

## Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – June 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 6/28/25 4:30-6:30pm at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom.](#)  
[Link information below.](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFI6MWxQN0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 3623 3284

Passcode: 371512

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

1. Open with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
2. Read the District 72 safety statement:
  - 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.
3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions - Bob C.
4. Read Concept Six:

"The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."
5. Establish quorum: Voting members are group GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and District Officers. If you are an alternate GSR, please only raise your hand if your GSR is not present. (calculate 2/3s for quorum)

In room: 20 Online: 2 = 22 total. Need 18 for Quorum

6. Approve last month's meeting minutes - Unanimous
7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors: **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR GSR REPORTS**

*If you are a GSR please come to the microphone to give your report.*

*Please briefly share:*

- GSRs – *Your name, home group & anything you think might interest or benefit your fellow GSRs and/or District Chairs about your home group (e.g., events or activities your home group is hosting or doing, topics that your group is interested in or struggling with, etc.).*

**Nora D. (Wednesday Noon, Bozeman)** – As always people are welcome, have about 40 attendees, Lots of old timers in group that ask questions she doesn't know how to answer

**Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman)** – Meetings are going well, nothing new to report.

**Bob C. (Common Solution, Belgrade)** – Meetings going well, not much to report.

**Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman)** – Business meeting first Saturday of month after the meeting. Small group but tight knit. Anywhere between 6 to 10. Had visitors from Ohio and from Idaho so that was fun,

**Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman)** – Business meeting third Saturday of each month after 9pm meeting. Regular attendance 10-20 people. Lively business meeting that we actually remembered to attend this month.

**Rebekah P. (Hospital Group, Bozeman)** – Meeting going well both in person and hybrid, have about 24 people half and half online and in person. Have couple positions open, love to have people join us.

**Dez R. (Early Risers, Bozeman)** – 20-30 people, outgrowing the room. Business meetings whenever, literature not always AA approved but we meditate to it.

**Matthew R. (HOW Group, Bozeman)** – Had 4 newcomers in one meeting the last week, Speaker event coming Oct 11 w/ Chris R. topic will be sponsorship.

**Jake C. (Not a Glum Lot, Online)** – 10-20 people attend online, recently went on Intergroup and now have 20-30 plus, going to pause and decide whether they want to stay available on Intergroup due to challenges with security of meeting.

**Mike H. (6<sup>th</sup> Chapter, Bozeman)** – Business first Sunday of month, Speaker 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 18-24 people. Anybody who'd like to attend please come check it out

**Theresa R. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman)** – Meet Tues Fri at noon. Business 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month at 11. Attendance has been good! Really good.

**Autumn H. (Friday Beginners, Bozeman)** – Is speaker and discussion meeting and first Friday of month is study of Plain Language Big Book. **If interested in speaking, we are wide open in July and could use speakers.** 15 minute share, focus on early sobriety.

**Brian (There Is a Solution, Bozeman)** – Sat is true hybrid, Mon-Fri is two separate co-occurring meetings online and in person. Sunday is speaker. Attendance good have lots of newcomers, 10-15 people in each meeting sometimes more sometimes less. Been good.

**Chopper B. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis)** – Lots of summer visitors already, newcomer that got 4 month chip last night. Purpose to help still suffering alcoholic, biggest challenge find detox for newcomers. Cause have a clinic there but don't have a hospital, so can get people out of vitals and then take them to somewhere nearby like Bozeman and is difficult.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.
- Scott (TIAS)
- Wendy C (Belgrade Surrenders)
- Maddie (First ever business meeting!)

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS**

### **Treasurer, Tim K.**

**Please see full Treasurer's Report for details**

Current Bank Balance as of 6/22/25: \$9,445.50  
 Total Income: \$162.60  
 Total Expenses: \$300  
 Current Operating Balance: \$4,858.57

Hello District 72!

Attached are the current period Treasurer's Reports for District 72. Please print off a copy and share with any group members interested. So as discussed at the May District meeting, I am under the assumption our district account should have no more than the Prudent reserve amount in the operating budget. This would mean no more than \$6,576.76 plus our pink can fund is \$1,013.22, plus our accessibility reserve is \$289.83. So our account balance to be in our guidelines should be no more than \$7870.81. Our current bank balance is \$9,445.50, which means we are \$1,574.69 over our amount to follow District guidelines. So my suggestion would be to listen to group suggestions on how we want to spend the excess money. My suggestion would be to split that money to our service structure that needs the funds. I would suggest sending \$1,000.00 to Area 40 and \$500.00 to GSO. I would like this agenda item to be brought up under old business and discussed with feedback the GSR's hopefully received from their groups.

Thank for allowing me to serve!

Tim K-District 72 Treasurer

#### **Answering Service, Open**

- Lenore gave stand in update: Thank volunteers for helping out, we have had a man and a woman assigned to answer calls.
- Nora asked what happens when get a call? Lenore says what's been previously happening is man and woman picked for a month, responsible for answering calls. Lenore discovered there was no database for Volunteers, was why she wanted to hand around the sheets to get a database to keep for the next person that is elected. That's how she's understood it so far, could be different for chair.

#### **Archives, Joanne M.**

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - June 2025

It's been kind of a slow month for me, here's what I've worked on:

- Printing out and filing meeting minutes and treasure reports from 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Making sure we have hard copies of what's posted online.
  - Amy says that's a lot of info you need to print, are you going to put in a receipt?
  - Joanne says yes, she is keeping track.

#### **CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Betty M.**

Hi everybody! My name is Betty / Lila / Whatever, and I am your District 72 CPC Chair.

This month, we did the first AA/Al-Anon CPC presentation at Love In the Name of Christ. We had about 20 attendees and both the interest level and number of questions was pretty high. I left believing that we had de-mystified a few things about both of our fellowships, and that more people might be helped as a result of our efforts. I would like

to thank Ashley U and Jeff L for sharing their time as well as their experience, strength & hope with these Love INC volunteers & staff.

We do not have any presentations scheduled in July or August yet, but I hope that we may be able to do at least one more before end of Summer. We are talking with a few people and will have to see what God has in store for us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Blessings, Betty M, D72 CPC Chair

**Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.**

Hello District 72. I don't have much to report from Grapevine but I do have something locally. I will be working with Tony and corrections to try to get a couple of subscriptions for Grapevine and one for LaVina sent to GCDC. The jail seems interested and open to it. I plan to have some sort of agenda item prepared for July to at least open the discussion and consider where the funds should be pulled from etc...

Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
Bob C.

**Literature, Steven R.**

Two sales this month, one large to corrections and one to an individual.

We bought \$1054.80 worth of lit from GSO. Our existing credit was applied to that invoice which leaves us with a remaining credit of \$492.43.

As always, please direct lit requests to [Steven.ranney@gmail.com](mailto:Steven.ranney@gmail.com). My phone number (406-600-3580) also works but I prefer email.

Thanks!

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**PI (Public Information), Ashley H.**

Absent, no report. (Jax brought new schedules)

**Roundup, Catherine J**

Absent, Lila read report.

District 72 Roundup Chair Report

Catherine J. 917-204-6733

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Roundup Chair.

In June, I began exploring several options for possible venues for the upcoming Roundup in and around Bozeman. These explorations are ongoing, and I will continue to evaluate the best options for our event.

So far, I've had six volunteers step forward to assist with planning—thank you to each of you! I am still seeking additional volunteers, so if you are interested in being part of the planning team, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 917-204-6733.

Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 19 at 3:00 pm. More details will be shared as we finalize the date and location.

I was unable to attend today's meeting due to a family wedding and will be back from New York in July 13!

Thank you again for the opportunity to be of service.

In fellowship,  
Catherine Johnson  
District 72 Roundup Chair

### **Special Events, Amy K.**

Hello District 72,

Our next event will be July 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4. Lisa will be sharing all the info from the 75<sup>th</sup> annual General Service Conference. It will be a potluck, there is a sign up sheet going around. **Lisa's favorite letter is S** for serenity and sobriety so please bring snacks or sips that start with the letter S. We will have some snacks and fellowship then will be playing Scattergories and then Lisa will give her delegate's report, with questions and answers after. Please come and support our delegate, our area and our district.

I have a couple of other really cool ideas for special events. Will probably do one in October and one in December. So stay tuned.

Thank you for letting me serve,  
Amy K.

### **Bridging the Gap, Michael S.**

Absent, Lila read report.

Bridging the Gap report  
June2025

#### **Numbers**

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 53 since start of January and 8 in month of June

- 3 identified their gender as female, 5 as male
- 8 matched with a temporary contact.
- 7 from detention center, 1 from treatment facility.

#### **BTG volunteers**

- Working on getting more volunteers to call upon. I will be emailing out a volunteer signup list to the district gsr's, please pass around your groups and return to me.
- Working on setting up a BTG committee. There will be a separate volunteer sign up list for volunteer committee members.

#### **Updates**

- Attended the corrections meeting
- Emailed out welcome letter and new contact information to existing BTG volunteers
- Updated the contact request form with new contact information. \* **appendix a (Note: not included in Minutes but attached in email with Minutes in separate document, can also find on District 72 Mini Site)**
- Attended the Hospital Treatment meeting on zoom Headed by Rebekah P - working on getting volunteers into the hospital for treatment meetings hopefully 3x/week. Lots to figure out such as blood testing, setting up a committee, CPC, and getting the word out for volunteers.
- Created New contact email: [District72BTG@gmail.com](mailto:District72BTG@gmail.com)

### **Corrections, Tony B**

Gave report but report not sent in.

- Scott asks what is minimum sobriety requirement to go into jail? Tony says it's 1 year. He also suggests work your program cause there's a bit of a vetting process.

### **Treatment, Rebekah P.**

Four ladies from MCDC attended the meeting willing and happily to discuss what the 12 steps are.

Three women volunteered for the meeting and carried the message.

Bridging the gap was discussed as an option after they left.

For the men 8 men attended the meeting and four men from district seventy-two brought in the meeting.

The hospital staff is still working on the particular for the new hospital meeting and I will report updates as they happen.

Once again thank you for the privilege and opportunity to be of service.

Rebekah

- Hospital stuff been in process for about 17 years.
- Volunteers will need to do blood tests prior to approval that hospital will pay for.
- Something about meeting is dual-diagnosis, or for dual-diagnosis patients.
- Autumn asks for times for meetings again. Potentially looking at Tuesdays at 7pm but working out times with hospital. Need 12 volunteers. Need to streamline process.
- Meghan asks if she expects an additional cost to add to District Budget. Rebekah suspects there will be additional cost, not sure what yet. Hospital will pay for blood tests that have to happen so not yet sure about costs.
- Nora asks about clarity for dual-diagnosis meaning. Rebekah says she means people in both psych ward and for drug/alcohol.
- Bradley asks is there sobriety requirement? Rebekah says will likely be a year. She asks does he foresee possible issues with trying to have Zoom meeting in the hospital. Russel steps up and says he believes he remembers there were issues with bringing Zoom into a locked ward, policy issues so question for hospital. Bradley says tech wise, no issues, more a policy issue.

### **Technology, Russell V.**

Tech committee met on May 12 @ 18:00 to discuss the following:

- Getting info for the district's debit card to facilitate Google Workspace set up and transition for committee chairs.
- Need to schedule a meeting for above mentioned transition.
- Handoff of duties from outgoing to incoming chair.
- Planning for budget allocation.

**Alt. DCM (Alternate District Committee Member), Meghan R.**

I have nothing to report! Thank you.

**DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.**

**DCM REPORT: June 2025**

**NEW TO REPORT:**

I want to thank everyone who has been temporarily helping out with the Answering Service calls—it is very much appreciated!  
Hopefully, we will elect someone tonight to fill this role!

We are still looking for a place to host this meeting in August.

I am personally preparing to go to my very first international AA Convention (assuming they will let me into Canada ☐). If you are planning to go, let me know and we can hang out! Several Bozeman/Montanans will be speaking on panels at the International, which will be awesome to see!

**FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:**

1. Our September business meeting will be held in West Yellowstone at the Community Protestant Church 505 N. Electric St. in West Yellowstone. Saturday 3:30 pm -7:00 pm September 27th, 2025. Come early for the potluck (and bring a dish to share) from 3:30-4:30pm before the meeting

**NEWS FROM GSO:**

1. At the General Service Conference, it was decided that the General Service Board will continue office operations at 475 Riverside Drive in New York but will consolidate everything to the 11<sup>th</sup> floor (current operations are on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> floors). This will take 10-12 weeks, so during this time, no tours will be allowed, but phones and all other services will stay operational throughout the process.

**NEWS FROM AREA:**

1. Our Area Hotline chair, Lance, is looking for any volunteers who would be willing to help him as an alternate. He is overwhelmed with all the calls coming in. He did say that previously the Answering Service did not provide a location (where the call was coming from), so he asked them, and moving forward, they will let us know the District that the call is coming from.  
If anyone is interested in helping Lance out at the area level, you can email him at [area40hotline@gmail.com](mailto:area40hotline@gmail.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:**

<https://aamontana.org/calendar.php>

1. Monthly, every third Saturday, Area 40 Concepts Study at 10:30am
2. The AA International Convention is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 3-6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a Delegates Report on zoom
4. Our very own Delegates Report in Bozeman at Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> before this meeting...more info to come.

**Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needed information:**

**EMAIL:** [dcm72@aa-montana.org](mailto:dcm72@aa-montana.org) or [Lenore.maunz777@gmail.com](mailto:Lenore.maunz777@gmail.com)

**PHONE NUMBER:** (406) 599-4438

- Getting clarity on what Lance struggled with, call volume very high. Interested in an alternate, Tim says his experience was that the call volume is very high.
- Amy says you can attend International Conference for \$35 via Zoom.

Reminder: send all reports to Lila at [district72.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:district72.secretary@gmail.com)

PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS.

9. Immediate Business – for JUNE 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Elect Answering Service Chairperson - Meghan
  - Meghan read service description. Also this chair is required to attend the Area Assembly (Which is possible via Zoom).
  - Lenore nominates Wendy C, she say yes willing to stand.
  - Jake C willing to stand.
  - Wendy sobriety date Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Had sponsor whole time, sponsored others for last 6 years. Member of BtG, volunteer at GCDC, been to MCDC couple times. Been Answering service volunteer year and a half. Started women's group which disbanded but will likely start again.
  - Jake Sobriety December 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, wants to do more service. Got into service cause can't half ass AA! GSR of Not a Glum Lot. Is organized, techy, wants to gain more experience. (Got sense of room of if we are willing to waive sobriety requirement. Room sensed yes)

VOTE: 18 in room, 2 online (Wendy)  
2 in room, 0 online (Jake)

Wendy C is our new Answering Services Chair, thank you for being willing to stand Jake!

- Tim states remember anyone can still participate! Plenty of service opportunities.

10. Old Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Summer meetings outside of Bozeman (August) - are there any groups willing to host? – Lenore
  - Lila said didn't Manhattan people want to do it but internet was a problem? Bradley says we could run and test it, as long as they can get a WiFi connection which they could do via their phones (Or Tech Team could do) with a hotspot then would be good.
  - Note: I believe one of the Officers said they would reach out to Manhattan again but I apparently decided not to take notes on that.



- Excess District funds - (GSRs brought this back to their groups from last month.)  
Discussion re: how to spend them down – Tim
  - Tim suggests from AA Group pamphlet. Could use percentages from pamphlet as guidelines to send. Other option is split money and send it. Area 40 has been dipping into Prudent reserves needs it, could send \$1,000 to Area. GSO was also behind on rent. Believes GSO less in jeopardy than used to be cause lit sales have helped but still probably in need. Send \$574.69 to GSO.
  - Steven said let's make sure we spend it, suggests let's make sure we have funds for Grapevines and new hospital commitment. Don't tell groups to stop sending splits cause it's our responsibility to deal with funds but yes spend.
  - Bob states consider where we might need to use funds (roughly), interested in Grapevines into correction center.
  - Crystal said Pink Cloud supports Treasurer's judgement, reallocate more funds to Area and GSO for their splits.
  - Matthew says isn't a lack of spending of our budget why we have excess funds? Tim says chairs haven't been spending yes, also excess credit from GSO, and group contributions good. Yes spending for Lenore coming up, chairs haven't spent yet, but yes partially cause Chairs not yet spending.
  - Bradley says yes follow Treasurer split suggestion, members of Itching Hour mentioned that literature in jail is often quite low. Tim states clarify that unless Group specifies contribution is for Pink Can then it goes to Operating Balance. If group wants to they can send contributions straight to Pink Can.
  - Nora reads an email from Wednesday Noon group member that states that GSR's should be discussing why there's excess funds, extra money doesn't need to just be forwarded.
  - Tim clarifies that we are in excess of what guidelines recommend in bank account. We will still have what we need.
  - Amy asked if Lenore did check into Area and Lenore says there's been issues with Quickbooks so she wasn't able to get a solid answer other than that any help would be appreciated. Sounds like technical difficulties with Quickbooks. Amy also asks does what we spend for Pink Can still come out of credit? Tim says yes? Will talk to Bookkeeper!
  - Jax asks does Operating Budget include scholarships for Area Assembly? Meghan clarifies we have plenty of money, we are in a large excess of what we should have. Scholarships are discussed case by case. We would still have plenty within our budget even after sending \$1574.69.
  - Would still have ~\$7,000 after sending the ~\$1500 off.
  - Jake states there's a need for internet in rural areas (his group is online), could it be used for
  - **MOTION:** Matthew propose: Take suggestion from Treasurer to send off our excess funds in amount of \$1,000 to Area and \$574.69\* to GSO.  
20 in room in favor, 2 online, 0 opposed. **MOTION PASSES.**

#### 11. New Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

MOTION to close, yay (We closed at 6:10)

If you have items for next month's agenda, please email Meghan at: meghan.rauber1@gmail.com at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting date (when possible). Remember there is a form on the Area 40 District 72 mini site to help in writing agenda or discussion items

\*\*\*Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to: [area40.district72@gmail.com](mailto:area40.district72@gmail.com)

Next district meeting: 4:30 p.m., Sat. July 26, 2025. At Fellowship Hall, Bozeman (immediately following Delegate's report)

See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40 as well as current District information: <https://www.aa-montana.org/> Our District 72 mini site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

## 12. Close with: Responsibility Statement

*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."*