

District 72 Meeting Minutes
March 28th, 2020

Open with the Serenity Prayer

Concept 3: "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.-the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Motion to approve February minutes, seconded-motion passed unanimously.

GSR Reports:

We did not do GSR reports in the traditional manner, rather it was asked that anyone who had something to report enter it into the chat. This is what was entered:

HOW Group has closed all live meetings

Bozeman Young People's Meeting have moved days online from Thursday and Sunday to Tuesday and Friday both at 7pm

Three Forks is still holding in person meetings

Here is a list of some suspended meetings that are not currently offered online:

Livingston's Men's 12 and 12 Meeting

Monday and Tuesday Noon Happy Campers

Thursday Noon Big Book Study

Rebellion Dogs Monday-Friday at 5:30pm

Livingston is working to get meetings online. Friday noon women's meeting is the only Livingston meeting online right now

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Phil asked that GSRs ask their group treasurers to review contributions as listed on the Treasurer's report to make sure all are properly accounted for. Let Phil know if any corrections need to be made.

Answering Service

There have been several calls for answering service, mostly people asking about what's going on with meetings. We can only have 20 calls a month without getting charged. We usually get 0-3 but in the last few weeks we've had 8 so it may be a good idea to bring back to your groups not to call answering service with questions but rather a fellow group member or GSR.

Archives

Nothing to report.

CPC

Gillian and her committee have been in touch with Livingston and Bozeman hospital to find out how to help first responders, nurses, doctors, etc. They have worked to establish an open line of communication with HR at both hospitals. Also have been continuing to reach out to churches, pastors, places of faith, but that has been put on hold because they are busy with their own congregations and addressing the current state of things.

Corrections

- Meeting in the reentry center has been shut down.
- Gallatin County Detention Center was still allowing people to go in but we've only had one person willing and eligible lately. Rick's contact at the GCDC is trying to set up a conference meeting in GCDC. He's not sure if that will be a video conference or just audio but we might be able to bring meetings in that way soon.
- The yearly refresher meeting for GCDC in April has been cancelled.
- MT State Prison has shut down everything, no volunteers going in. Rick thinks with the experience we're gaining with Zoom meetings here that we may be learning new ways of bringing meetings to incarcerated people though, so maybe something good coming out of something bad.
- Steve asked if there's anything else we can do to support corrections besides sit on our hands and wait-Rick doesn't think there's much we can do besides waiting to see if we can set up video or audio meetings within the prison and/or detention center.
- Susan wanted to know if the women will be able to do a video or audio conference as well in GCDC, Rick is not sure right now
- Phil-talked to Jackie at the detention center, they are allowing people to correspond through letters using the District 72 P.O. Box. If anyone wants to correspond with an incarcerated individual they can let Phil know and he can help coordinate.

Grapevine

No report.

Literature

Inventory is \$1461.08. Recently got an order in but it's in the back of Autumn's car because she's not sure if we can get it in the hall. Sales in March of \$378.29

Public Information

No report.

Round-up (report attached)

- Steve asked, if we cancel Round-up now, what kind of financial liabilities are we looking at? Betty answered, although we're waiting to find out, right now it's our understanding that there's not a lot. One area of merchandise has already been paid for. The Round-up

committee made a decision at the 3/18 meeting to suspend making any other purchases for the time being.

- David-asked if Betty thought it would be a good idea to postpone the next Round-up meeting (currently scheduled for 4/1) until after the first round of shelter in place and make a final decision on whether to cancel the live event after we know whether the shelter in place will be lifted?

Betty- thinks it would be cutting it too close to wait until after 4/10 to make that decision because it is currently scheduled to happen May 15-17.

- Betty was hoping to get a sense from the group about whether District thinks it's a good idea to try and move forward. Some concerns she has about doing a live event is the substantial expense for the Grantree space and will people even want to attend after enduring all we are right now with the pandemic? There's a lot of fear right now and it's not likely to be lifted in the next month and a half.

Plan B could be cancelling, or it could be trying to do it virtually

Steve asked, is anyone vehemently opposed to doing the Round-up virtually?

Judy-expressed concern that the atmosphere of a Round-up does not easily lend itself to a virtual meeting. Area Assembly worked because it is a business meeting and people were able to get the business conducted. The spirit and intent of a Round-up is not the same.

Pat is concerned about having the adequate IT resources to get the Round up set up virtually in this short amount of time.

Julie-wanted to double check that there was no deposit put down on the Grantree.

Susan confirmed there was no deposit and there will be no cancellation fees.

Steve reminded us that we form committees with the expectation we will trust those members to make good decisions regarding the tasks they are assigned. We will trust the Round up committee to make a thoughtful, informed decision on how to move forward.

Special Events

No report.

Treatment

MCDC meetings-haven't heard that they are cancelled but their guess is it will be due to the mandated shelter in place

Bridging the Gap

Have had some activity with Bridging the Gap. Have a couple from the pre-release but other than that Susan is just trying to do what she can to help with technology or instructions on how to access online meetings should people need it.

Alt DCM

Nothing to report

DCM (report attached)

Old Business

Proposed Budget for 2020- This has not been formally sent out but there is only 1 fundamental difference from 2019 and that is an additional \$500 to PI committee so they can have more coverage to reach out to people in the community. Steve and Lisa pointed out there will be some substantial decreases to the DCM budget-no cost for Spring Assembly, no cost for Regional Service Conference because Lisa was sick and no Regional Forum because that only occurs in odd numbered years. Phil will update the budget, send out via Leah and we will table the approval of the budget until April.

Summer meeting locations-

- June District meeting: Manhattan
- Lisa asked that we keep July in Bozeman to potentially correlate with the Delegate's report again this year.
- August District meeting: Ennis

New Business

Steve asked, what are our thoughts about donations to Area/GSO in the event this continues to go on?

Julie-after 2008 recession there was a dramatic drop in 7th tradition contributions and as a result a dramatic drop in splits. We may want to hold off on deciding whether to do splits at the district level.

Steve-right now our operating balance is above our prudent reserve but we're thinking we don't want to put ourselves in a sticky situation.

Catherine mentioned there is an easy way to contribute to GSO on the individual and group levels, perhaps we can add a good practice recommendation to share the link for GSO contributions in our online meeting.

Phil mentioned that the HOW group is using Venmo for 7th tradition contributions. This is a good suggestion at the group level but each group is autonomous and can decide how they'd like to collect contributions.

David- mentioned it is important that there should be some mention of 7th tradition in each online meeting.

Pat wanted to know, will there be printed meeting schedules for April?

Kristi's committee decided to hold off on printing meeting schedules.

How are we communicating that meetings are online besides online? Can we put together a one page handout to print out to reach out to people who may not have the technology or access? Can we put something in the newspaper about it? Making people aware that AA still exists is important.

Lisa encouraged that we pay attention to who we are not seeing online and reach out to those members if we can.

Print and media-put out advertisements-Catherine thinks it's critical we do that.

Autumn asked-would it be possible to put flyers where AA schedules are? Yes, hopefully, and even e-mailed to all CPC contacts. How many places that we would normally put

AA schedules still open to the public? We've had requests from Belgrade health about updated info. How do we mobilize this? Sarah, Gillian, Autumn, Catherine all offered to work together on this. Lisa will reach out to Kristi to engage her as well. Hope House? Detention Center? Mental Health services? Anywhere people may go to find info about meetings is where we should put flyers.

Reminder: If you have additional items to add to an agenda, contact Steve. If there's something that needs to be brought up before the next district meeting, contact Steve, Lisa, or Leah. Right now we are hoping the next one will be in person but if not we'll meet on Zoom.

AA Announcements: Lisa-Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and the Livingston Hall will still have expenses so if anyone is still able to donate they could really use our help. Lisa will include a link on how to donate in her report.

We closed with the Responsibility Statement.

DISTRICT 72 MARCH 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT									
INCOME	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	YTD	OPENING BALANCE	\$6,661.42				
GROUP 7th Tradition	\$1,516.51	\$485.00	\$2,909.14	INCOME	\$485.00				
LITERATURE	\$150.68	\$532.43	\$683.11	EXPENSES	\$232.56				
PINK CAN	\$277.98	\$2.00	\$829.98	CURRENT BALANCE	\$6,913.86				
ROUNDUP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	ACCESSIBILITY	\$858.83				
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OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	PINK CAN ACCOUNT	\$598.79				
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,804.00	\$1,019.43	\$3,823.43	OPERATING BALANCE	\$3,051.29				
	ESTIMATED	YTD	REMAINING	*Based on 3 months (25%) of the operating budget per passed motion 2/28/04.					
Group Contributions	\$9,619.80	\$3,823.43	\$5,796.37						
BUDGET ITEM	SPENDING PLAN 2020	PREVIOUS YTD EXP	YTD CURRENT EXP	TOTAL YTD EXP	REMAINING SPENDING				
DCM	\$2,810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,810.00				
ALT. DCM	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00				
SECRETARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
TREASURER	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00				
ANSWERING SERVICE	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$315.00				
ARCHIVES	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00				
BRIDGING THE GAP	\$502.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$502.00				
CPC	\$865.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.00	\$706.00				
CORRECTIONS	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00				
GRAPEVINE	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00				
LITERATURE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,490.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1,190.00				
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$2,247.80	\$0.00	\$31.03	\$302.34	\$1,945.46				
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103.58	\$396.42				
TREATMENT	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00				
DESIGNATED CHAIR	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00				
OPERATING TOTALS	\$9,619.80	\$0.00	\$331.03	\$864.92	\$8,754.88				
LITERATURE AND PINK CAN ACCOUNTS									
	2020 OPENING BALANCE	MONTH OPENING BALANCE	CURRENT INCOME	CURRENT EXPENSE	CURRENT BALANCE				
Pink Can	\$719.13	\$598.79			\$598.79				
Accessibility	\$858.83	\$858.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858.83				
Lit. Balance - Books	\$150.68	\$170.72	\$532.43	\$579.05	\$124.10				
Roundup (separate acct)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				

* Please send group contributions to:
 District 72: P.O. Box 1538 Bozeman, MT 59771
 Area 40: PO Box 2046 Whitefish MT 59937
 GSO:

P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

March 2020 D72 DCM Report

- On March 7 (which seems like a very, very long time ago), I attended pre-Assembly in Boulder, MT. Thank you to Pat P. and Lenore M. for attending and for helping me set up the food and beverages for the 30 or so folks who attended. We had a good discussion with the Area Committee members who were able to attend about the items on the Agenda for the Spring Area Assembly and the 2020 General Service Conference.
- The AA International Convention scheduled for July 2-5 in Detroit has been cancelled. A letter from the Chair of the AA General Service Board explaining the reasons for the cancellation is attached to the report, in case any GSRs want to share it with their groups. There's also a FAQs page about the cancellation on AA.org: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-cancellation-process-for-the-2020-international-convention.
- The AA General Service Conference scheduled for April 19-25 in Rye Brook, NY has also been cancelled, although a modified version of the Conference may take place online during those same dates. A notice regarding that cancellation is also attached to this report.
- We now have 43 meetings happening online every week in our District. Attendance is often 35 people or more. Many, many people have worked tirelessly to make this available to our community, and I'm deeply grateful to every single one of them. I want to specifically thank three people for their efforts: Steve Z. anticipated that our community would need this and set up the first 21 weekly online meetings shortly before most of our physical meeting locations shut down. He has spent a great deal of time training people to host and chair Zoom meetings, with the result that groups have been able to move online yet remain autonomous. I also want to thank Sharon S. and Emily D. for working extensively to ensure that information about online meetings is current and accurate and available on the Area 40 website.
- Spring Area Assembly took place today online via Zoom. Approximately 100 people attended from all over Montana. District 72 was well represented, with 11 people in attendance, including 6 voting members. It went quite smoothly, particularly considering that this was the first attempt to have a meeting like this online and the preparations began only about three weeks ago. I submitted a DCM Report, which is available on the Area 40 website. A copy is also attached to this report.
- A message from *Grapevine* and *La Vina*: Due to the current changing health situation, many AA meetings across the U.S. and Canada are finding it safer to close. To help members during this time, we are giving everyone free access to all of our 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (The audio to Grapevine's stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. We have also included a link to our Youtube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information. To enter, visit: www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help.

17:04:25 From Pat P - How Group Alt-GSR : HOW Group has recently closed live meetings.

17:05:00 From Julie R : Wed. Noon Group is on Zoom. link now showing on area website

17:05:38 From Craig F : Manhattan and Threeforks are still live

17:06:14 From Alex Martinez : bozeman young people's have moved days online from Thursday and Sunday to Tuesday and Friday. both at 7pm still

17:12:49 From Phil M : A kind reminder: please check with your group treasurers and make sure that all contributions to District 72 are documented on the monthly D72 Treasurers report. Thanks!

17:15:33 From Joey : Sorry late nothing really new with archives but need to update Steves email address

17:16:39 From leaht : Joey thanks, go ahead and give me his new email address and I will add it to the master list

17:17:02 From Susan H : Can you ask Rick if the women will be able to do a conference as well in GCDC

17:18:12 From autumn : can everyone not talking mute please?

17:20:27 From Joey : pietssteve59@gmail.com

17:20:45 From leaht : got it

17:20:54 From leaht : thanks Joey

17:22:48 From Joey : Thank you keah

17:55:45 From Phil M to Lisa C(Privately) : Hi Lisa, sent you an email. would you confirm the events that I should take off your line item budget for 2020? Thanks!

17:57:05 From Pat P - How Group Alt-GSR : What about printed meeting schedules for April? I believe there will be a need to distribute something.

18:02:13 From Lisa C to catherinejohnson(Privately) : I don't have that link. If you send it to me, I can ask Leah to include it in the minutes.

18:03:47 From catherinejohnson : Here is the link to AAWS contributions.

18:04:21 From catherinejohnson : https://ctb.aa.org/contribution/index.ssp?cf=1&n=1&lang=en_US#/

18:10:28 From david : I don't think that's pushing the boundary at all. It's just public service PI

18:10:59 From Sarah S. : Would it also be possible to put flyers on hall doors?

18:11:26 From Susan H : KBZK asked the Bozeman community to contact them with information for events and services in the community.

18:12:14 From catherinejohnson : Here is the PI workbook it has good info and AAWS literature. https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/M-27i_PubInfWorkbk.pdf

18:13:08 From Susan H : Coordinate with Mental Health Services, calls coming into the Mental Heath hotline have tripled!

18:13:19 From Julie R : one hurdle we encountered in my group is that the dial-in numbers for Zoom are not toll-free for people calling on old land lines.

18:13:59 From Lenore GSR HOW Group : I think putting flyers on the hall doors is a great idea

18:15:00 From david : A newspaper ad is fairly immediate.

18:20:35 From Sarah S. : Thanks everyone!