

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

June 25, 2022

4:30pm-6:30pm

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

1. Opened with the serenity prayer

Mission: "District 72 unites AA Groups from the Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, and Park County areas of Montana. We band together to fulfill our primary purpose – to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. As an association, it is our responsibility to provide common functions and service activities for AA members. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in monthly District 72 business meetings. We strive, as a district, to work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and operate from the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous."- Betty M.

2. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions- Neil

3. Reading of Concept 6: Catherine J shared

4. Establish quorum- 7 online, 15 in person - 22 total

5. Approved May 2022 meeting minutes-

- Meghan made one amendment: in the May meeting minutes it was mistakenly stated that the money reported by the Literature chair was for books ordered, it should have stated that was the amount currently held in inventory.
- Rick motioned to approve the amended minutes. Catherine seconded

6. Introductions/Attendance:

Visitors (attended online):0

(attended in person): 1, Bob E.

GSRs and reports:

Stephen (attended online) **Sunday Night Hospital Group** (Bozeman)- Meeting on Zoom, 6pm Sundays. Birthday meeting last Sunday of the month.

Pat (attended online) **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman)- Doing well, 4 meetings a week both in person and online running concurrently. Very good attendance.

Katie (attended in person) **Tuesday at 8pm** (Bozeman)- In person only, attendance has been up for the last month or two. **Lots of men at the meeting so any women who want to come should!**

Gail (attended online) **Wednesday Noon Group** (Bozeman)- People are finally finding them! Getting a lot of out of town visitors, love to have new faces. Good mix of newcomers and old timers.

Megan (attended online) **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman)- Wednesday nights, hybrid, having anywhere from 4-8 people on Zoom and about the same in the room. Needs more home group members. Business meeting is 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Kassidy (in person) **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - 7 nights a week, last business meeting found out that Pink Can contributions were being sent to Area Pink Can instead of District. 2 events coming up - 4th of July BBQ at Bozeman Beach. There is a sign up sheet in the West room at the hall to bring food. Starts

at 2pm then at 8:30 the party will move to fireworks and bonfire! Second event is an Old-timers event "No school like the old school!" - August 6th, Mickey B will be the keynote speaker. Rotating service positions in July. Have had high attendance numbers, going strong in getting newcomers interested in joining the group.

Doreen (attended online) **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman)- Hybrid, pretty good increased attendance. 4-7 people online. Slim but dedicated group of home group members, it would be great to have more people.

Jennifer (attended in person) **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman)- Meet on Tuesdays at noon 12x12, Friday discussion, last Friday is Birthday meeting, still hybrid. Numbers are good.

Alex (attended online) **Bozeman Young People's** (Bozeman)- Just had an event last weekend, grill and chill party. Going strong Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays. All in person.

Kietra (attended online) **There is a Solution** (Bozeman) - picking up number of people, 15-20 people on Saturdays, Sunday morning numbers have increased since they changed their format to having a speaker for the first 15 minutes. **Always looking for new speakers for the 7am Sunday meeting.**

Jeff (attended in person) **Big Sky** - 3 meetings a week, not a whole lot to report. Business meeting is this coming Tuesday and birthday meeting is Thursday.

Catherine (attended in person) **Not a Glum Lot** - meetings 7 days a week at 9pm all online, mostly people from outside the area, a lot of people coming in from treatment court. Starting a speaker meeting on Friday nights.

7. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (attended in person)

- Went over the treasurer's report
- Expenses included checks to Cassidy for hybrid equipment rental and meeting schedule printing

Answering Service- Gillian (not in attendance)

- Calls to District 72 from Answering Service, June 2022
- Total calls to Area 40: 27
- Call to District 72 : 5
- Calls were down throughout our Area.
- Five calls were from visitors wanting to know where meetings were in their area.
- Two calls were from parents of young people who were in bad shape (not connected, weirdly enough) Parents were given meeting info, together with volunteers' phone numbers to pass on to their kids should they want help.

Archives- Catherine (attended in person)

- Had a great event this afternoon. 4 online 12 in person attendees. Pretty cool to see some new groups. The newcomer is the future oldtimer! Earl shared beautifully about how we can get things going and tell stories. **Talking about a follow up event. Send Catherine an email if you are interested.**

Bridging the Gap- Phil (attended online)

- Been a fairly busy month. Several requests from the detention center. Requests from 3 men who have been in treatment. 1 request from someone getting out of state prison next month.

CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community- Neil (attended in person)

- Attended 2 events with the professional community:
 - [MT's Peer Network](#) - assists in putting in the halfway houses. Deals with recovery management.
 - Elevating Behavioral Health - mostly focused on prevention rather than treatment. Getting at the mental health aspect of recovery in the beginning. They were glad AA was there because of the role AA plays in our community as far as treatment.

Corrections- Jennifer (attended in person)

- Thanks to Leah for checking the PO box and getting correspondence distributed appropriately
- Requiring a stamp for books in corrections that says it was provided by Area Pink Can and AA hotline
- July 14th -tentatively scheduled new person orientation to get people approved to take meetings into the detention center
- Saturday at 7pm - perhaps a second women's meeting at the detention center
- Would like to order some Daily Reflections

Grapevine- Angie (not in attendance)

- No report

Literature- Amy K (attended online)

- Got the big order of books in. Everything except for hard cover Big Books which are still out of stock, GSO thought they should be in by now but now it's looking like middle of July. We do have lots of soft cover books and pocket sized Big Books though.
- New service manuals are in as well
- No literature sales in June

Public Information-Sarah (not in attendance)

- ordered 500 schedules that Phil M kindly picked up and brought to the hall. Please take some back to your groups. Also, for those who visit the jail, pre-release, etc if you could please take some with you to distribute, I would greatly appreciate it!
- I am also looking into the possibility of designing/printing fliers to post around town or running a newspaper ad in the Gardiner/Livingston areas that were affected by flooding. I think people are feeling overwhelmed and it might be an effective way & opportunity to reach the alcoholic who is struggling during this time and make sure the hand of AA is always there.

Special Events-Savannah (attended in person)

- July 23rd volleyball tournament/service event at Bozeman Beach
- Potentially having the delegate's report at the end of August if Connie can come
- Potentially a district changing of chairs party at the end of the year

Treatment- Jennifer for Chris (not in attendance)

- Same stamp announcement as in the corrections update
- MCDC going well, have people signed up to bring meetings on the 3rd Saturday. The meeting in Butte is from 6:30-7:30pm. Still looking for more females.
- Conversation re: Warm Springs is still going on, nothing decided yet

Round-up Chair- Cassidy for Bruce (not in attendance)

- Only place that has the capacity they need would be the GranTree. Have not announced their next meeting but it will potentially be hybrid.
- **Would like groups to each commit to providing 2 scholarships (estimated \$30-\$50/scholarship)**

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended online)

- Doing things behind the scenes.

DCM / District Committee Member-Rick (attended in person)

- [Unity and Service conference](#) coming up
- [National AA Technology Workshop](#)
- Committee still looking for stories for the 5th edition of the Big Book. Deadline is October 31st
- Area 40 Concepts Study - 3rd Saturday of the month. Ask Rick for the link
- Connie sent advisory actions that were taken by the General Service Conference in May and the other is the committee considerations. 20 pages of what committees discussed at the General Service Conference.
- Delegate's report - Rick will check with Connie to see whether she can come to our District meeting in August to give her report
- Earl will facilitate our elections in August

7. Old Business

- Betty is proposing that we set our November/December district meeting as December 10th. Rick made a motion, Leah seconded. In favor 8 in person, 11 online. 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

8. New Business

- Treasurer requesting to revise District Guidelines to provide clarity regarding Treasurer responsibilities and to encompass all expectations
 - Discussion about changing the wording in the Agenda item re: Finance committee from "meets several times a year" to "meets quarterly"
 - Change the wording for the check signers to say "DCM, Alt DCM, and Secretary **CAN** sign checks"
 - Jeff voiced concern about changing the title from "Budget" to "Spending Plan", also doesn't like the format of the Treasurer's report being 2 pages
 - **Please bring this agenda item back to your groups to discuss the change.** We will discuss this again next month.
- Rick wanted to remind everyone about the [GSO Agenda Item Form](#) for writing agenda items. This is a good way to bring clear, concise agenda items to District or Area.

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, July 30 @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom