

Orientation to District:

-Everyone that is new to district raise your hands...WELCOME!!

-Read 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."

-Safety at the District Meeting: (taken from lines in the "Safety Card for A.A. Groups" created by the General Service Office) If any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting. Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group wishes to create a safe meeting environment in which alcoholics can focus on achieving sobriety.

How The Monthly District Meetings Will Be Run:

The General Service Conference has developed the document "How the Conference Operates", which "has adopted some EXEPTIONS to Roberts Rules of Order, which help it proceed more closely in accord with the spirit of AA Tradition." This document is located on the District 72 mini site online.

As has been the practice at district business meetings, we will continue to use the version of Roberts Rules of Order that GSO uses for things like voting on agenda items, elections (almost everything on each month's agenda)

-I would like you all to feel like your time here is well spent. I will do the best I can to follow the agenda, and keep us focused on the subject being discussed. In the spirit of managing our time together, I would like to start using a 3 minute timer for reports and for any discussion involving agenda items

-I will call on people to share

-People wishing to speak: please raise your hand (or virtual hand on Zoom)...work with technical helper to keep an eye on raised hands on zoom.

-I will do my best to call on people in the order your hands went up. Please introduce yourself and your service position,

-Please wrap up what you have to say when the timer goes off.

-Everyone who wishes to speak will have a turn before I call on someone to speak for a second time.

-Everyone is entitled to, and should, express their opinion.

However, if it has already been stated, it is not necessary to repeat it.

-I encourage all of us to listen with an open heart and an open mind.