

## Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

December 9, 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. 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: 24
4. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions: Maurice W.
5. Reading of Concept Eleven & Twelve: Lenore M.

*XI. "The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern."*

*XII. "The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action."*

6. Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the October 2023 minutes? (meeting held 10/21/2023)

- 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. Attendance is slumping, small is a gift and we are really connected, focusing on how to carry the message to newcomers. Sun. night Big Book study has switched to the Twelve by Twelve to focus more on steps and traditions. We do have a new treasurer.

Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet Sundays @ 5pm, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm. Attendance is steady and things are good..

Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Tues & Fri @ noon, attendance is steady, birthday meeting is last Friday of the month. Business meeting held 2nd Tues. @ 11am.

Ron, **Vennis Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - Meet Mon. Wed, Fri @ 7:30pm, Sa.t @ 9:30am, Sun. in Virginia City @ 10am. Attendance 8-12 people. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm. Holiday party will be on Sat. Dec. 16, all are welcome.

Kristi D, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Hybrid meeting meets @ Sun. @ 11 am at the Hall, attendance low, could use some support. 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. Steady attendance 16-20 people.

Melinda W, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - meet at the St. James Episcopal Church, 111 S. Tracy. Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 9pm. Good attendance, good 7th tradition, will be making donation to D72 & Area 40 soon.

Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Mon, Thurs, Sat, birthday meeting last Thurs of month. Business meeting 2nd Thurs of month @ 8:15pm. Attendance good 30-45 people, lots of newcomers.

David W, **Early Risers** (Bozeman) - hybrid meeting on Sunday @ 8:30am, informal business meetings as needed. Attendance is good 16-28 people. Donation to D72 soon.

Marice W, **Friday Men's Group** (Bozeman) - membership is up  
**Thursday Big Book Study** (Bozeman) - all is well.

Gai M, **Wednesday Noon Group** (Bozeman) - no GSR, attendance up & down, business meeting held 2nd Wed. @ 1:10pmish.

Joshua M, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Business meeting held 2nd Tues. @ 6:46pm. Attendance is up & down. Having a Christmas Eve dinner @ 5:30pm followed by the kick off of the 24 hour meetings. (see email attachment for flyer)

Adam B, **Steps & Traditions Group** (Bozeman) - meet Wednesday nights at Grand Ave. Church.

Catherine J, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - The Hospital Group meets in the Hospital and we are grateful to the CPC chair for helping us connect and get back in the space. Attendance increases weekly. We meet in the Bitterroot Room at Bozeman Health Group and online via Zoom, meeting ID is 907 401 861 (password hospital) A big shout out to the PI committee and Area 40 Webmaster Alex who guided us and made the meeting updates for us. The meeting Schedule online and paper now provides directions to the room. Our business meeting is held the 1st Mon. of the month and we celebrate Birthdays the last Sun. of the month. We'd love to see new faces and old ones too.

**Visitors:** Rick H. (Area 40 PI Chair), Rebekah P. (Alt GSR), Jeff

## 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. -

- (see email attachment November 2023 treasurer's report, or on Area 40 in District Mini Sites)
- Meghan reviewed report, balances, Pink Can, as well as literature money
- 2024 Spending Plan will be discussed later, under new business.

**Answering Service:** Dustin G. -

- In November D72 received 7 calls, 4 men & 3 women.
- The D72 answering service committee now consists of 12 volunteers, 6 men & 6 women.

**Archives:** Gail M. -

- I have been receiving some items to put into our Archives cabinet at The Hall. Most of it has been given to me by Ted as he clears out some of the other rooms. He asked me about moving the archives to another location in the building because the cabinets are in high demand. At this point, a new, secure location hasn't been found.
- If you have any materials from your groups or from past District events that you would like to have placed into our local Archives, please contact me and we will arrange it. You can text me at 406 570-6917 or email at gm59715@gmail.com.

- Our committee has not met the past 2 months because there hasn't been anything to discuss. If you would like to be part of the committee or would like to ask questions about the committee, please contact me.

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

- Activity/communication updates:
  - There was no time to report on our responses to the inventory report at the October District meeting; however, our responses were submitted for the record.
  - We have had a couple contacts with a staff member at Cedar Creek, the for-profit company that has taken over management of the former Alcohol and Drug Services. While our reception has been lukewarm, we will follow up about face-to-face meeting with them and possible speaker event for staff there.
  - Area 40 CPC, PI and Hotline chairs are sponsoring a monthly service workshop on zoom for members in various districts to share on service opportunities and experiences. I've attended the November and December meetings to share our CPC experiences and learn about other districts' opportunities and strategies to reach out to professionals.
  - We have been requested to delay plans for a "Sponsoring your professional" workshop to April or later.
  - We were invited to a speaker event with Al-Anon at a meeting of professionals at the Community Health Partners on December 5. Doreen M provided the introduction to AA and why we cooperate with professionals; Nora D. was our speaker. Approximately 13 behavioral therapists and outreach administrators participated on the meeting held on zoom. We sent AA pamphlets, meeting schedules and the CPC meeting app card in advance of the meeting to be distributed to staff there.
- Planning priorities for 2024 activities
  - Speaker events (Interfaith council; hospital staff meetings; veterans and business groups, others?) Doreen M. will contact Valerie Webster at the interfaith council and Nora D. will follow up with hospital and courts.
  - We discussed the desirability of meeting professionals "where they're at" to maximize attendance and researching those meeting opportunities—speaking on panels and/or literature displays. Sharon S. will follow up with the Chamber of Commerce for calendar of events of professional meetings.
  - Database updating is an ongoing need and collaboration with Al-Anon.
  - We discussed budget needs for 2024. Since we didn't have the breakout numbers for categories not much was decided.
  - No meeting was held in December. Our next meeting is on Saturday, January 27 at 2:00 pm to precede D72 meeting. We welcome anyone interested in joining our committee.

**Grapevine & La Vina / Structure:** Savannah D. - (absent)

- No report

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- Placed an order totaling \$1,629.80 replenishing books, and ordered Treatment & COrrrections 5 cases of Big Books
- Sold \$300 in November
- More pamphlets coming, the goal is to have every pamphlet available and in stock. Will make a list of all available pamphlets for groups to have.
- Inventory right now equals about \$5,000

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

- We ordered 100 schedules this month. This makes the total for the quarter 1,100. This is a savings of between 1,000 and 1,300 schedules, which is roughly \$250-300 this quarter. At this rate, this would be a savings of \$1,200 per year.
- The room with the drawer that we used to keep schedules in is now locked, if your group runs out of schedules you can call me + I will get you more.
- The PI committee has asked 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 and open to any feedback about the new quarterly schedules?
- The PI committee delivers schedules to 32 locations and we mail schedules to 21 locations. Over the past month we have been calling and stopping by all of these locations to be sure everyone still has schedules.
- Holiday PSA's: We are running holiday public service announcements in The Bozeman Chronicle, Livingston Enterprise + Belgrade News. We also have a holiday PSA on KGLT.
- 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 January 6th at 9:30am. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

**Special Events:** Valerie K. -

- Sponsoring your professional event is postponed till April or later.
- Planning a general service event for January 27th from 2pm-4pm, prior to the D72 business meeting.

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

- Bridging the Gap Workshop for September 2024 Event, Missoula MT  
(See email attachment for flyer)
- 33 requests for BTG from Dec 2022 - Nov 2023, 90% were from Gallatin Valley Detention

**Corrections:** Jennifer M. -

- Working with Corrections & BTG chairs
- Nothing from MSP to report
- Want to highlight the importance of commitment to show up when signing up as volunteer

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

- I am currently on the road to MCDC so please excuse my absence.
- Delivered literature to MCDC last month.
- In need of new volunteers, 3rd Saturday of the month. Please call Chris O.

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

- No report

**Technology:** Bradley G. -

- Added Qualifications Block
- Hybrid meeting admin Rotation Starts in Jan
- Brian S, Hybrid Setup Documentation created
- Add a Zoom Timer app for zoom attendees benefit

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

- Thank you for all the prayers & support for me and my family.
- Area 40 Sharing Sessions - everyone encouraged to attend  
<https://aa-montana.org/pdf/Area40SharingSession> (see attached email flyer)
- You can access current updates here: <https://www.aa.org/quarterly-reports-from-gso>
- Response to Finance discussion from the Quarterly GSO report Oct 23 "Operating cash as of December 31 was \$514,337, so cash as of July 17 is \$13,771 less than at the beginning of the year. Our current cash challenge is due to a residual effect of 2022 activity and delayed collection of accounts receivable owed to us. To manage cashflow, we have deferred and prioritized payments. This has resulted in increased past-due balances owing to our vendors, especially literature printers, our landlord, and our warehouses. Meanwhile, the office has implemented deferrals of expenditures where possible and is developing a plan for improved management of accounts receivable. The GSO financial report was accepted by the committee."  
(thank you Catherine J. for the above info)

**DCM:** Betty M. - (absent)

- No report

## 9. Immediate Business:

- **Further discussion/approval of 2024 Spending Plan** - Meghan R.  
**Motion:** Approve the 2024 D72 Spending Plan  
**Passed: Yes - 21, No - 0**

## 10. Old Business:

- **Review the updated Technology Position Chair Description** - Bradley G.  
**Discussion:** recommended qualifications, wording around software used.  
**Motion:** Pass the D72 Technology Committee Chair Service Position Description with the proposed changes of wording around specific software.  
**Passed: Yes - 20, No - 0**
- **Discuss the idea of conducting another District 72 Inventory** - Betty M.
  - Further discussion from Groups & COmmittee Chairs to the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc of the Ad Hoc District Inventory Committee? Plan for moving forward?  
**Discussion:** no sense doing a new inventory without implementing the last one.  
**Next steps:** committee & GSRs should review their section of the report, being personally accountable, add the findings into their D72 Business Meeting report in February 2024.

## 11. New Business:

- **We got a check from this most recent round-up to replenish the money we saved from the canceled 2020 Bozern round-up. What should we do with it?** - Meghan R.  
**Discussion:** check is \$752.84, we typically don't have seed money earmarked, did this in 2020 since round up was canceled because of Covid and round-up would be in Bozeman 2023. Seed money usually goes to the next round-up location. Suggested we don't keep it and forward to the next round-up.  
Will continue to discuss at next business meeting in January 2024.

**Motion to adjourn @ 6:31pm**

**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, January 27th , 2024**

**4:30pm – 6:30pm 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>