

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

July 31, 2021

5pm-7pm

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."-Rick H.

2. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions -sarah read

3. Reading of Concept Seven: Catherine shared her experience on this concept, including a cartoon.

Concept VII:

"The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its effectiveness."

4. Approved June 2021 meeting minutes-

5. Introductions/Attendance:

ATTENDANCE

ON ZOOM - Catherine(archives), secretary(self), Aaron(PP), Heather(early risers), Doreen(6th ch), Gail(wed noon), Angie(grapevine), Dennis(mens noon), Chris(corrections)

IN PERSON at Fellowship Hall - Betty(Alt DCM), Jennifer(me)(temp sec/wom serenity), Bradley(electronics), Phil(BTG), Mark(treatment), Karon(pink cloud), Steven(), Earl(), Alex(young peoples), Chrissan(literature), Katie(Tues@8), Sarah(fri noon womens big book study/PI), Gillian(answering service), Pat(HOW), Rick(DCM), Jo(ennis)

Visitors

GSRs and reports:

Zoom members

Aaron - Primary Purpose, all is well, experiencing sound issues in regards to hybrid pursuits currently

Doreen - 6th chapter, wondering about electronics (referring to the women's serenity group set up)

Gail - wed noon, was downtown now at FHall, reported laptop is good, sound issues w tablet or phone in regards to hybrid meetings

Dennis - Friday noon men's, going strong, have changed locations to first baptist church, trying hybrid, ALSO Thursday noon - big book - starts ??? (can't read my own handwriting)

Heather - early risers, hybrid meeting sunday morning at 8:30 in the kitchen room, they have found the internet (wifi) is better on the phone than on laptop (an earlier comment that were having better luck on a laptop than on a tablet or phone) 10-20 attending on average

In-person Fellowship hall members

jennifer(me) - women's serenity group tues/fri noon, all is well, group went hybrid june 1, offered to help PP (primary purpose) and 6th chapter w hybrid issues, announce group conscience is scheduled for 3 aug, tues, to discuss other groups asking to use them women's group equipment for zoom meetings, she will report back on this later

Sarah - Friday women's noon big book study, Friday womens noon big book study, grant hall, 10-15 attend on average have been getting lots of visitors lately, just completed their annual sober under the stars annual event last tnite! The first friday of the month is talking over things, group conscience 4th friday of the month, 3rd friday of the month is birthdays and tradition.

Katie - tues@8, lately most of the home group is away/out of town, have had lots of visitors, incl myself to give jail app pitch

Alex - bozeman young people, just had last zoom meeting, speaker tuesday 645, 10-20 attending on average

Steven - hospital group, 6pm sunday still doing zoom

Joe - ennis, b-day meeting ??, friday book study, sunday virginia city a lot of visitors averaging 3-5visitors per week, doing hybrid is great, plan to keep doing hybrid indefinitely currently

Pat - HOW, separate zoom and in person meetings still.20-40 on average in attendance. HOW meetings are 4X week, sunday speaker meetings are only on zoom, have an ad hoc committee to determine the direction of their zoom presence. The 2nd oct is the annual speaker meeting for the HOW group, Don L from Bellingham Wa.

Karen - pink cloud, wed nite pink cloud, steps and traditions, hybrid as of 1 july, first meeting was 8 online 18 in person, having group inventory in regards to engagement and inclusion, the district inventory 1 Dec discussed Q1, would like to see agenda item to further discuss in aug, central discussion to identify question or areas in need of further discussion

- Karen requests inventory of district question

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer-Leah T. (Betty IN PERSON read report)

- 398.10 contributions, 100 expense rent zoom equipment, upcoming august is reimbursement for special event held 11 july, savannah. Paying 1st grapevine, three 2-year subscriptions 145.80. Rent may, june, july, august 400.00
- Bradley screen shared report, in a good place financially. Access, pink can, 7TH tradition, roundup - OUTSTANDING AND MINUS PRUDENT RESERVE = 2196.(ROUNDED TO NEAREST DOLLAR) based upon known expenses projected balance for aug 24

WOULD LIKE SPREADSHEET MODIFIED FOR AUGUST MEETING TO INCLUDE ROUNDUP, PINK CAN, ACCESSIBILITY, 7TH TRADITION, CLARIFY MISC EXPENSES, ETC.my notes specifically include a note for leah for the august meeting to modify the report to include roundup

****ADD ROUND UP TO ACCESSIBILITY, PINK CAN, 7TH TRADITION (2ND RECTANGLE ON LEFT FIRST PAGE)

** BETTY WILL DISCUSS MISC. W/LEAH

Rick commented about area assembly this fall, an expense.

Rick stated the HOW group has a protocol for when they go over a certain operating balance, that we should look into for district item. made sense, reasons were stated, essentially so that groups know the district has a plan for excess funds and that they aren't just sitting or building up, hence big sums of money do not accrue which is in conflict w/... stay in the present trust in god, finances work out, money need not sit or be in excess. Need to have a plan to show we are prudent with excess. Do not want groups to get into the habit of not sending money to district because money is accruing and no plan exists for excess.

***BETTY WILL ASK RICK WHEN TO PLACE ON AGENDA

Rick stated we are currently a little over our operating balance now, 2618-2500, correct 118 over.

Pat comment correction reflection of operating balance

Phil explained YTD.

Karon commented on electronics expense paid to Bradley, this is later on the agenda to discuss zoom etc.

Answering Service- Gillian

- missed past 1 ½ mo, her group feels strongly district should still be sending money to GSO,
- In june 9 district calls 14% of area, number is down
- 2 volunteers every 3 months, one male one female, call gets patched through, if the call goes over 20 minutes the cost soars! Protocol sheet is being developed, considering calling person back after 20 min, question was asked when this will be drafted by, gillian estimated possibly by next month by the area chair

Archives- Catherine (attended online)

- next month archives meeting prior to district meeting after delegates report
- recruited 3 people at the 11 july special event
- Will be a repository trip to ???
- Doreen gave cassettes, talk of converting digital format

- Gerry and meghan helped generate the idea to include COVID info in the group history form
- Delegates report was brought up at this time, Rick stated is at 2-3 or 3-4 and that her, connies, husband is an archives historian type, hence catherine will hold archives meeting after delegates report before district meeting at 5 on the 28 aug

Bridging the Gap- Phil

- reported has been quiet
- 3 males, 2 prerelease, 1GVDC
- 2 females, GVDC (could have male female mixed up is possible)
- 4 of 5 went to other MT cities, 1 went to New Mexico

CPC / Cooperation with the Professional Community- Steven R. - absent - district is looking to fill this position

Corrections- Chris (attended online)

- making a push to get prison and detention center applications out to people & returned... ~30 out, return is unknown, will see, he is hoping to get half (15) in/returned
- Prison orientation this day (see above) for members, will receive approved list shortly
- 2 SEP is orientation for GVDC is annual
- Feels the need for a female co-chair so as to keep men with men, women with women, this will be a new agenda item for next meeting
- Jennifer (self) commented june k would mentor her in this position if the position occurs and is not filled by another
- CHRIS WAS FIRM IT BE COMMUNICATED THAT ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONSISTENCY IN CORRECTIONS IS VERY IMPORTANT SO INMATES SEE THE PROGRAM AS SO
- Women's prison in billings, billings handles those meetings
- Jennifer self asked for clarification of corrections, IT'S NOT BY COUNTY IT'S BY DISTRICT 72 - gallatin, madison, jefferson, park - JENNIFER WILL COMPILE LIST OF TOWNS, know towns w AA meetings
- Towns mentioned besides bozeman - livingston, virginia city, ennis, chris said would feel out other towns in district 72
- OLD INFO - KEPT FROM LAST NOTES - WAS REPEATED
- **Corrections and Treatment meeting every 2nd Wednesday at 6:45pm at Fellowship hall, anyone is welcome to come.** Treatment and Corrections meeting uses the District Zoom account to enable it to be a hybrid meeting. They've attempted it a couple of times and it goes well when they remember to bring computers!
- **Currently looking for volunteers for both the jail and the prison trips.** It is a process to get approved by filling out an application, getting approved, then doing an orientation. There's an orientation **Contact Chris if you are interested**

Grapevine-Angie (attended online)

- First 3 subscriptions to the grapevine have been purchased for GVDC, jackie would like to have 4 next month,
- Hope house, alcohol and drug services were mentioned as additional locations to receive grapevine donation
- Betty reported MCDC in butte is receiving grapevines from another group
- The grapevine committee is responsible for identifying recipients for 3 grapevine subscriptions each month until the end of 2021 or the balance above the prudent reserve reaches 2500

- Rick also pointed out a misunderstanding that grapevine adoption goes until the balance is 2500 not to spend 2500.
- Rick also mentioned delegates day snacks will be provided, district expense

Literature- Chrissan (attended in person)

- 1796.63 inventory
- 304.90 sales

Public Information-Sarah (attended in person)

- things are well, several changes, sharon s has been very helpful, PLEASE GET CHANGES TO SARAH BY THE 3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH, so she can print current pdf schedule and bring to monthly district meeting, she will begin bundling in 10's and have a group accounting sheet for number of meeting schedules taken, there is also the pdf online if you are in a pinch and can print one from the district mini-site on the area web page
- Mention of alex the area webmaster
- Mention of johnny k and the run for recovery
- Currently printing 500 copies, almost hasn't been enough
- Pat p mentioned how they used to pick up pre-bundled stacks of 10, sarah said she would/can do so

Special Events-Savannah - ABSENT

Treatment-Mark (attended in person)

- second month of face to face, well attended by males and females, more attended last month is estimate, for trip to MCDC (MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER)
- Phil gave very nice business contact card for bridging the gap to hand out
- Mark believes there may be value in the the treatment chair having a co-chair for the same reasons chris provided

Alt. DCM-Betty (attended online)

- working with angie on grapevine gifting project
- Talked with number of GSR's about hybrid meeting related questions

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

- notice from Connie, delegate,staff openings in NEW YORK
- Virtual CPC workshop, connecticut, next saturday, our time 10-1130a, from connie 1 ½ hrs
- 1st round up since pandemic in GREAT FALLS, 5-7 november, registration form is online, area website calendar
 - Earl F from vinnis over the hill is a speaker
 - Kearen question about GSR scholarships, betty said Pink Cloud does pay
 - Gail question ?, round up live only?, the holiday inn does not have full capabilities ***action item to put into minutes
- 28 aug, sat, delegates report, connie k from helena, 2 pm, here (the hall) ~1hr, presenting GSO info, verbiage in books, 12*12, preamble, etc... ex, people NOT men and women, rick reports she is a fully entertaining representative/presenter
- 17-19 september Area assembly in GREAT FALLS, holiday inn
 - Area committee chair goes, if want to go can go thru scholarship process, all GSR's are voting members
 - 5 agenda items for area 40 business
- Rick read from his phone about gails question in regards to holiday inn meeting(s) in GREAT FALLS, reported there is no hybrid/zoom available for break out rooms or voting, zoom/hybrid is available in

the main hall

7. Old Business

- **Accept Nominations for open District Chair Positions:** *(Nominees should refer to the District 72 Guidelines, excerpted below and attached in full to this agenda, for information about this position before self-nominating, or accepting a nomination.)*

- **Treatment Facilities Chairperson:** encourages and coordinates members who want to participate in this type of service activity; coordinates volunteers to participate in a monthly meeting at MCDC in Butte as part of District 72's responsibility for sponsoring this meeting; serves as a contact between the district and treatment facilities; may attend the Area Assembly when budget allows, to sit in on the discussions of the Treatment facilities committee at the Area level and reports, in writing, to the district any information or new activities from those committee discussions.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson:** responds to requests for information about AA and initiates contact with professionals who come into contact with active alcoholics; reports to the district at regular meetings any professional contact activity; may attend the Area Assembly when budget allows, to sit in on the discussions of the CPC committee at the Area level and reports, in writing, to the district any information or new activities for those committee discussions. Plans annual CPC event.

- Nominees introduce themselves & provide their sobriety date and service history ● Vote – simple majority

NOMINATIONS

Catherine nominated Jennifer (self) for CPC

- Betty read general chair and position (CPC) position descriptions AND EXPECTATIONS, Jennifer (self) chose to address nomination at next months business meeting
- Old business agenda items for august

Chris O nominated Alex for TREATMENT FACILITIES CHAIR

- Betty read general chair and TREATMENT FACILITIES CHAIR position descriptions AND EXPECTATIONS
- Phil comments since Mark E is no longer in attendance by this time that MCDC is the 3rd saturday of every month, time commitment approx 430-9pm, \$ for gas reimbursement - submit receipt to treasurer, getting people committed to show and go is the big deal, they must have one year of sobriety
- Betty asks if he would like some time to decide, Alex commits on the spot, Alex is voted in by majority vote
 - Catherine (former treatment chair offered and reported being willing to help alex, thank you cathy

- District Hybrid Meeting

- Feedback from June?
- Continue hybrid approach next month?

- BETTY -question to the group - do we have enough individuals/people on zoom each month that we need to continue zoom
 - DELTA variant, winter conditions, and driving distance are mentioned

- Cost associated mentioned (equipment is rented from bradley each month for use and his time and service \$100 (is part of misc. exp.) (good deal he runs the equipment, it works well, and his hourly rate no doubt exceeds his pay in this instance)on a monthly basis, last month was decided now we are voting.)

RICK MAKE A MOTION - FROM MONTH TO MONTH TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE USING/RENTING BRADLEYS EQUIPMENT/SERVICES)

- JENNIFER 2NDS
- PHIL 3RDS

●unanimous vote to decide monthly, agenda item for next month

To consider cost to purchase equipment mentioned by Gail

10. New Business: NONE

"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."

11. Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting will follow Area 40 Delegate's Report:

Delegate's Report: August 28th @ 2:00 pm

Archives meeting Catherine in between delegates report and district business meeting

Meeting: Saturday, August 28th @ 5:00 – 7:00pm

9. Closed with Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting Saturday, 28 AUGUST @ 5:00 – 7:00pm at Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

DELEGATES REPORT 2PM

CATHERIN