

## Area 40 - District 72 Agenda - November/December Meeting (12/11/2021)

Hybrid Meeting: Fellowship Hall, Bozeman and via Zoom. Link information below. Zoom Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxQN0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09>  
Meeting ID: 843 3623 3284 Passcode: 371512

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

1. Open with the serenity prayer

2. Read the District 72 Mission Statement: "District 72 unites AA Groups from the Gallatin, Jefferson, Madison, and Park County areas of Montana. We band together to fulfill our primary purpose – to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic. As an association, it is our responsibility to provide common functions and service activities for AA members. All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in monthly District 72 business meetings. We strive, as a district, to work within the spirit of the Twelve Traditions and operate from the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous."

3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions

4. Read Concept Twelve:

5. Establish quorum **15 zoom + 8 live = 24**

6. Add / Correct / Vote to Approve October 2021 minutes

7. Introductions and GSR Reports:

Please share:

- GSRs – Please share your name, Service Position (e.g., GSR/Alt GSR), home group & anything else you think might interest or benefit your fellow GSRs and/or District Chairs (e.g., events or activities your home group is hosting or doing.

Aaron - PP - trying to fine tune hybrid

Alex - Young People - doing good

Dennis- Mens mtng - dropped hybrid - only in person - attendance up - requiring masks

Dorreen - 6th chapter - zoom only - small but regular - plan to go hybrid 2nd sun in jan 2022

Gail - wed noon group- hybrid - attendance up

Sarah - livingston Fri noon womens - attendance lower - this fri xmas potluck after mtng

Stephen - hospital group- zoom

Joe- Vennis overthehill - 4 mtngs a week - lower attendance but doing well

Holly - fri beginners mtng - average 15-20 people

Heather - early risers

Karen - pink cloud - hybrid - 4-6 in person , 8-10 on zoom

Katie - tues at 8 - zoom + in person

Reyes - rebellion dogs - elections coming up, seeing growth

Jerry - Gallatin Gateway- steady growth 16-20 people  
Pat - HOW - in person + zoom mtngs  
Jennifer - womens serenity - all going well

- Visitors - Please share your name and the name of your home group.

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports

### • Treasurer, Leah T.

- Went over report
- Operating balance is 335.95
- GSO PO Box has changed – the new address is on the Nov/Dec Treasurers Report
- Rent for hall - \$400 paying this month
- Asking groups to continue to send contributions
- Jerry wanting to know about hotline + round-up amounts
- Stephen wants to know if accessibility money can go toward zoom expense for groups
- Leah + committee are making a new format for the Treasurer's Report to simplify and make it more easy to read - she showed us an example - it will be implemented in 2022 - asking for feedback
- Betty thinks the new spreadsheet is fabulous

### • Answering Service, Gillian S.

Total calls to Area 40 September & October : 91  
Calls to District 72 : 12

Eight calls were from visitors to our area looking for meeting information.

The remaining four calls were from three men and one woman who wanted to stop drinking. One person went to a meeting, while the other three people, despite follow up calls, did not want to do more after the initial conversation.

Sarah S. and Thomas G. are the new answering service volunteers and will serve until the end of March 2022

Thanks for letting me be of service.

- Jerry - is there a way to implement that the calls get forwarded to an aa member directly  
Gillian - Area 40 has an answering service, the answering service calls the man or woman volunteer in the appropriate district, that volunteer gets back to the struggling alcoholic  
Jerry - group is concerned about the call back, they would prefer that an aa member answered the call  
Gillian - explained it use to be that way, but a lot of calls were going unanswered  
Jerry - will bring it back to the group  
Betty - thinks this is new business  
Jerry- is putting it out to all of the district

Rick - told Jerry the way to move forward is to have the group put together a motion and bring district

Rayes - how often are volunteers + numbers updated

Gillian- every 3 months

Jennifer - agrees it is new business, has a thought that at the help center there is never a call back

• **Archives, Catherine J.**

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Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

Catherine J., Archives Chair

We met on Nov 14 attendees were Catherine J, Eleanor W, Gerry W, Julie R, Guest Earl F

**Project 1 Oldtimer Interviews**

*Action Item 1 Compile Lists of People to interview. (Eleanor/Gerry)*

*Action Item 2 - Schedule a time with Earl to meet*

**Project 2 Project COVID 19 Group Story Campaign**

We did create and launch a survey tool from Group History Form from GSO and sample COVID-19 questions for groups.

The goals of the Group History project are to:

1. Inform a future historical document concerning District 72 and the pandemic.
2. Inspire new members into deeper levels of service.

Thank you for participating in the District 72 Archives COVID19 Group Story! Click on the link or take a picture of the QR Code. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COVID19GroupStory>



Next meeting December 14, at 4:00 PM via Zoom.

**Project 3 (Planned for Spring)**

**Group History** *Still developing District 72 Group History Questionnaire.*

For those who wish to get a head start below is some background information and other resources.

[https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/smf-169\\_en.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-169_en.pdf)

**Information about Archives** [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_us/mg-17\\_archives.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/mg-17_archives.pdf)

**Archives Workbook** [https://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/m-44i\\_archivesworkbook.pdf](https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/m-44i_archivesworkbook.pdf)

Archives Committee Meeting is Sunday, December 14, at 4:00 PM via Zoom. (TOMORROW)

District SeventyTwo is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: D72 - Archive Committee

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87571528362?pwd=RWY5YkhIWXBhVFJsaDZadFFHQy9iZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 7152 8362

Passcode: 869271

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• CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Neil B.

- Met with the united methodist church - gave a little presentation + dropped off literature
- Met with a group at tx court (professionals) - issue with anonymity on zoom, concern that the chair person had to use their own personal email to verify the tx court client
- Karon - had a negative experience with emails not working
- Neil- tx court is willing to make adjustments in teaching their clients how to use zoom appropriately

- Stephen - group had discussions - no difficulty with email verification - groups thoughts were to get a list of groups that they are ok to use the email verification method
- Gillian - reading part of the long form of the tradition of anonymity - old timers did not care about breaking their anonymity, just not at press, radio, tv.
- Neil - will go back to tx court + pursue it a little more
- Catherine - not a glum lot - has great experience with tx court members
- Holly - did not want to break anonymity with email but happy to give her phone number
- Betty - feels like a fair amount of interest - Neil can include this in new biz next month

• Grapevine / Structure, Angie S.

- Wrapped up the grapevine project in Oct
- Today she update the bulletin board at the hall
- Grapevine launched a new podcast

• Literature, Chrissan R.

- Betty got a note from chrissan - she will send a report - betty thinks it will go to meghan

• PI (Public Information), Sarah S.

I ordered 500 schedules for the Christmas/New Years holiday season. They will be ready for pick up hopefully on Monday. I will be replenishing schedules at the Fellowship Hall and around our communities this week. Please let me know if your group needs schedules and I will coordinate getting them to you! I have started reaching out to the list we have of free/non profit magazines and newspapers in the surrounding areas with PSA's about where one can find AA during the holidays. Next week I will be getting our Christmas ad to the Chronicle and Enterprise newspapers. Please let me know if you have publications you would like me to reach out to this year. My plan is to have everything run from 12/20 - 1/7. Thank you for letting me serve

- Jerry - group gets a hit on internet for aa with an address near safeway + contact number - wondering if that address is valid or why it is there
- Sarah- happy to look into it
- Bradley - thinks it is just google algorithm
- Rick - this has been brought up at the conference level - it is involved with google ads, etc, the top of the search is based on how many hits a website gets that gets it to the top. Aa has the rights to the meeting guide app + then the person gets to aa.
- Gillian - is this ad underlying wanting to re-vamp the answering service ?
- Jerry - no, they are both concerns

• Special Events, Savannah D.

- Sent report to meghan - no report for tonight

• Bridging the Gap, Phil M.

- For the past month, BTG has helped the following:
- 1 male exiting treatment in GF, and returning to Bozeman.

- 1 male coming from treatment in CO, and returning to Bozeman.
- 1 male exiting the pre release and going to Helena.
- 1 male exiting GCDC (delayed)
- 1 male exiting GCDC to Bozeman.
- Transport of 1 male from GCDC to Billings for treatment at Rimrock (12/2).
- Transport of 1 male from GCDC to Billings for treatment at Rimrock (12/13; pending). I visited the MT State Probation Office and gave the personnel there a primer on the BTG program, and left them the contact and registration information found online ( <https://aa-montana.org/btg.php> ).
- It is recommended that AA volunteers at corrections and/or treatment institutions (for example, GCDC or the Pre-Release) encourage the counselors in-house to register clients/inmates online at the url above. This ensures that we avoid lost/misplaced paper forms that was a real problem in the past, and automatically refers clients who are leaving Bozeman to the appropriate District BTG chair in their area, so that they can get a local BTG contact to help them connect with hometown meetings etc.
- If you encounter people who are simply getting out of institutions and staying locally in Bozeman, feel free to send me their contact information, and I will connect them with local BTG volunteers in the AA fellowship.

- Corrections, Chris O.

- Committee meetings going well - focusing on helping the volunteers- esp getting the volunteers connected so to be able to communicate with changes
- 5 or 6 new volunteers
- Trying to get more volunteers – GSRs
- Forms for the prison on the aamontana website, jail are on minisite

- Treatment, Alex M.

- Not present

- Alt. DCM (Alternate District Committee Member), Betty M.

- Helping where needed, due to time (6:30pm) foregoing more details

- DCM (District Committee Member), Rick H.

- GSO - new cd sets of BB feature new stories, can be purchased on website
- 10% off of BBs ,15% off if you order 100 or more
- Area 40 assembly - great falls april 8-10th - might be hybrid
- missed these next two my internet went down! –
- Helena may 14-15th ??
- WCRSC???

- Pockets of enthusiasm - middle of march - zoom event (aa, alanon, alateen)
- Area chair started a 12 concepts study, 3rd sat of each month 1030-noon, lined up through next year - all are welcome - Rick can get info for anyone interested
- 24 hour meetings - there is a solution group is doing it - starting 5:30 xmas eve - get ahold of that group to participate

## 9. Old Business

### ● Spending Plan for District 72 – Discussion & Vote (substantial unanimity required)

- Leah - error was caught on the spending plan that was sent out - PI budget was increased in 2020 by \$500 but it was not reflected in total – now it is adjusted so spending plan total is \$500 higher than total sent out
- Betty - under alt dcm is the budget for zoom, she had submitted the cost when it was a new account. Zoom cost has gone up by \$25 /yr. Leah will adjust that
- Leah - feels the budget money often doesn't get used ; ie - answering service + mcdc. She wants to point that out to the district.
- Any other questions /comments?
- No
- Vote - quorum - 24 - to pass it needs to be substantial unanimity ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) , we need 16 to pass this: vote yes: in the room 8, online 14 - total 22
- Did anyone vote no?
- No hands were raised
- Spending plan passes

### ● District Guidelines Language change for Co-Chair Positions (Corrections & Treatment) Review, and GSR Input & Guidance

- Betty summarizing the motion/history of the motion - idea is that co-chair position be drafted to better have men reach men and women meet women. Feedback from GSRs - tues at 8 group doesn't want to vote for this, a number of groups are for it. The alt chair would not vote or go to area. Discussion - where would the responsibility of the position lie? Can we split the discussion and vote on the language of the positions first?
- Gail - thinks we should vote separately, first to vote if we need to have position, then vote on language
- Betty - Read from minutes -
- Rick - repeat Chris's motion -
- Chris - would like to vote - bc this is getting in the way of carrying the message
- Chris - motion- to have an alternate chair who does not vote at district, for tx + corrections
- Chris withdraws the motion

✓ GSRS: Please ask your group where they believe the responsibility for staffing Alt. Chair positions should reside – at the District level or Committee level, and why? What other feedback do they have? If District level, the following steps would be needed:

Vote (substantial unanimity required) whether to amend District Guidelines Language Changes

- Corrections Chair ▪ Treatment Chair ▪ Voting

#### 10. New Business

- Betty - any new business
- Stephen - his group wants to change the time of district to 4-6pm - wants it to be on new business
- Catherine - spoke to fellowship hall who thinks we have the space rented from 5-6:30
- Betty announced the next meeting time

#### 11. Responsibility Pledge

Next district meeting: January 29 th , 2022 Area 40 Pre-Assembly: TBD Area 40 Assembly: April 8 – 10, Holiday Inn, Great Falls. Area 40 may also offer Zoom option (TBD)