oct.28 (Roundup weekend). Flyer will be out soon.

Melinda W, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - meet at the St. James Episcopal Church, 111 S. Tracy, lots of visitors, business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 9pm.

Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - meet 4 days a week: Sun, Mon, Thurs, Sat, all well attended. Birthday meeting last Thurs of month. Business meeting 2nd Thurs of month @ 8:15pm. October Speaker Event 10/14, See attached flyer for information.

Visitors: Sean, Russ, Mark, Lenora, Dustin, Eleanora, Sherri, Bill, The Cook

8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

(Reminder to send any reports, flyers or information district72.secretary@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Meghan R. - (absent, report read by Joanne M.)

- *(see email attachment for August 2023 treasurer's report, or on Area 40 in District Mini Sites)*
- Hello District 72,

First of all, I apologize for missing two meetings in a row; my family had this trip planned before we decided to shift the August meeting date and I was unable to reschedule. Thank you to Joanne for reading this report for me!

Thank you to the groups that made 7th Tradition contributions over the last couple of months to bring us closer to our anticipated annual income to cover our spending plan! We are once again hovering around our prudent reserve amount which is right where we want to be.

Because I was made aware of some questions about literature expenses and income, I included a cell in the ledger this month with the current value of our literature on hand. It is my understanding from the literature chair (and Amy, please correct me if I'm wrong!) that this number reflects the value of a fully stocked literature cabinet for our District. While it may have seemed that we spent more money all at once than we have in the past (which we did) the reason was due to supply chain issues throughout 2022 that made literature impossible to get. Our cabinets were bare, and our literature chair did an excellent job of building them back up when it became available. Thank you Amy!! Please let me know if this inventory number is useful so I know whether to include it or report on it in the future.

Expenses this month included rent to Fellowship Hall for the 2nd quarter of 2023, the balance we owed to Bradley for renting his tech equipment prior to purchasing our own, meeting schedules, Grapevine subscriptions for Treatment (funds came from the Pink Can account) and a literature order we placed for one of the District's groups.

Our total income this month including 7th Tradition, Literature purchases, and Pink Can contributions, was \$2237.56.

Sorry for the long report, thank you for letting me serve, and looking forward to seeing you all in Jeffers next month!

Meghan

Answering Service: Emily Y. -

- Still no report or email from Area 40
- I need to step down from D72 chair position, no time for followup between new baby & work
- Emily will stay in position until filled
- GSRs please let your groups know D72 is looking for an Answering Service Chair.

See job description below:

- **Answering Service Committee Chairperson:** acts as a liaison between the district and the Area 40 contact person for service provider; maintains lists of members willing to participate in 12-Step service calls; reports activity and action of the committee to the district at business meetings.

Archives: Gail M. -

- I don't have much to report. Our committee meets the 4th Thursday of the month on Zoom at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending, let me know and I will send you an invitation. Everyone is welcome. We keep it brief and to the point.

One of our members gave me an envelope with copies of an interview that two women conducted with Les E. years ago. If he was before your time, he died sober after many years and his work was invaluable to AA in Bozeman. All for fun and for free. We would like to have more interviews with old timers who got sober in District 72. I have a lead on one that I will follow up on. When I spoke with Earl F., Area 40 Archivist, he told me that the way that we preserve interviews is to have a recording transcribed and printed, so that we keep a digital and a paper record. We don't know what kind of technology will be available in the future, that's the reason for the paper copy.

As we haven't met yet this month, that's all the news from here.

Thank you for letting me serve!

Gail M.

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

- We reviewed the outcome of sending AA and AI-Anon literature to Conference on Challenges in Mental Health Care for the Primary Care Physician at Big Sky. We were not able to be present to staff a literature table but based on the return of literature, we know that some of it was taken. The committee agrees we should continue with such efforts to reach professionals in conferences.
- We've been in regular contact with the district 61 CPC Chair to share ideas on CPC activities. She was recently contacted by the Kiwanis Club to speak at their meeting. She shared that as a new professional sector for us to pursue and we'll follow up with business related clubs in our district.
- We, along with District 61 and 81 have been planning the CPC speaker event sponsored by Area 40 CPC—Understanding Alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous. It takes place on August 25 preceding the Regional Forum in Missoula. Class A trustee and 4th Judicial District Court Judge Kerry Meyer will speak about her experience with AA. One member of AA will speak on his/her experience in being led to AA through a professional contact. Anyone interested can attend on zoom at:
<https://zoom.us/j/96841773604?pwd=Vjl2SjlrR3M0eXpBc1JlbG42QzVkZz09>
- We've been invited to present a panel of speakers for MSU nursing students on October 12. We'll work out the details with Dr. Kathy Damberger, associate professor of Nursing at MSU. Doreen M. will take the lead on organizing this event. We will be seeking volunteers to participate on the panel, speaking on experiences in health care settings that led them to AA.

Grapevine/Structure: Savannah D. -

- Have a discussion item on today's agenda

Literature: Amy K. -

- So far for the month of August we have sold about \$1300 in literature. I did have to place another order for about \$960 to fulfill an order for a group and to get the cupboards back up to inventory. Meghan did ask if I could take an inventory of the literature and get her a dollar amount of what we have. The value of the current inventory of books and pamphlets is \$4865.98. I think that what we have for literature right now is what we should have most of the time. This amount will ensure that we will have literature to sell to groups, which is the point right? I realize that this has been a little bit of a process to get to here. When I took over this position and finally got the key and opened up the cupboards they were pretty much bare, a few pamphlets, a few big books and a few 12 and 12's. After placing little orders here and there I finally just placed the big order a few months ago to finally have some literature that our district could sell. I did bring the inventory price sheet with me if anyone would like to take a peak. I have also brought a list of books and pamphlets that you can take back to your groups. If there is anything that you would like to purchase, just let me know.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Amy K.

- GSRs spread the word to groups to please buy literature from Amy @ 406-570-6773

PI (Public Information): Katie M. -

- We ordered 700 schedules this month.
- We did not print or deliver schedules for August, for reasons given in last month's report. (Last month's report: We did not order schedules for August. This decision was made for 3 reasons; first, there were no changes to the schedule over the past month, secondly, there are still July schedules available, and thirdly, due to moving the August district meeting the next schedule will have to go to the printer by August 4th.)
- 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. This past month we added Big Sky to our list. If you are going to any of these towns and want to help us deliver schedules please contact me, we would love the help!
- We have added the Meeting Guide App QR code to the front of the schedules.
- 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 always need more volunteers
- Next committee meeting is Saturday, September 30th , at 9:45am. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

Special Events: Valerie K. -

- Looking for volunteers to help brainstorm for our next event. Please contact Valerie K.

Bridging the Gap: Tony B. - (absent)

- No report

Corrections: Jennifer M. - (absent - report read by Joanne M.)

- The next orientation for new volunteers at the Gallatin Valley Detention Center is 14 September.
- We had 4 new volunteers approved from the last orientation, 3 are scheduled at this time.
- Pink can literature continues to benefit inmates and volunteers are doing a great job communicating to notify me of when literature in the program room is running low so that I can bring more into the detention center.
- Am working on a new corrections information document as discussed at July's district meeting.
- Time to get serious about how to accomplish Google Voice for Detention Center inmates to call out to a Detention Center program volunteer. Including: protocol for volunteers taking inmate calls, a need to recruit more program volunteers to get into action to do service work answering inmate calls that must have attended new volunteer orientation and be approved to work/speak with inmates. Any input, help recruiting or new volunteers are appreciated and needed.

Treatment: Chris O. - (absent - report read by Savannah D.)

- I'm headed to MCDC tonight.
- MCDC meeting was staffed with 2 men & 2 women volunteers in July; both meetings went well.
- 2 cases of big books were dropped off. Thank you to the groups that contributed to Pink Can!!! It really makes a difference for MCDC & the Detention Center. Please contact myself Chris O or Jennifer M. if you would like to get a Pink Can going!
- I have been in contact with 2 other districts about the success of District 72 Pink Can so hopefully they can get something going to provide more literature.
- Thanks you for letting me serve!
Chris O.

Roundup Chair: Bruce W. - absent

- No report

Technology: Bradley G. -

- Thanks to Livingston for the warm welcome. Erica used her data to run things and the BBQ food was great!
- New committee member, Brian S., has a background in technology.
- Continue work on job description, more elaborate than had planned.
- Want to hear from people about how technology is working in their group.

Alt. DCM: Lenore M. -

- Thank you Livingston for hosting.
- Next month we will meet in Jeffers @ 3/3:30pm with meeting starting at 4:30pm.

DCM: Betty M. - *Note: The calendar and flyer content for this report comes from the*

Calendar Tab of Area 40 Montana AA site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/>

- Key Events for your Radar:
 - WCR 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.
Needed: Greeters, Registration, Hospitality. Let me know ASAP if interested.
More Information: Flyer available online.
Register: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=735391>

- Area 40 Fall Assembly: Sept 8-10 @ Holiday Inn, Great Falls
Purpose: Meet as a body to discuss current state of the Area, discuss & consider AA issues specific to Area 40, fellowship & fun
Requested Action: There are 3 items on the agenda for you to discuss with your groups. Current agenda & background information for 3 items to be considered at the Assembly sent by Joanne M. on 8/14/2023. Report group's feedback to me BEFORE Sept 8 th .
 - National Technology Committee Workshop: Friday, September 8th to Sunday, September 10th, 2023, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA and via Zoom.
More Info: Talk to Bradley G or one of the members of the D72 Technology Committee
<https://naatw.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce11bda3493c7de187d87c999&id=ade9f475ca&e=087b59e7ce>
 - Area 40 Fall Roundup, GranTree Inn, Bozeman – October 27 – 29
Will be great event with AA & AIAnon speakers, variety of entertainment options, good food available. Flyer available online.
 - Monthly Area 40 Concept Study: 10:30 a.m. to noon every 3d Saturday
- My DCM Cool Story for August: How many times at meetings have you heard a GSR talk about how the members of AA are the ones responsible for changes that are ultimately made at the Area/Regional/National Levels? I've heard it a bunch. I was excited to play a part in this process this month. I know the Forum is offered in Montana every 16 years and, from Kacie, I know how valuable it would be for me and for you to be there to listen/participate. When I learned that I might not be able to attend in person, I explored whether it would be presented on Zoom. Our Delegate, Kacie N, confirmed that Zoom was NOT an option, but she brought it up for discussion at a GSO Board meeting. They agreed to form a committee to discuss the possibility for the future. Wow! Maybe in the future thousands more AAs can attend Regional Forums without having to physically be present!
Moral of the Story: AA wants & cares about our thoughts & ideas (even mine)
Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Betty M
DCM D72

9. Immediate Business:

- No immediate business

10. Old Business:

- **Motion:** Use the "District 72 Agenda Item Form: Discussion or Motion" document for all non-emergent agenda items for the monthly District 72 business meetings- Lenore M.
Discussion: great idea, make form available on District 72 mini sight
Passed: Yes - 19, No - 0

- **Discuss the option to print meeting schedules quarterly rather than monthly-**

PI Committee (Katie M)

Discussion: Katie read background information which was emailed, wants a sense of the groups, use the wording online vs Zoom, one GSR commented they got positive feedback from their group. Katie asked for a show of hands; all hands raised.

11. New Business:

- **Motion Discuss an additional amount of \$56.42 (addition to the \$50 in Grapevine budget) to be given to the Grapevine/La Vina Chair so that items/subscriptions can be purchased for the district- Savannah D.**

Discussion: this is a one time ask not a spending plan increase, money would be used to purchase a 30 pack of back issues to circulate to groups or other locations where useful to have AA literature. People can donate their old issues to Savannah and she will get them into circulation. District 72 has no Spanish resources.

GSRs please take back to your group for discussion. Motion on the agenda next month.

- **Discuss updating the District 72 Guidelines to add “La Vina” alongside any place where “The Grapevine” is mentioned- Lenore M.**

Discussion: many think it's a good idea, when asked if anyone didn't think it was a good idea there was nobody opposed.

- **Discuss adding a bullet point stating: “Use the ‘District 72 Agenda Item Form: Discussion or Motion’ for all non-emergent agenda items submitted for the monthly district business meeting.” To the District 72 Guidelines at the bottom of the Functions and Services section- Lenore M.**

Discussion: Topic tabled till next month, but noted that the form referred to did pass at today's meeting.

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 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. This would be Sept. 20th.*

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

Motion to adjourn @ 6:00pm

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, Sept 30th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm
at the Trinity Episcopal church in Jeffers (right near Ennis),
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

