

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – May 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 5/31/25 4:30-6:30pm at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom.](#)
Link information below.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxQN0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09>

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 – Valerie K.
4. Read Concept Five:
Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
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 person 19 Online 3 = 22 total Quorum = 14

6. Approve last month's meeting minutes – Motioned to approve, all in favor

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.).*

Valerie K. (Bozeman Young People, Bozeman) – Business meeting first Tuesday. 10-15 in attendance at meetings. Working on new special event in addition to Kickball. Kickball in August/September.

Sue W. (Wednesday Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Average 17-18 people total, half in room half online.

Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group, Bozeman) – Attendance good, everything is great. Oct 11th is speaker event, Chris R will be here.

Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade) – Meet at Peace Lutheran. Attendance good. Lots of first step meetings. 20 or so every week, 5 or 6 of which are home group members.

Tanya W. (6th Chapter, Bozeman) – Decent crowd, depends on day. Speaker meeting 3rd Sunday of month, hoping to get more people coming,

Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) – Meeting Sat at 6pm. Been staying in double digits this past month for attendance, woohoo! Picked up a few people who like what we have and want more of it.

David K. (Tuesday at 8, Bozeman) – Same location at St. James but changed room. Right around corner off of Olive, same block. Been pulling 40ish for couple 3 months now.

Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman) – Been busy lately, getting hot in that little room. Meetings have been bigger. Nobody showed up to business meeting so growing pains. Lots of newcomers, please show up if you want to be helpful to newcomer.

Chopper B. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) – Attendance has been good, visitors coming for summer season. Young gentleman with 90 days, another lady in and out for years been at meetings for last couple weeks. Primary purpose to help still suffering alcoholic, biggest challenge to find detox for newcomers, open to suggestions.

Catherine J. (Hospital Group, Bozeman) – Meeting Sundays at 6pm at hospital, go through entrance 1 and make left. About 17 online, 10-12 in person so cool. GSR Susan has been active. Have birthday meeting last Sunday of month, business meeting is first Sunday of month at 5pm, before meeting.

Jerry (Belgrade Surrenders, Belgrade) – Meeting times. Have full house out there, 20+ plus, range days of sobriety to 30+years.

Dawn (Early Risers 11th Step, Bozeman) – Full meetings, is a hybrid meeting and meditation meeting. Don't always read AA approved lit, but always on prayer and meditation,

Teresa R. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman) – Noon Tues and Fri. Meetings going well, hybrid meeting.

Autumn W. (Friday Beginner's, Bozeman) – Speaker meeting with fifteen minute lead on early sobriety and first meeting of month is plain language book study. Usually around 40 people.

Jake C. (Not a Glum Lot, Online) – 10-12 people per night, lot of newcomers coming back, different format every night.

• Visitors: Your name & your home group.

Alex (Belgrade Surrenders)

Butch (Belgrade surrenders)

Caleb

Dennis S.

Michael

Kate H. (H.O.W.)

8. Introductions and Committee Reports 3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS

Treasurer, Tim K.

For more detail, please see full Treasurer's Report.

Current Bank Balance as of 5/23/25: \$9,583.50

Total Income: \$1,546.57
Total Expenses: \$15.56
Current Operating Balance: \$4,996.57

See attached Quick Books reports for reporting period 4/20/2025-5/23/2025 which shows all income and expenses for this period, YTD vs. Budget. Any questions or concerns please reach out to me. **District 72 contributions remains the same mailing address: PO Box 1538, Bozeman Mt. 59771-1538**, *make checks payable to District 72 and specify in memo if pink can contribution or Group 7th Tradition contribution or Literature purchases PLEASE.

To Contribute to Area 40 send contributions to Area 40
Inc. P.O. Box 43, Billings Mt. 59103.

To contribute to G.S.O. send contributions to General Service Board P.O. Box
2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.

Please Print a copy off for the District meeting on 5/31/25 as we will not have copies available since we now have multiple page reports. If you are signed up to receive emails from District 72 you will receive a copy in your email.

We are paid up YTD to GSO for all Literature orders, however on further investigation I found out we had \$1,666.20 in credit due to overpayments and I had them apply the YTD open invoices to the credit and we now have a balance credit for literature to GSO of \$630.52, as of 4/19/25.

Thank you for
allowing me to serve,

Tim K-District 72
Treasurer.

Answering Service, Dustin G.

Absent, has become unable to serve. Read on in New Business, discuss electing new Answering Services Chair.

Archives, Joanne M. (Lenore read report)

- Meeting minutes and treasurer's reports are posted on the D72 mini website for 2019. We now have a complete library from 2019 to present. I'll continue to work on this but for now I think we're in good shape.
- Areas Archives will be focusing on:
setting up the Archives account with the D72 Google Workspace, forming a committee of helpers, and old timers interviews.
I have not spoken to the Area 40 Archive yet.
- Another project I think will be useful to the district is to create a running document of all motions D72 has passed. This can be used for quick easy & accurate reference when our memories can't recall exactly what a past motion said or if a motion was even passed about an agenda item.
My home group did this, and I think we would benefit from this also. It will expedite searching back through meeting minutes. Motions can be looked up

during discussions in our meetings and help resolve any memory lapse we have.

The document would start with the most current motions, working backwards in years.

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

Hello District 72!

This month, the CPC Committee was involved in a variety of things.

With Al-Anon, brought a presentation to about 20 MSU Nursing students to help them understand how Alcoholics Anonymous works, to hear the stories from 2 A.A. members, clear up their questions and clarify how to find us. Major thank you to our speakers, Doreen M and Thomas O. I was lucky enough to meet one of those students who attended an open meeting last week and she told me how much she learned at the presentation, as well as by attending a real meeting. I felt like the work we doing in the community really matters.

Continued working with the Big Sky group to bring a couple of meetings into the 4-day conference the Montana Institute is hosting in Big Sky. Their agenda is very full, and the conference coordinators wanted to ensure that their attendants would be able to keep up with meetings as they have their conference. We may see more and more of this in the future; apparently, it is becoming a trend among certain types of organizations who host conferences. I also want to thank Luanne T from Big Sky who is working with the conference host and the Big Sky groups to ensure that the hand of A.A. will be there for their attendees.

We worked with the CPC Chair of Area 40 to create a new business card that Area 40 could enable Montana districts could use if we want to. The card makes it easy to find our meetings, the Hotline number and reminds professionals how and why A.A. works so well for people who have a desire not to drink. We may try out some of these cards next month.

With Al-Anon, we are planning to do a first-time event with Love INC on June 13th, from 11:30 – 1:00 pm. We continued discussing our presentation approach and identified speakers from AA for the event who have accepted.

A number of other events are in the earlier stages of planning for later this year. Our committee is a pretty exciting place to serve A.A. right now! More participants are always welcome. **Our next meeting will be June 28th at 2:30 via Zoom.** Contact me for details.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Betty M, CPC Chair, District 72

- Jax wants to help! Betty invites them to next CPC meeting.

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Hello District 72! My name is Bob, I am an alcoholic and your district Grapevine and LaVina rep. I don't really have anything to report except that I am just a little upset. When the Hulk goes on a rampage and destroys everything he's "incredible " but when I do it I'm an alcoholic. C'mon, read the Grapevine! There's actually a lot more than just jokes in there! Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob C.

Literature, Steven R.

Good evening District 72!

I made four sales this month totalling \$405.31 in sales. One invoice for backordered Spanish-language stock totaled \$56.40.

I have not yet completed a detailed inventory of our stocks (my May was a bit crazier than expected), but we are well stocked on most in-demand items.

If you have any specific questions, please let me know. Orders from placement to delivery have been taking about two weeks so please keep that in mind if you have any specific requests. The best way to request inventory is to email me at Steven.Ranney@gmail.com. Texts and phone calls work of course but emailing is my preferred method.

Have a great June and thanks for letting me serve.

Steven R.

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

PI Report: The committee met on 5/30/25, 9 members showed up. As group members were delivering, a couple address changes were noted. We will be revisiting high traffic areas again soon to restock schedules for the month of June. Valerie volunteered to be the speaker seeker for the warming center meeting.

Please let me know if you have any changes that need to be made because I will be putting in next quarter's order soon.

In service,
Ashley H.

- Amy asks when best time to report a change in meeting schedule would be. Online changes are made immediately, new paper schedules coming new quarter (July)
- David says it would be appreciated if GSRs can share need for speakers for Warming Center meeting (note: Valerie also volunteered to be speaker seeker for warming center meeting)

Special Events, Amy K.

Hi District 72,

Nothing much to report. Delegates' report will be on July 26th before the regular district meeting. I will get a flyer and more info for the meeting in June.

Amy K.

- Amy is going to spend EVERY CENT of her budget.

Bridging the Gap, Nelson H.

Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 45 since start of January and 8 in month of May

- 5 identified their gender as female, 3 as male
- 2 matched with a temporary contact, 4 others have not because the date of release is unknown
- 6 from detention center, 2 from treatment facilities

BTG volunteers

- It might be beneficial to have a few more volunteers in Bozeman itself, so there are a few more people to call on
- At last Corrections and Treatment Committee meeting we discussed the merits of establishing a separate sub-committee for BTG, perhaps something for the new chair to consider

BTG Outreach Workshop

- Dennis, Jake and Michael attended this event in Dillon on May 17
- Dennis was a speaker on the panel
- All three said it was fantastic to have attended and had the chance to network with other BTG volunteers from other districts

Chair stepping down

Today I hand over to the new BTG chair, who will be elected at this meeting. I'd like to thank District 72 for allowing me to be of service in this role. I wish you all the very best and hope to be back to visit someday. Please feel free to look me up if you're heading to Aotearoa New Zealand. Until then, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou, e noho rā <3

- Round of applause, thank you for your service Nelson!

Corrections, Tony B

- 1) reminding all volunteers to please abide by all rules set forth for visiting to a specific institute (i.e. Gallatin County Detention Center).
- 2) would like to request more literature, specifically SOFTCOVER 12/12, it beats sitting in a cell, inmate to inmate.
- 3) trying to get grapevine/la-vina for each pod.
- 4) corrections/BTG/treatment meets on the second Monday of each month at 5PM.

Thank you

Tony

- Nelson asks about bringing hardcover books in ok? Tony says no, they prefer soft cover books. Nelson also asks can we wear shorts to knee? There's confusion, but Tony says he believes it's only pants.
- Lenore clarifies knees to shorts are ok and we are allowed to bring our own personal copy of hardcover book but not give them out. However remember that rules can change quickly. Lenore asks that if Tony could get updated list of rules for stuff.

- Tim states that yes it is important to respect rules of institution. AA/We have been kicked out of places like MCDC, State prison etc. because of not respecting facility's rules so please respect those.
- Ashley asks when next orientation is, Tony believes the date just passed. Tony also has applications for Men's prison.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

MCDC treatment report for the Month of May:

The men and women side of the center had a great turnout of inpatient participants!!!

Volunteers for both sides were able to attend and be of service carrying the message.

We are looking for new volunteers for a new program starting in September at the hospital here in Bozeman that is an inpatient dual diagnosis center.

Please contact me for more information.

Rebekah

- Rebekah notes don't wear hats or bring cell phones into MCDC

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.

States quick update that we ordered and got debit cards. Whenever you're ready to move forward with pre-approved district purchases those can be moved forward (like Google Workspace). Also Area Webmaster Alex M. needs a better flyer for the Big Sky Event, wants to know if anyone can get him a better flyer.

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: May 2025

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi Fam!

I got to attend the Spring Roundup in Great Falls. I was happy to see some fellow Bozeman folks there! As I was leaving Great Falls on Sunday, I promptly got a flat tire, followed by a flat donut tire, followed by a lug nut getting stuck on. I had 3 different cars pull over to help me- two of them were fellow Bozeman AA people. What a gift to get that perspective shift! Thanks to AA and AA members, I realized that it was not a "poor me" situation, it was an "AA members scooped me up, helped me, took care of me, and eventually gave me a ride home" situation. Another one of the unexpected, originally unwanted gifts of AA and of showing up in the AA service structure.

I saw Lance W. (our Area 40 Hotline Chair) at the Roundup and he said that any missed calls for District 72 will temporarily get routed to me until we elect a new Answering Service Chair.

I sent emails out to contacts that I have for Big Sky, Gallatin Gateway, Gardiner, Manhattan, and West Yellowstone to ask about potentially hosting these District business meetings during the summer months of June, August, and September. So far, I have gotten responses from Mikel in West Yellowstone and Brian in Manhattan. Both are going to ask their groups and find out about a reliable WIFI connection, then get back to me. I haven't heard anything back from anyone else I reached out to yet.

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

1.

NEWS FROM GSO:

1.

NEWS FROM AREA:

1.

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar: <https://aa-montana.org/calendar.php>

1. Weekly virtual Plain Language Book study every Wednesday at 6pm
2. Monthly, every third Saturday, Area 40 Concepts Study at 10:30am
3. There are 3 different Founders Day campouts on June 6-8 in different locations- each of these are on the Area 40 calendar of events.
4. The AA International Convention is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from July 3-6th.
5. Our very own Delegates Report in Bozeman at Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 26th before this meeting...more info to come.

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

EMAIL: dcm72@aa-montana.org or Lenore.maunz777@gmail.com

- Amy stated that Plain Languge book study is no longer happening.

Reminder: send all reports to Lila at district72.secretary@gmail.com

PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS.

COMMENTS.

9. Immediate Business – for MAY 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR

QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Elect Bridging the Gap Chairperson - Meghan
 - Michael volunteers. Sobriety is 5 months sober, been working with Nelson Current chair. Attended seminar. Attending corrections meetings.
 - Tim motions to waive suggested sobriety, seconded
 - Tim motions to elect Michael and Nelson seconds.
 - David offers to yes keep and eye on Michael!
 - Jake voices support.

Motion: To waive the sobriety requirement/suggestion of one year and vote Michael S in as Bridging the Gap Chair by acclimation: 23 yes in room, 3 yes online = 26 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

MOTION PASSES

- Elect Spring 2027 Roundup Chair - Meghan
 - Tim willing to be co chair, as he has been Roundup Chair before
 - Catherine willing to stand. Nov 27 1999, Coffee making, GSR, PI Chair, Homegroup treasurer, chair. In District has been speaker chair for 2009 Roundup. Treatment Chair at District Level, DCM. Has enthusiasm!

Motion: To vote Catherine J in as the Spring 2027 Roundup Chair by acclimation: 23 in room in favor, 2 yes online = 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

MOTION PASSES

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

- Summer meetings outside of Bozeman (June, August, September) - groups willing to host - Lenore
 - Lenore has confirmed West Yellowstone in September ok, Brian in Manhattan got back to her, they don't have a location with the internet requirements for Online portion. Do we have any suggestions/volunteers for June hosting?
 - Betty asks if anyone has reached out to Luane in Big Sky, Lenore has reached out to two contacts in Big Sky, not gotten an apparent yes or no. Betty will reach out to Luane T. about June or August.
 - Meghan points out probably can't do June unless someone in room right now can do it for communication sake.
 - Tim reaches out to Chopper and says Ennis is interested in hosting in August

- Motion: To have September District 72 business meeting in West Yellowstone: In room 23 in favor, 2 online in favor = 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

MOTION PASSES

- Bradley note: Tech committee is able to run hybrid off of a mobile hotspot so it could be possible to host where the WiFi is not available.

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

- Discuss electing new Answering Service Chairperson.
 - (Note: I don't recall who but I do know it was said that we should give time for groups to know we are electing new Answering Services Chair. It may have been me that said it.)

- Motion: Lenore motions to elect new answering service chairperson at June D72 Business Meeting.

22 approve in person, 2 online = 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 0
abstain

MOTION PASSES

*Please share with groups that we are going to be electing a new
Answering Services Chair

- Lenore states current issue is we don't have a list of volunteers for calls, made a list to sign up as she has been getting the calls forwarded to her (pretty sure)
- Tim states as past chair person, we could email out a sign up sheet to be contact for Answering Service Chair to people in District
- Autumn asks does it come up on phone as Hotline? Tim says yes if the Hotline number is in your phone.

- Discussion regarding spending excess funds currently held in the District bank account - Tim K.
 - We have quite a bit of money in our account. Spending plan is ~\$13,000. We are halfway through year and only spent about \$3,000. Purchases of literature are up and sales are down. If District has more than equivalent of Prudent Reserve amount (\$3,283.88) in Operating Balance (\$4,996.57) then we need to decide what to do with excess money. (Note: For clarity, this means that once our Operating Balance exceeds \$3,283.88 then we have to have this conversation). We are over by about \$1,700. GSR's please take back to groups to ask for suggestions unless we decide today (Spoiler: We did not decide today). Tim states A40 is strapped for cash, Area is close to their Prudent Reserve right now, GSO as well. Lenore expenses coming up as well as Tech Committee expenses.
 - Bradley asks what's goal for bringing balance down to? To less than having equivalent of prudent reserve in our operating balance (so less than \$3,283.88).
 - Lenore echoes that Area had to dip into prudent reserve already in recent past.
 - Steven suggests we set a deadline for what to do with excess amount due to past of conversation lasting very long time without action. Based on his experience.
 - David asks about how much Tech committee plans to spend. Bradley states off top of head about \$200, Meghan and Tim state that's in budget and we are discussing excess finances.
 - Amy asks about actual financial status of GSO and Area, Lenore will find out.
 - Tim states even if we suddenly spend a bunch with chairs, it will be ok. We can reach out to groups for more contributions if we dip low. (Note: Our total balance is \$9,583.50. Our Operating Balance is our Balance minus Prudent Reserve, Pink Can Reserve, and Accessibility Reserve).
 - Meghan asks for suggested value to spend. Tim says maybe 1000 to GSO, 2000 to Area.
 - Matthew asks if Lenore hears from A40 Treasurer to let GSR's know quickly
 - Tim suggests getting that info and sending out to groups in general.
 - Betty admits she hasn't spent any of her budget yet but that CPC Committee is quite active. Asks what is needed for chair person
 - Tim clarifies for Betty her budget.

Motion to adjourn, yes

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

Next district meeting: 4:30 p.m., Sat. June 28, 2025. At Fellowship Hall in Bozeman (2165 Durston Road)

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."