

District 72
Meeting Minutes
8/29/20

Opened with serenity prayer: 5:03 pm

Read **concept 8**: The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principle planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Approve July Minutes: motion to approve and a second motion. Minutes for July approved by vote.

GSR reports * **Note*** I apologize GSR's that attended and posted in the chat box your group's information update. I didn't manage to save the chat box properly so some of your reports are missing from these minutes. Thank you for those that sent me a second report for their groups.

Ennis/VC (Vennis)

All is well with Vennis Over the Hill group. Membership is down a bit. We are starting to meet inside Presbyterian Church. Come and join us!

Judy H

Jenna-GSR for the Tues Night at 8pm Group

We are still averaging between 10-15 people and are meeting virtually via zoom instead of webX. Our zoom meeting should now be posted on the website.

Sunday Night Hospital group is doing well. Still meeting on Zoom for the foreseeable future. We've had pretty good attendance, including several out of town regulars. We recently got a Paypal account set up so we can accept 7th Tradition contributions online.

6th Chapter: We are still going steady on zoom meeting Sundays at 11am. The meeting is listed on the Bozeman digital schedule. Our attendance is down, about 15-20 people attend regularly. We will revisit at our business meeting the first Sunday of the month whether to continue on zoom or return to meeting in person. Some visitors do attend. Not many new comers or early sobriety lately. All welcome we would love to have you!

Committee reports

Treasurer Report: See attached report from Phil

DISTRICT 72 AUGUST 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT									
INCOME	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	YTD	OPENING BALANCE	\$7,731.48				
GROUP 7th Tradition	\$278.61	\$523.54	\$4,443.29	INCOME	\$562.10				
LITERATURE	\$0.00	\$38.56	\$150.68	EXPENSES	\$0.00				
PINK CAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$983.94	CURRENT BALANCE	\$8,293.58				
ROUNDUP	\$752.84	\$0.00	\$752.84	ACCESSIBILITY	\$858.83				
ACCESSIBILITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	PRUDENT RESERVE*	\$1,889.95				Note that the Roundup deposit is not included in the final balance because it is not part of the operating budget.
OTHER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	PINK CAN ACCOUNT	\$983.94				
TOTAL INCOME	\$278.61	\$562.10	\$5,577.91	OPERATING BALANCE	\$4,560.86				
	ESTIMATED	YTD	REMAINING	*Based on 3 months (25%) of the operating budget per passed motion 2/28/04.					
Group Contributions	\$7,559.80	\$5,577.91	\$1,981.89						
BUDGET ITEM	SPENDING PLAN 2020	PREVIOUS YTD EXP	CURRENT EXP	TOTAL YTD EXP	REMAINING SPENDING				
DCM	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00				
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				No Expenses for August
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	\$0.00	\$748.00	\$742.00				
PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$2,247.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$324.30	\$1,923.50				
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.67	\$135.33				* Please send group contributions to:
TREATMENT	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00				District 72: P.O. Box 1538 Bozeman, MT 59771
DESIGNATED CHAIR	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00				Area 40: PO Box 2048 Whitefish MT 59937
OPERATING TOTALS	\$7,559.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,595.97	\$5,963.83				GSO:
LITERATURE AND PINK CAN ACCOUNTS						P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10183			
	2020 OPENING BALANCE	MONTH OPENING BALANCE	CURRENT INCOME	CURRENT EXPENSE	CURRENT BALANCE				
Pink Can	\$719.13	\$476.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$476.77				
Accessibility	\$858.83	\$858.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$858.83				
Lit. Balance + Books	\$150.68	\$124.10	\$38.56	\$0.00	\$162.66				
Roundup (not in balance)	\$0.00	\$752.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$752.84				Please see note above.

It came up that there are some discrepancies or questions in regard to Year to date and Total year to date (2nd to last column) columns within the treasurer report/records. It's been noted in the minutes, the transition between the current treasurer and the incoming treasurer can potentially take a look at that. At this time, it is noted here in the minutes to be made aware of.

Answering Service: The two women/two men system of volunteering/team work is working well. Based on the new list of volunteers, only one call was missed this last month. So it's been smooth. Seventeen calls came through July. Due to covid-19 the last five months call volume has remained high.

Archives: no report

CPC:

The CPC Committee has met via Zoom over the past three months. Two events that members were going to participate in were cancelled because of Coronavirus.

Livingston Healthcare holds a meeting called Helping Hands every three months, where professionals & community meet to share resources – we were in touch with all those who would have attended by phone, following up with information as requested.

Our main objective during the pandemic has been to continue to point professionals to AA's resources, both locally & nationally. We've contacted people by email & phone.

There were some interesting updates in the last CPC newsletter from GSO. GSO created our own LinkedIn page briefly describing A.A. to professionals and providing a link to G.S.O.'s website (www.aa.org), which offers videos and pamphlets to professionals and people who are seeking help with an alcohol problem, as well as ways to find local A.A. meetings

Another digital resource maintained by G.S.O. is a YouTube channel which has informative playlists for professionals, including video stories from A.A. members in recovery and short public service announcements for use in any office waiting room.

Some professionals in our community have reported seeing a definite increase in what they described as “mental health” issues, not necessarily attributable to problem drinking.

Thanks for letting me be of service,
Gillian S.

Corrections: I am making an Amends to district, I completely spaced last month's district meeting. There aren't a lot of updates right now. Saturday 7-9pm conference calls and Tuesday 7-9 conference calls. For I-pod and H-pod only currently.

Grapevine: No report

Literature report: No report

Public Information (PI): no report

Round Up: Fall roundup has been canceled. Thank you for letting me serve, Betty M. Round up in Bozeman again, I believe it's every four years.

Special Events: No report

Treatment: There isn't much to report but we did reach out to a new local treatment center that is religious affiliated.

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Due to taking calls through the Hotline answering service, Susan has been able to easily field calls for BTG. Discussions right now among BTG districts/area are in regards to; How can we be of service during Covid-19, under these very different circumstances. Susan is willing and available to meet that demand in service of BTG. The annual BTG conference venue bid so far has been for Missoula.

District Inventory:

On Zoom October 11th 12pm to 4pm. The invite will be in the "mailer" see below. The Ad hoc committee has now obtained most of the group's information. Some is still missing but the bulk of it is done. Groups were personally contacted as best they could to obtain current and accurate information on all the groups. A "mailer" will be mailed out to all the GSR's this week or beginning of next week. Look for those in your mailboxes. It will consist of a question inventory to be answered by your homegroup service members. Leah the district 72 secretary will email the zoom link invite in an email when it gets closer to the October 11th 12pm-4pm, formal inventory conduction. Julie R will be the moderator for carrying out the inventory. Thank you Julie! This was a small committee but a mighty one as we continue to move along. GSR's if you could please fill out the questions with your group then if possible, attend the zoom meeting. The results of the inventory can be emailed out. We are hoping to obtain information from every group in district 72, if anyone can help in contacting or can contribute any info on some of these groups let Ty know.

ALT DCM: also an amends I missed the last district meeting also got stuck on a hike that ended up being much longer than planned for.

DCM:

1. Paul L. gave his Delegate's Report virtually on August 29 to an audience of about 20 people. The audited report of the GSC finance committee is attached to these minutes. If anyone would like a copy of the final report of the 2020 General Service Conference, please send me your address or contact me to set up a time to pick one up from me.
2. Area Assembly will be held virtually September 11-13. The schedule/agenda and the zoom link are available on the calendar on the Area 40 website (<https://www.aa-montana.org/calendar.php>).
3. The District 72 Guidelines call for periodic review of the Guidelines. I will be working with Steven, Phil, and Leah to review the Guidelines during the coming months. We expect to present any recommended changes to the District at the October business meeting. Current committee chairs are encouraged to contact us if they feel any changes should be made to the Guidelines' description of their role. The Guidelines are available on the District 72 mini-site (<https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/docs/District72Guidelines.pdf>).

4. A virtual tour/workshop with members of the GSO and Grapevine/LaVina staff is scheduled for September 25. See the flyer attached to these minutes for more details.
5. There is a GSO event in September, the flyer with pertinent info will go out as an attachment when Leah sends out the minutes.

Old Business

The Delegates report: Copies of the report are available, contact Lisa if you are interested in having a copy mailed to you or she could leave it on her porch for you to pick up. The report will also be given again at the Fall Area Assembly.

New Business

Nominations/Elections

Answering service: Nomination: Gillian, followed by a second nomination of Gillian. She needs to take time to think on it so this nomination is tabled to September.

Archives: Nomination: Catherine followed by a second motion to nominate. There were no other candidates. Catherine was elected by vote. Congratulations Catherine!

CPC-tabled until September. No formal nominations, please take this back to your groups and announce or reach out to someone you would like to nominate or consider a role in CPC service yourself.

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Grapevine: Nomination: Angie followed by a second motion. There were no other nominations. Angie elected via vote. Congratulations Angie!

Literature: Nomination: Chrissann, a second motion to nominate Chrissann and she was elected via vote. Congratulations Chrissann.

Public Information (PI): A nomination for Sarah for PI and a second motion. Sarah elected via vote to PI. congratulations Sarah!

Round UP: Chair needed every four years. 2024 is the next anticipated Round Up. No round up Chair to be elected this round.

Special Events: tabled until September, no nominations made, please take to your groups and announce or reach out to someone you think may be interested or consider for yourself.

Treatment: Mark who is currently serving but came in one year into the term has been elected to do another two years treatment chair, thank you Mark for your service and congratulations Mark!!

Bridging the Gap (BTG): Tabled until September, no formal nominations, please announce this opening at your meetings and share with those you think might be interested in serving or consider a service role in BTG yourself.

District Inventory: Should we make a standing district chair for Inventories? Be thinking about this for our September meeting.

Secretary: Nomination: Megan. Megan accepted the nomination and was elected to Secretary by the district. Congratulations Megan!!

Treasurer: Nomination: Leah. Leah Accepted the nomination and was elected Treasurer.

ALT DCM: Nomination Betty. Betty accepted the nomination and was elected to ALT DCM via vote. Congratulations Betty!

DCM: Nomination: Rick. Rick accepted the nomination and was elected via vote. Congratulations Rick!

RENT Discussion: Continue to pay rent suggested by Lisa as long as it doesn't strap District. Also to support the hall.

We could consider negotiating less rent with the hall. Comments..."We are getting a screaming deal and to continue supporting the hall." Further discussion, "the district has recieved reasonable support from the grass roots groups so it wouldn't hurt district to uphold the rental agreement.

More Discussion arose...Should we return to in person meeting for district? Personally, it feels like service can be better fulfilled and more effective possibly with in person connections.

A hybrid form of meeting at district could be implemented. Some attend and some could join virtually via zoom. There are technology and mic issues to address and assess and resolve to create the best experience for hybrid meetings. The Wi fi signal for the fellowship hall recently had two boosters added to it to hopefully speed up the internet signal at the hall which reportedly was causing some issues and difficulties for current hybrid functioning meetings. An offline discussion is going to be set up to attempt some dry runs of the hybrid model to address the mic issue. Any tech people interested in participating in the offline discussion and helping facilitate this please join us if interested. Steve the AIT DCM will facilitate and set up the off-line discussion for Hybrid district meetings.

Meeting Adjourned 6:35 with a moment of silence and the responsibility prayer.