

**Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting**

**October 21, 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)
  - Voting members in attendance: 20
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Amy K.
5. **Reading of Concept Nine:** Betty M.

*“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.”*

6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the August 2023 minutes? (meeting held 9/30/2023)**

- **Motion to accept:** passed, minutes approved

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

- Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm. Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm. Home group numbers are down but attendance is up. Talking about maybe dropping from 3 to 2 meetings a week, but also looking at changing the meeting format.
- Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet Sundays @ 5pm, attendance 12-20. Good group of people, room to grow. Business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm.
- Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Tues & Fri @ noon, attendance is steady, birthday meeting is last Friday of the month. Attendance has dropped, so has Pink Can money. Business meeting held 2nd Tues. @ 11am.
- Matt S, **Vennis Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - All meetings well attended; Mon. Wed, Fri @ 7:30pm, Sat @ 9:30am, and Sun in Virginia City @ 10am. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm.
- Eleanor, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Hybrid meeting meets @ 11 am at the Hall, regular attendance. Business meeting held 1st Sun. @ 9:50pm.
- Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church @ 7:30pm, Business meeting held on 1st Thurs. after meeting. Good attendance.
- Melinda W, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - meet at the St. James Episcopal Church, 111 S. Tracy, doing good. 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 went well, Over 150 attended. Thank you Reb Dogs for giving us the space.

Celia H, **On Awakening** (Bozeman) - group has gone virtual only, meeting Tues & Thurs @ 6:30am. Business meeting held last Thursday of the month, as needed. Shrinking in attendance.

Nel H, **LGBTQ** (Bozeman) - GSR for group which is now official, listed on the Area 40 site. Meet in person Sat. @ 6pm, attendance 10-15. Anyone is welcome. Our group collects 7th Tradition and split funds with district.

David W, **Early Risers** (Bozeman) - hybrid meeting on Sunday @ 8:30am. We have informal business meetings as needed. Attendance is great. Our group donated money for Roundup scholarships.

Christine C, **West Yellowstone Group** (West Yellowstone) - hybrid meeting on Sun & Wed @ 6:30pm. Business meeting held every October & May. We are working on inviting professional community members (nurses, medical workers & police) to a meeting or just reach out to them.

Erica, **Saturday Morning 3rd Step Group** (Livingston) - Group will be voting in a new GSR next month, and has elected a literature chair. Attendance good 20-30 people.

**Visitors:** Brian (Tech. Committee)

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

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

**Treasurer:** Meghan R. -

- The report sent out earlier today is incorrect, please see the updated treasurer report. Please look closely at the reports and always point out any errors you may find. Thank you to the folks who pointed this out to me today.
- Meghan reviewed the report, highlighting errors made, and how they will be corrected.
- 2024 Spending Plan will be discussed later, under new business.

**Answering Service:** Dustin G. - (absent - Joanne M read report)

- In September District 72 received 4 calls during the month, and Area 40 received 32 total calls.
  - The district 72 answering service committee consisting of 9 volunteers and myself, are meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the fellowship hall in Bozeman. We will coordinate scheduling with the upcoming holidays and each person's availability. Additionally I look forward to hearing the volunteers' experiences and looking at any way I may be able to help or relay information to the district.
- Thank you for allowing me to serve!  
Dustin G.

**Archives:** Gail M. -

- I don't have much to report. Our committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month on Zoom at 7 pm. So we have not met yet this month. If you are interested in attending, let me know and I will send you an invitation.
- Earl F., our Area 40 Archivist will have a display at the Round-up next week. We are lucky to have a lot of unique items that other Areas do not have in their archives.

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

- On October 12 CPC held a speaker panel event with AI-Anon for 24 MSU nursing students in their senior level psychiatric nursing course. Special thanks to Doreen M., who organized and emceed the event and our speakers Nora D., Tom M. and Lila H. for making it such a successful event. We've been asked to repeat the panel in future semesters.
- We are working with special events chair Valerie K. on plans for a service workshop preceding the January District meeting. CPC will present "Sponsoring your professional". We also discussed how best to collaborate with PI and Treatment committees for AA introduction to new management for Alcohol and Drug Services, treatment courts, recovery and halfway houses and other similar organizations.

- We will be participating in the Area 40 CPC, PI and Hotline Service Workshop that is monthly on zoom to share ideas on how to attract members into service.
- Finally, we reviewed the results from the district's 2020 Inventory report with the following responses:

**FOR ALL POSITIONS:**

**- Every position: add mentor/ service sponsor - shadow for the end of outgoing members last term**

- *Previous chairs provided valuable information about CPC and past activities including paper and digital files which have been extremely helpful to avoid duplicating work previously done. Recruiting committee membership for individuals with "institutional memory" of CPC work has been critical to our work.*

**FOR CPC**

**- Redouble efforts to reach out to the community**

- *The previous rotation (2021-2022) was impacted by COVID. No committee was formed; however, the chair participated in one-on-one meetings and a few workshops to speak and provide AA literature. Beginning in January 2023 the committee conducted needs assessments to determine how best CPC can provide information and support to sectors of professional communities. Data collected from some criminal justice, hospital/medical and faith communities.*

**- Ensure surrounding communities are served**

- *Committee membership solicited and includes representatives from Park and Madison Counties*
- *Contact database updated to include as current as possible professionals from all surrounding areas; cooperating with Al-Anon to share contact information*

**- Luncheons, panels, distribute AA material to professionals**

- *Participated in planning and final event for Area 40 speaker event for professionals prior to Regional Forum*
- *Provided AA literature at Big Sky Conference on Challenges in Mental Health Care for the Primary Care Physician*
- *Presented speaker panel with Al-Anon to MSU nursing students*
- *Contact made with interfaith council to plan meeting with faith community professionals*
- *Contact made with coordinator of the Park County Treatment Court*
- *Contact made with the director of spiritual care at Bozeman Health who recommended getting on the agenda of a professional meeting at the hospital*

**- One on one meeting with professionals**

- *Needs assessment meetings mentioned above*

**- Publish opportunities for service with these group**

- *Plans underway for January 2024 service workshop "Sponsor your professional"*

**- Invite professionals to open meeting**

- *Invitations to attend open meetings are extended during meetings with professionals such as the nursing student panel*

**Grapevine/Structure:** Savannah D. - (absent - Joanne M read report)

- I have nothing to report besides waiting on payment for the new grapevine subscriptions.
  - I have restocked the grapevine board at the hall.
  - I am in the process of reaching out to groups to see if they have older grapevines we can use.
  - I apologize for my absence and I am grateful to be of service.
- Savannah

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- Sold \$1323.00 this month, 140 books for Treatment & Corrections
- Newest Big Books & Twelve by Twelves are in. They are jacketless, paper is thicker, and have the updated language in a few passages.
- There are 7 new pamphlets; include Young People in AA, Native American in AA, Spanish version. I plan on having every pamphlet in print available.
- GSRs spread the word to groups to please buy literature from Amy @ 406-570-6773
- There were a few questions:  
When is the plain language edition being released? Amy said she will receive an email announcing when available.  
Is Pink Can money for Corrections only? Confusion around this question. Two members remember D72 voting on and passing that Corrections & Treatment would split the money.  
Betty M. will look through the past meeting minutes and put her findings in the next DCM report.

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

- We did not order schedules this month!!
- Per the new quarterly schedules: There are always schedules in the drawer in the little room. If your group runs out of schedules you can get more there or call me if needed. The PI committee asks GSR's to check to see if your group needs more schedules before coming to district each month. Did any GSR's do this before today's meeting? We are curious to have any feedback about the new quarterly schedules?
- The PI committee delivered schedules to 31 locations and we mailed schedules to 14 locations.
- Holiday Ads: We are working on it, gathering info/pricing from newspapers and radio stations.
- 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 November 14th at 5:45pm. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

**Special Events:** Valerie K. -

- Working with the CPC committee about a January event, *Sponsoring Your Professional*.

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

- Began working on Bridging the Gap Workshop for September 2024 Event, Missoula MT  
No agenda yet but looking at past events. See attached flyer.

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

- 30 soft cover big books have been purchased using pink can funds for \$316.80.  
40 more soft cover big books have been ordered for \$422.20.
- Programs at the Gallatin Valley Detention Center have been running somewhat more regularly this month. The next orientation is the 9th of November. Orientation for new volunteers is typically every 2 months on the 2nd Thursday, the next orientation is tentatively the 11th of January. Re-orientation for current program volunteers that occurs annually is in November.
- No corrections meeting was held this month.
- I continue to forward MSP Montana State Prison emails to the males that faithfully bring meetings to inmates in Deer Lodge.
- Pre-release is going well, it is not closed at the detention center and are so thankful it runs regularly.

**Treatment:** Chris O. - (absent - report read by Joanne M.)

- I am currently on the road to MCDC so please excuse my absence.
- We are taking a case of Big Books provided by District 72 pink can funds. Thank you to the groups that support the pink can! We are getting literature to the newly sober folks! Just placed another large book order also.
- MCDC meetings have been good for both volunteers & residents. I saw one of the residents that recently completed treatment at MCDC at a Bozeman meeting. He shared how much the meetings mean to the residents during that meeting .
- Please let your group members know that I'm always looking for new volunteers for MCDC, 1 yr sobriety please. Call or text Chris O. 406-220-0792 or refer to the schedule
- Thank you for letting me serve!

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

- No report
- Roundup Program is out, up on Area 40 website & emailed to registered folks.
- Nobody has reached out to Amy K. about literature. Betty M. will reach out to Roundup folks.

**Technology:** Bradley G. -

- Thank you to the Ennis group for hosting last month, it was fun!
- So far Meghan R. & Brain have trained on admin. To host the hybrid meetings.
- Our last committee meeting we debriefed about the traveling D72 meetings with tech. services. Also had discussion on future projects.
- Technology Position Chair Description up for discussion on agenda tonight.

**Alt. DCM:** Lenore M. - (absent)

- No report

**DCM:** Betty M. -

- A sad note from the A40 Delegate, Kacie N: A trusted servant from Great Falls and the A40 Treatment Chair 2017-2018, passed away on October 14<sup>th</sup>. James Wheeler. There is an email from Kacie N that has more information; we'll send this to you after this meeting. There will be a Celebration of Life for James in Great Falls in November. I will share more information as available. *See attached letter.*
- **Events:**  
D72: **Fall Roundup "We Are Not Saints"** at the GranTree, Bozeman  
October 27-29 from 4:00 pm Fri. nite to Sunday Noon. Agenda sent via email today to all attendees who have signed up for the event, attached to this report and to be posted on Area 40 Calendar of Events. I know how much work goes into putting on a Roundup, and I'd like to take a moment to appreciate all those who have or will be involved in this event. Thank you in advance for your time next weekend.
- **Virtual Monthly Service Workshop – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month on Zoom.** Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> next one. Meeting No: 921 2578 6182; Passcode: 221474. Their aim is to create a coming together space for folks in A40 interested in AA service work to share information, bounce ideas off each other and raise the roof of interest level in being part of the AA service world.
- **Attitude of Gratitude "Then Came a Great Joy", November 18<sup>th</sup>,** beginning at 8:00 am.
- **West Central Regional AA Service Conference – March 1-3, 2024, Minot ND. It's a big event. Last year, there were over 400** people attending from all levels of the AA service structure... GSRs, DCMs, some alternates, Delegates, current and former Regional Trustees from the 7 states that make up our Region. It was a pretty diverse group. The purpose of the Conference was "to develop greater unity among members, groups and areas of the WCR, to encourage the exchange of ideas & experiences. Recovery, Unity and Service should always be

the primary purpose of the conference..... The agenda listed the items our Delegates will be addressing at the General Service Conference in New York in the spring.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Betty M.

DCM, District 72

#### 9. Immediate Business:

- **Motion: Stay with our existing tradition of holding a combined November/December business meeting the weekend following the Christmas Stroll** - Betty M.  
Betty read the submitted agenda item form. The suggested date for the combined business meeting is Dec. 9, 2023 4:30pm-6:30pm.  
**Passed: Yes - 20, No - 0**
- **Present/Discuss Proposed 2024 Spending Plan**
  - **Note: We will be trying to finalize & approve our 2024 Spending Plan at our next meeting. Please be sure to attend both October & our Nov/Dec meetings.****Discussion:** Meghan R. highlighted a few things; committee chairs please check your budget, . CPC check your budget while considering the luncheon. If you think there needs to be any changes please speak to me now. GSRs bring this proposal to your groups and be prepared to discuss & approve at the next D72 business meeting.  
Questions - What is the Area Designated Chair? Betty M. explained and right now it is our Treatment Chair, Chris O., sitting on the Area 40 Treatment Committee. Also question about Literature have \$0 on spending plan. Meghan R explained that the Literature Chair has its own ledger but does not have its own budget. The job of Literature Chair is to purchase & sell as we go, keep inventory stocked.

#### 10. Old Business:

- **Technology Position Chair Description Discussion - Changes? Clarifications Needed? Ready to add to the District guidelines?** - Bradley G.  
**Discussion:** Should we add qualifications to the position? Think it's important to have tech experience & knowledge.  
Show of hands that this is important - majority of the voting members.  
Tech. Committee will work on adding qualifications.
- **Reactions from Groups & Committee Chairs to the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc of the Ad Hoc District Inventory Committee? Plan for moving forward?** - Betty M.  
Tabled as we ran out of time.

#### 11. New Business:

- **No new business**

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

**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. This would be Oct. 11.

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

## 12. 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, Dec. 9th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**This is a combined November/December meeting**

**at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman**

**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)**

**The link to our District mini site is:**

**<https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>**