

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting
March 27, 2021
5pm-7pm via Zoom

Mission: "District 72 is an association of AA Groups banded together to carry out common functions and service activities in order to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in district meetings. We strive, as a district, to work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous." - read by **Matt S.**

1. **Serenity prayer**-Jennifer M.
2. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions**-Pat P
3. **Reading of Concept Three:** Bob E.

Approve February 2021 minutes-

- Pat had a question about whether the District Zoom account is actually open for groups to use or if it's just for District (committee meetings and monthly District business meetings).
- We originally approved the money for District use and need to clarify what that means
Tabling this discussion until next month.

Steve moved to approve February meetings, Phil seconded. No discussion or vote followed. Motion passed?

Introductions/Attendance:

Committee Chairs and Officers:

Catherine-Archives, **Chris O.**- Corrections, **Rick H.**-District Committee Member, **Betty M.**- Alt DCM, **Chrissan R.**-Literature, **Steven R.**-Cooperating with the Professional Community, **Meghan R.**-Secretary, **Savannah**-Special Events, **Leah**-Treasurer, **Mark E.**-Treatment, **Phil M.**-Bridging the Gap

GSRs and Reports:

Deborah Great Fact Group (Bozeman)- 7pm Thursdays at E-free, beginning face to face meetings next week outside at the Dinosaur park. It will be a hybrid meeting.

Jennifer Women's Serenity Group (Bozeman)-their group has been discussing how to distribute pamphlets for outreach and making sure they are being stocked in various places- they will be sending an e-mail to the Public Information chair to find out more about how that is happening. They are also hoping to pursue a hybrid option for when they return to in person meetings

Aaron B Primary Purpose (Bozeman)-nothing to report

Pat P HOW Group (Bozeman)-Zoom meetings Monday 7pm, Thursday 7pm, Saturday 8:30am, Sunday 7:30pm. Live meetings Monday 7pm, Thursday 7pm, Saturday 8:30am. Getting about 26-28 people in live meetings.

Karon K Pink Cloud Women's Meeting (Bozeman)- Wednesdays at 6pm, 15-20 people every week, still meeting on Zoom and vote each month on whether they are ready to return to in person meetings. They will be doing a group inventory by sending out info using Survey Monkey to determine whether they are a welcome, open and inclusive meeting and doing what they can to help the newcomer.

Doreen M 6th Chapter Group (Bozeman)- Meet at 11am on Sundays, regular attendance, around 20 people, still on Zoom, will look into hybrid meetings based on comfort of group members when they do decide to go back to in person.

Katie Tuesday at 8pm (Bozeman)-still online

Matt S Vennis Over the Hill Group (Virginia City and Ennis)- hybrid meetings Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Sunday meeting in VC in person, everything's going great

Eleanor alt GSR for 6th Chapter Group (see Doreen's report)

Dennis- Noon Men's Meeting (Bozeman)- hopefully doing some hybrid meetings when they go back to in person

Kietra There is a Solution (Bozeman)- 7 days a week at 7am, averaging 30-35 people every morning except weekends, in person Tuesdays and Fridays with less than 5, looking at a hybrid meeting because people may not come back to in person and they've picked up a lot of out of towners.

GSR/District 72 Chair Breakout -- Brainstorming Session:

The District 72 Inventory Report indicates that GSRs would like for District 72 to offer/sponsor workshops periodically. What would you like to see District 72 offer/sponsor this year?

Group 1: Meghan presented

- Traditions
- District Committees-what they do, the purpose, an opportunity for people to learn about the purpose of district, the AA service structure, and about various service opportunities
- Ask groups who offered to do something at the roundup whether they want to get together and put together a half day session on different topics.

Group 2: Dennis presented

- How to get more people involved in service-how can we make it fun to get people together

Group 3: Karon presented

- Getting people more familiar with what the district committees and how to get people involved in service, the district providing services so not each group needs to figure out things on their own,
- Workshop on running effective hybrid meetings, advice on simple things, how does your script change, how do you accept donations, etc.
- Group inventories-a workshop on what it is and how to effectively conduct one.

Group 4: Rick presented

- Workshops geared toward newcomers-having elder statesmen do workshops, set up a rotation of newcomer workshops on a fairly regular basis

Group 5: Pat presented

- Traditions workshop, or a concepts workshop, real applications to group issues and which traditions applied
- Safety workshop, a follow up on the one that was held pre-pandemic
- Women in sobriety workshop
- Corrections workshop-about taking meetings into the jail, inviting corrections professionals, inmates who have come out and gotten sober and what that experience is like

Group 6: Jennifer presented

- Discussion around newcomer packets, having literature chair making sure literature is going to specific places, how to get people rides to meetings, how to get coins to people
- Newcomer workshop to understand “newcomers in service” using words that aren’t overwhelming to newcomers like “area” and “district” (overwhelming because they don’t have an understanding of what that means in the grand scheme of things yet)

Rick suggested you remind people in your groups that all of our committee chairs have committees and the more people involved the better. Encourage people to just attend a committee meeting and start by listening, there is no pressure to participate immediately.

Committee Reports-*(not presented in person due to running out of time and attendees)*

- Treasurer
 - \$2,500 contribution was made to GSO
 - Reimbursement of \$124.42 to Betty for one year Zoom account for District use.
 - Paid a literature invoice for \$989.35.
 - Income from 7th tradition contributions was \$583.95. Also brought in \$337.97 from literature sales.
 - Adjusted the Spending Plan 2021 to include an additional \$500 for the Public Information(Chair).
 - Full report is attached.
- Hybrid meeting equipment update- no report
- Special Events
 - We spent a good portion of this meeting brainstorming ideas for Special Events. Please bring it back to your groups that the Special Events chair is looking to form a committee to put some of these ideas into action.
- Answering Service- no report
- Archives-
 - Archives is forming a committee to carry out two potential projects this service rotation. The first project is to help GSR's and other AA members interested draft their AA Group History for submission to District 72 Archives, see link for an

example of that process.

https://aanorthdakota.org/nodak52aadocs/oth_Group_History_fillable-form.pdf.

The second project is to collect the stories of District 72 History from Old Timers. Several AA members have contacted us with suggestions of AA members we could interview about District 72 AA history. Thank you Jennifer M and Dennis S. for providing some great ideas and potential people I can contact.

- **If any AA member is interested in being a part of the Archives Committee Please contact Catherine Johnson via text at (917) 204-6733 to be added to a list.** Beginning in June, the Archives Committee will meet bi-monthly (June, August, October, December 2021 and February, April, June 2022) Dates and times to be decided.
- Announcement: Save the Date the 2021 National AA Archives Workshop “*Today is Tomorrow’s History*” is September 30 — October 3, 2021 *For complete information and online registration, see the [NAAAW 2021 website](#).*
- Cooperation with the Professional Community
 - Steven hasn't been contacted yet by anyone from the professional community regarding AA and alcoholism. However, an email contact list was shared recently for a number of members of the professional community (e.g., judges, probation officers, etc.) and he'll likely reach out with a fairly blanket statement introducing himself just in case they have any questions about AA or our recovery.
- Corrections
 - A joint **Treatment, Corrections and Bridging The Gap meeting** was held in March and we established a **permanent meeting time & date: the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:45pm at Fellowship Hall. There will be a zoom link available also.**
 - Phone meetings at Gallatin County Detention Center are well staffed & well attended. Communication with the GCDC program director is excellent.
- Grapevine
 - Angie is currently working on getting the display for donated issues of Grapevine up and running at the Fellowship hall.
 - **If your home groups are willing to send older issues please contact Angie @ 406-600-1100.**
- Literature- no report
- Public Information
 - As more meetings are continuing to move back to face-to-face, we are in the process of converting the meeting schedule into a four panel pamphlet to make room for the changes! During COVID, P.I. was ordering 150 printed schedules however as more offices have been opening back up, Sarah will be ordering 500 printed schedules (once we are done changing it to the four panel layout).
 - **If you are interested or able to help distribute schedules once they are back from printing please contact Sarah so she can make plans to get them to you.**
- Treatment

- Need volunteers for MCDC, third Saturday of the month via Zoom, minimum 1 year sobriety, 5:30pm to 7pm, contact Mark
- Bridging the Gap
 - There were requests for one female (GCDC) and 2 males (treatment) this past month.
 - Phil attended the MCDC Zoom meeting with Mark E on the 2nd Saturday of March.
 - Phil attended the joint Treatment and Corrections committee meeting.
 - Phil continues to distribute the new BTG Business cards to the various institutions in our district.
- Alt. DCM-No report
- DCM / District Committee Member-No report