

**Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting**  
**January 28, 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:** Lenore M.
2. **Welcome everyone to your new service positions for 2023!:** Lenore M.
3. **Orientation to District Meetings:** Lenore M. - "How things will run"  
(see email attachment for full report)
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Betty M.
5. **Reading of Concept One:** Lenore M.

***"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services  
should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."***

**6. Add/Correct/Vote to approve November/December 2022 meeting minutes:**

**Discussion:** Jeff L. requested the changes made to the last treasurer report be corrected and posted to the website, along with a statement explaining why the corrections were made.

Megan R. will make those changes.

**Motion to accept:** passed

**7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors:**

Bob C, ***Belgrade Common Solution*** (Belgrade)

David W, ***Early Risers*** (Bozeman)

Maurice W, ***Friday Men's Group*** (Bozeman) - averaging about 20 people.

Sean A, ***Belgrade Surrender Group*** (Belgrade) - 12-15 people, getting newcomers.

Melinda W, ***Tuesday at 8 Group*** (Bozeman) - meet at St. James Church beginning February.

Phil M, ***Big Book Study*** (Bozeman) - 12-15 people.

Megan P, ***Pink Cloud*** (Bozeman) - 4-8 people on Zoom & 4-10 people in person,  
needing more home group members.

Matt S, ***Venice Over the Hill Group*** (Ennis) - 12-15 people, lots of sobriety.

Celia H, ***On Awakening*** (Bozeman) - 6:30am Hybrid meeting, 6-8 people.

Kietra N, ***There is a Solution*** (Bozeman) - 7am Zoom everyday, in person Mon-Sat only.

Susan H, ***H.O.W. Group*** (Bozeman) - 4 meeting a week, moving to The Hall after the  
8:30am meeting on Feb. 18.

Gail M, ***Wednesday Noon Group*** (Bozeman) - no GSR, Gail is contact only.

Jennifer M, ***Women's Serenity Group*** (Bozeman) - meet Tues. & Fri. at Noon. Tuesday is a Step &  
Traditions Study, last Friday of the month is a hybrid birthday meeting.

Dezri, ***Rebellion Dogs*** (Bozeman) - added a 5:30pm women's meeting, group unanimously  
voted to conduct a group inventory soon.

Lila H, ***Bozeman Young People's Group*** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs. Treasurer has  
stepped down so will be electing a new one soon.

Kristi D, ***6th Chapter*** (Bozeman) - everything is going well.

Ashley H, **Primary Purpose Group** (Bozeman) - attendance steady at 12-15 people,  
speaker event on Feb. 25; Candice M. from Los Angeles, CA.  
(panel 4-5pm, potluck 5:30-7pm, speaker 7:30-8:30pm)

**Visitors:** Rick H., Jeff L., Susan H., Leah T., Angie, Megan (newcomer)

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

**Treasurer:** Meghan R. -

- *Dec. 2022 report given by Leah T. (see email attachment for full report)*  
Operating balance rolled over into the new year, reissued a check that was lost.  
Questions about RoundUp seed money from 2020. Betty M. explained the remaining funds are rolled over.
- *Jan. 2023 report given by Meghan R. (see email attachment for full report)*  
Thanked Leah T. for blazing the trail and helping her to get up and running

**Answering Service:** Emily Y. -

- Received 4 calls in January, 2 were missed calls that were returned within 24 hrs
- Looking for men volunteers
- Answering service rotations are 1 month on call, 2 months off

**Archives:** Gail M. -

- Ordered archives workbook from GSO
- Organizing committee and will be meeting soon

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

- The committee met to review and discuss past CPC activities based on interviews conducted with 3 past District 72 CPC chairs, the District 61 CPC chair and the Area 40 CPC chair. There was a significant decrease in some events and speaker presentations during late 2020 until mid 2022 due to COVID. However, contacts were made by phone, mailings and some limited face-to-face meetings and presentations. All chairs had recommendations for possible activities, including conducting a needs assessment with individuals in focus areas (how best can they be reached and served?) and updating contact information for individuals in focus areas.

Current committee members are from the Bozeman area and it was suggested to recruit additional membership from outside the Bozeman area. The chair will make contact with GSRs in groups elsewhere in the district to seek additional committee members.

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

- New representative package ordered
- Grapevine is looking for stories, jokes, small blurbs, quotes
- Grapevine event coming up in Virginia

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- Big order from Treatment Chair, Chris O.
- Big order from Corrections Chair, Jennifer M.
- Asks all GSRs to look at their group pamphlet racks and order if needed

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

- Absent, Melinda W. gave report
- *(read full report below - attachment #1)*

**Special Events:** Gillian S. -

- Absent so Betty M. gave report
- Thank you for everyone's help making today's workshop a success

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

- New contact form is completed
- Printed and distributed to jail & treatment centers for individuals interested in the service

**Corrections:** Jennifer M. -

- There's been a few hiccups with the jail being open
- There are 9 new volunteers
- Next orientation is March 9
- Thank you to Rick H. & Pat P. for reaching out to state prison

**Treatment:** Chris O. -

- Received large literature order
- Pink Can money is used for any court ordered treatment facility
- Brought 2 cases of Big Books to MCDC so literature available to all residents as needed
- New contact at MCDC keeping the backstock there
- Working with the Helena chair when they need men to go to MCDC, jail, answering service
- In future hoping to access Warm Springs

**Roundup Chair:** Bruce W. -

- Absent, Betty M. gave report
- Organizing committees will begin soon

**Alt. DCM:** Lenore M. -

- Not much to report yet
- Welcome feedback & suggestions

**DCM:** Betty M. -

- Excited about new rotation
- *(read full report below - attachment #2)*

**9. Establishing a Quorum** (based on the number of GSRs and Committee Members reporting)

**In person - 18**

**Zoom - 8**

**Total - 26**

**10. Immediate Business - Needed for January 2023**

- No urgent business this month

## 11. Old Business -

- **Discuss Technology Committee Proposal/Motion** - Meghan R.  
District 72 Agenda Item Proposal, "Hybrid Meetings and Technology Committee Formation" from October 2022 was read (*see email attachment for full proposal*)  
**Discussion:** questions regarding costs, purchase of equipment, would the committee be standing or AdHoc, many positive comments and support given.  
**Motion:** Accept hybrid services and technology committee proposal.  
**Passed: Yes - 25, No - 0**
- **Home Group Service Position Challenges** - Karon K.  
**Discussion:** personnel experience shared; what keeps us sober, attraction not promotion, group inventory, home group and service will keep you sober. It was suggested to discuss with the DCM Board, opportunity for District 72 to hold a workshop on home group, service, sponsorship, and staying sober.
- **Discuss rent increase at Fellowship Hall** - Catherine J.  
**Motion:** Table discussion until next meeting.  
**Passed: Yes - 26, No - 0**

## 12. New Business:

- None

**Motion to adjourn @ 6:24pm**

## 13. Close with Responsibility Pledge

**Next district meeting Saturday, February 25th @ 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)**

## Attachment #1 - PI REPORT

JAN 2023

Hi Everyone!

This month has been busy learning how to do my new service commitment! I want to thank Sarah for meeting with me and helping to teach me the ropes. Here is what has happened in the world of PI:

1. The meeting schedules are updated! This was a big task with the new rotation of district chairs and GSR's. I called all the contacts for meetings for which a GSR did not report to District with updated information for this rotation. The current meeting schedule is now accurate and up to date; every contact on the schedule is going to reach a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Yay!
  - The one group that I have not been able to get information on is the Cooke City group. Their contact went to an out of service phone number. I contacted both the church that the group holds its meetings in and the Gardnier group, but have yet to find out if the meeting still exists. For this printing, I put myself as the contact for the meeting and hope to get this sorted asap. If anyone has any information about this, please let me know.
  - Can all District Chairs and GSR's check the meeting schedule to make sure that I have not made a mistake? Thank you!
2. PI Committee!
  - I have formed a PI Committee! WooWoo!! So far we have Sarah, Alycia, Holt, Sharon, Valerie and myself.
  - We would love to have more committee members! GSR's could you please announce at your meetings? Anyone interested can contact me, my number is on the front of the meeting schedule.
  - For January we will meet Tuesday the 31st, 5:15pm at the hall.
  - At our first meeting we will set the date and time of the monthly meeting.
  - I spoke with Allegra printing and got some options about changing the meeting schedule layout in order to have more blank space on the schedule for phone numbers to be written. We will be discussing this at the committee meeting.
  - I will have a zoom option available. If anyone would like to zoom in, please call me so that I can set it up ahead of time.

## Attachment #2 - DCM Report

Greetings District 72!

I am excited to serve as the District 72 Committee Member (DCM) for the next 2 years, and glad to be spending it with you! I believe we have a wonderful group of people in our rotation and feel like we're not only going to be helpful to the still suffering alcoholic, but also will have a bit of fun in the process. OK, so much for my beliefs. What have I been up to since January 1?

After learning that our Special Events Chair was going to have surgery in January, I spent some time with our Area 40 Delegate, Kacie N, to put together a service event "Service & Spice and Everything Nice" on January 28th before our monthly District meeting. About 40-50 people attended and, judging by the smiles & the laughter, we all enjoyed it! Many thanks to Kacie N and Susan H for leading our GSR School today. Also, many thanks to Joanne M, Phil M, Lenore M, Karon K and all of those who brought desserts and/or beverages to the event!

We had an Area 40 Kickoff event on January 28th for DCMs and Area Committee chairs to give us some important background on how we could be "in the know" on Area events, how to use the website and dashboard, as well as key events to pass on to you. More information about many of these events may be found on our website: [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) Calendar of Events page or District 72 mini-site.

- February 10: Agenda items for the Area 40 Spring Assembly are due.
- February 15: Deadline for applying for a scholarship to attend Area 40 Spring Assembly. If your group or the District does not typically fund your position to attend, an application & form may be found on the District 72 mini-site.
- March 3 - 5: West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference (WCRAASC): Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska and will be available on Zoom as well. The purpose of the event is to foster unity among members, groups and 8 Areas of the Region, exchange ideas & experiences and begin discussing some of the items that will be discussed at the Area 40 Spring Assembly and at the General Service Conference in New York later in the year. If your group or the District does not provide funding for you to attend the event, see me. Area 40 may be able to find a way to help.
- March 9: Detention Center orientation (see Jennifer M, Corrections Chair, for details and application process)
- March 11: Area 40 Pre-Assembly (Zoom only). To learn about the items to be discussed at Area 40 Spring Assembly
- March 31 - April 2: Area 40 Spring Assembly.
- May 19 - 21: Missoula Round-Up, Held at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Love in service,  
Betty M.  
DCM, D72