# Area 40 - District 72 Agenda - April 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: <u>Saturday 4/26/25 4:30-6:30pm</u> at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom. Link information below.

Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxQN0pXNIV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09

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
- 3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions Tanya
- 4. Read Concept Four:

At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- 5. Establish quorum 16 in room, 3 online = 19 total. QUORUM = 13
- 6. Approve last month's meeting minutes Approved (unanimous)
- 7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors: 3 MINUTE TIMER FOR GSR REPORTS

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.).
- **Tanya W.** (6<sup>th</sup> Chapter, Bozeman) Smaller group, love support. Speaker meeting third Sunday of month. Little group but fun! Come check us out.
- Maurice W. (Friday Noon Men's, Bozeman) Friday Men's and Thursday Big Book study are both at Peace of Christ. Fridays always have cookies and donuts. Thursday working on getting Phil to bring more cookies.
- **David K. (Tuesday at 8, Bozeman)** Meet at St. James 30-40 people at meetings on Tuesday nights. Have not yet overused the meeting space, gotten close. Anyone is welcome any time.
- **Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman)** Meet Fri Sat Sun nights at Hall at 9pm in south room. Regular attendance 8-20 people, meeting going well. Big meetings last week. 6,7,8 homegroup members right now, most able to make business meeting.
- Mike S. (West Yellowstone Group, West Yellowstone) Wednesday and Sunday meetings, Sunday is Big Book study. Is new GSR. Doing great in West Yellowstone, regular attendance 10-15 people. Up to 25 in summer with tourists. Stay steady in Winter with 10-15 people.
- Chopper B. (Venice Over the Hill, Ennis) Meetings going well. Mon Wed Fri nights 7:30. Wed night in Jeffers. Tues at 9am. Sunday 10am. Weather

- getting better and fishing is good so we invite you to come check it out and participate. Primary purpose to help still suffering alcoholic, biggest challenge is finding detox for newcomers. Thanks again to Tim for moderating, moving on to the next steps in going over inventory.
- **Susan H. (Hospital Group, Bozeman)** 915 Highland Boulevard, Entrance 1. Bozeman Health Entrance 1. Bitterroot entrance.
- **Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade)** Meet Sunday at 5 at Peace Lutheran in Belgrade. 6 or 7 in homegroup. About 10-20 people in meetings. Contributions increasing steadily. Reading big book first step meetings for new people.
- Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) Meet Sat at 6. Turnout 5-10 people at meetings. Lots of returnees. Small group but close. Come join, don't need to be LGBTQ+.
- Betty M. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman) Meets every Tuesday and Fri at noon in Bozeman. Hybrid. Considering changing what it is we do on Fridays. Considering doing a BB thing with stories or meeting based on Plain Language book. Love to have you if interested in attending.
- Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group, Bozeman) Meeting times. HOW Group sent him to Assembly. Giving him so much experience! So cool. Very service oriented, by the book. Oct 11 Chris R from Texas will be here. As follow up on considerations, keeping Sunday speaker meeting for now as it is. May at some point make some changes.
- Nora D. (Wednesday Noon Group, Bozeman) Exploded to over 40 people last couple weeks, Small homegroup. As always could use more homegroup members.
- **Autumn H. (Friday Beginners, Bozeman)** Meet Friday in this room at 6pm. 3 weeks of month do a speaker meeting, with early sobriety focus. Last Fri doing Plain Language Book meeting that's been going well.
- **Dez R. (Early Risers, Bozeman)** 25-30 people in meeting, outgrowing kitchen room. Read from AA approved and non approved meditation material. Also planning Frank Johnson memorial camping trip.
- Catherine J. (Not a Glum Lot, Online Only) Meets 7 days a week at 9pm Mountain Time. 13 active group members and celebrate birthdays last Saturday of month. All are welcome to attend, lots of newcomers, need more people to attend. Next service meeting is Tuesday May 13 at 8pm.
- Visitors: Your name & your home group.
   Russel V. (H.O.W. Group)
   Michael
- 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 4/19/25: \$8,052.49

Total Income: \$1,087.37 Total Expenses: \$1,336.90

Current Operating Balance: \$3,595.56

See attached Quick Books reports for reporting period 3/23/2025-4/19/2025 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 money or Group contribution.

Please Print a copy off for the District meeting on 4/26/25 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Tim K – District 72 Treasurer

- David K says thank you to Tim, Treasurer is hard job and we appreciate you.

#### Answering Service, Dustin G.

Absent, no report.

#### Archives, Joanne M.

- I have been continually working on the task of organizing archive materials from past years, making sure we have hard copies of meeting minutes and treasurers reports on file, and in addition scanning and uploading what is missing on the D72 mini website. I'll be sending the webmaster some files to post soon.
- Right now doing this kind of archive work fits with my schedule as I've been traveling a
  lot due to some family obligations. In the future I plan to form an archives committee
  and expand into other areas such as old timer interviews, and anything else the
  committee would like to dive into.
- I will not be able to make next month's meeting, not even on Zoom. I will have a volunteer give my report.
- A reminder for GSRs please email me any flyers for group events so they can be added to the archives files. Send to: Fimonastiere@yahoo.com Thank you.
  - Tim says Rick is Area Archivist. Rick says someone in his committee is really interested in Old Timer interviews. Asks Joanne if she can reach out to Rick about that. Reminisces about old timers.
  - Joanne says Nelson interviewed Dennis and it has been transcribed.
  - Tim say is it accessible? How to listen?
  - Joanne yes how should we do it? Maybe we could do it using the Google Workspace domain? But not there yet. Tech committee nods.

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

Hello District 72!

The CPC Committee has been working on organizational things as well as event planning activities for professionals.

Organizationally, we are working on expanding our team member coverage so that we have a local CPC presence in areas like Livingston and Ennis/Virginia City, etc. A couple of people have volunteered and we look forward to them joining us soon. Which reminds me, we would love to have more people on the team. My prayer is that things will continue heating up, and more members, especially from varied communities in D72, would be incredible.

Additionally, we continued scrubbing our CPC contacts to update the list of professionals we have on record. Discussed adding school counselors/school board contacts as a possible opportunity. We will use our local resources in the communities to help us to find the best potential contacts for us to work with to communicate with the professionals in those areas.

We agreed that we do need and want to create a new business card for CPC and have been working with the global CPC/PI committee and the Area 40 CPC chair on prototypes.

I reached out to the Bozeman mayor and have asked him to have a cup of coffee with me to talk about AA, and how we can be helpful to the professionals who work with alcoholics in D72. I'm hopeful that we will be able to get some contacts for our continued work in Bozeman area. I also reached out to the MSU Nursing students to keep our contact strong.

We are planning to do a first-time event with Love INC on June  $13^{th}$ , from 11:30-1:00 pm. We continued discussing our presentation approach and identified speakers from AA for the event who have accepted. Al-Anon has been contacted and is determining whether they will be able to participate in this event with us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve D72 in this capacity.

Betty M, CPC Chair, District 72

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

Hello District 72,

I would like to lighten you up with a joke. —Joke- Grapevine is so much more than just jokes with a lot of great stories and articles. If anyone is not familiar with the Grapevine, please feel free to grab a copy from the display in the hallway. I would love to re-stock the display if they start moving!

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Bob C.

#### Literature, Steven R. (Lila read report)

Hello District 72!

I'm sorry I can't be there in person this afternoon. I'm taking a Wilderness First Aid class this weekend and we won't break for the day until 5pm.

Savannah D has officially transitioned out of Lit and Savannah and Amy have been helpful in getting me up to speed.

Lot sales were healthy this month, totaling \$1121.69. Some of these orders were from before I had taken over. These sales were primarily Big Books, Plain Language Big Books, and copies of 12 and 12s that we previously had in stock. I made and received one order to replenish our inventory from GSO for \$716.84 and will verify our inventory this coming week.

Please direct any questions or orders to <a href="mailto:steven.ranney@gmail.com">steven.ranney@gmail.com</a>. This is my preferred communication method through which to receive orders but of course I am happy to receive a text message or phone call.

Thanks and happy Saturday —

Steven R.

### PI (Public Information), Ashley H. (Lila read report)

Seven members of the dedicated and wonderful PI Committee met in early April. 1000 schedules were banded and collected so we could distribute to 42 locations around District 72.

Two new group members were added later and they helped with mailing schedules and delivering.

I spoke with Hannah from the Warming Center. She actually runs the Drop In Center that is connected with HRDC. I was unfamiliar with what a drop in center does and she was very helpful in answering my questions. Essentially, the drop in center is an agency that provides support or resources to people who might be experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, substance use difficulties and the like. They will be moving to a new location in the fall once the building next to the Fork & Spoon/HRDC building is complete. Having volunteers to speak at the recovery meetings has been a valuable resource to people in our community that might be struggling with addiction and is a group she would like to continue to offer.

GSR's: let me know if you have anyone interested in speaking and I will add them to the list. Warming Center meetings will be held May 7th and May 21st at noon.

Hannah said once the new building is complete, they will have dedicated space that will be separate from the Warming Center. She would eventually like to welcome a regular AA group to use this space so meetings can be held there on a recurring basis.

Let me know if you need updated meeting schedules or have changes that need to be made, I would be happy to link up with you. Or you could snag them from the hall and we'll restock those.

I have other items on my to do list and am hoping to get back to it once my voice and energy return. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

- David says we need people to show up for service speaking. In case you don't know a lot of the homeless people have been getting moved over to Warming Center area, big influx of people.

#### Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District 72,

Not much to report. The next special event will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> before the District meeting. We will hear from Lisa our Delegate about all the info she heard about while she was in New York. We will hear her report, have some food and play some sort of game to have some fun. I will get the word out when I have more details.

After that we will have 2 more events and I am open to suggestions if anyone has any. Valerie had mentioned she would have liked to have done something with literature so I may talk to our new literature chair (Steven) and see what we can come up with.

I was thinking for sure one event when we combine the November and December district meeting, it would be something holiday themed. I am just not sure about when would be a good time to have the other event, it would have to be August, September, or October so let me know if anyone has any suggestions.

Thank You Amy K.

#### Bridging the Gap, Nelson H.

### Chair stepping down

Nelson is leaving Bozeman in June, so May is their final month in the role. It would be great to appoint a new Chair at today's meeting so Nelson can help them learn the role before leaving Montana. It would also be great for the new Chair to attend the BTG Outreach Workshop on May 17 in Dillon with Dennis and Nelson.

#### Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 36 since start of January and 9 in month of April

- 6 identified their gender as female, 3 as male
- 5 matched with a temporary contact, 2 passed to Billings BTG Chair
- 3 from detention center, 6 from treatment facilities

#### BTG volunteers

- Great response from everyone contacted, makes the job easy
- Several people have provided feedback once contact has been established
- No one has followed up as yet as to what happened after that (e.g. went to a meeting together)

# Updated material

- Chair has updated BTG meeting blurb (what we read in detention or correctional facility meetings so people know there's support on the outside to help them stay sober) to be more concise and more plain speak
- Big thanks to Corrections Committee member Dennis and especial thanks to committee member Jennifer for review and suggestions
- See Appendix 1 for new version

#### **BTG Outreach Workshop**

Outreach Workshop to allow BTG chairs and anyone else who is interested from across Area 40 to meet and share experiences, successes and challenges with participating in the program

- Takes place on May 17 in Dillon, 12-5pm
- District 72 BTG chair is part of the committee bringing the event together, including shared lunch
- Includes speaker panel comprised of people with both BTG volunteer and participant experience, Dennis S from District 72 will be one of the speakers
- All welcome, see Appendix 2 for flyer (Lila attached to email)

#### Appendix 1

#### **Bridging the Gap**

Stay sober on the outside with the support of AA

Our experience of sobriety suggests that you've got a better chance of staying sober when you stay close to Alcoholics Anonymous after release.

Bridging the Gap will connect you with a human attending AA on the outside who can either take you to a meeting or meet you there, ideally on the day you get out. They'll also introduce you to other AA members and make sure you have a meetings schedule.

The person assigned to you is a volunteer and the AA support they offer you is free. They'll respect your confidentiality and won't disclose that you've been in detention.

You may ask this person any questions you have about sobriety, including how to join a home group and get a sponsor to take you through the 12 steps.

Your AA volunteer will contact you so that once you have phone or email, you'll already have their information and can also contact them.

Staying sober with the help of the AA program has given us "a new freedom and a new happiness" \*. We want the same for you, so fill out the Bridging the Gap request form and give it to your meeting facilitator\*\*.

\*From the Ninth Step Promises, Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, p84

\*\*Facilitators: email or text BTG request forms to the BTG Chair.

#### Corrections, Tony B

2025-04-26 Corrections Report

- 1. We DID NOT meet in April. My apologies, Tony B was traveling for work, didn't have wifi/skype connection.
- 2. We WILL MEET the second Monday of the month (May 12<sup>th</sup>) at 5PM in the smaller room used for OA.
- 3. We have requests for more 12-by-12 for GCDC.
- 4. The next full (3 hour) orientation for GCDC is May 8th 5:00-8:00 pm.

- 5. Mailing address for Montana State Prison: Terrie T., RAC Coordinator, 500 Conley Lake Rd, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
  - Meghan asks for May 8<sup>th</sup> orientation, do we need to already have fingerprinting and stuff done? He says yes. She says is it too late?
  - Tony suggests getting the paperwork and appointment as soon as possible, the speed the jail can move varies. Likely not able to get in before this May 8<sup>th</sup> but still suggested yes fill it out cause it's a black box once it leaves his hands.

#### Treatment, Rebekah P. (Lila read report)

MCDC treatment Chair Report:

There were 2 female patients who attended the meeting and asked questions about AA and the 12 Step program.

The men had 15 in attendance for their meeting.

Three men, as well as three women volunteered to help carry the message.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully I request the secretary share my report if I am not able to attend this afternoon.

Rebekah

## Technology, Brian S.

This is Brian's last District Meeting attended as chair. Stay tuned and you will find that we elected a new Tech Chair to take over.

Lila forgot to remind Brian to send his report in but he was there and he gave it.

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

Bozeman hosting Spring Roundup in 2027 Kacie 90% sure. Try to elect Roundup chair two years in advance. Next month we need to elect a Roundup Chair. Position description in D72 Guidelines through mini site. Let Meghan know if you need help finding it. May also be electing BTG Chair next month as well if we don't fill that tonight (we did not fill that tonight).

# DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: April 2025

#### **NEW TO REPORT:**

Hi Fam!

I got to attend the Area Assembly in Great Falls. I was joined by Jax, Chopper, Paul, Joanna, Matthew, Nora, Tanya, and Pat along with all of the Area 40 trusted servants from our very own District 72 (we have a lot of them!) and our Delegate, Lisa. I got to give my very first DCM report at the microphone. I (once again) ran out of time. I think I will finally take the suggestion of others to time myself beforehand <3

I am assigned to the Area 40 finance committee (and am a voting member) for this rotation. I had an awesome experience attending this committee meeting. I learned a lot and can confirm that we are in good hands with our Area treasurer Lynne. Currently, money is tight for Area 40. We needed to dip into the Area prudent reserve to cover the costs of this Spring Assembly. So, GSR's, please bring this information to your groups and if your groups can afford to increase splits or send additional money to Area, that would be greatly appreciated!

I took notes regarding the agenda items that were discussed that are separate (they should've gone out with this report). If you have any questions, please ask!

#### **FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:**

1. If anyone is interested in the background information on the General Service Conference agenda items or the Area 40 agenda items that were discussed at the Assembly, here is that information: Area Dashboard:

https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard
Username: dashboardPassword: xwPa4Sky

#### **NEWS FROM GSO:**

1.

#### **NEWS FROM AREA:**

1. See the note above about the financial needsof Area 40.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS:See all events on Area 40 calendar:** <a href="https://aa-montana.org/calendar.php">https://aa-montana.org/calendar.php</a>

- 1. Weekly virtual Plain Language Book study every Wednesday at 6pm
- 2. Monthly, every third Saturday, Area 40 Concepts Study at 10:30am
- 3. Treatment-Corrections workshop in Helena on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm
- 4. Bridging the Gap workshop in Missoula on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm
- 5. The Spring Round-Up in Great Falls, May 2-4
- 6. CPC workshop in Billings on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-1:30pm

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

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

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

<u>PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS.</u>

- 9. Immediate Business for APRIL 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

   None
  - 10. Old Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS
    - District Debit card Meghan

Reminder: District voted to get a District Debit card connected to our bank accounts for variety of reasons, like to have one on file for technology subscriptions, or for officers so they don't have to front the costs of AA service (like DCM hotel costs). District decided yes to card. However, we learned at Bank that for debit card there has to be an individual's name on it. So we brought back to District whether we need to amend motion for name or change, scrap idea all together. If anyone has thoughts or whatever please come forward.

- Bradley asks if there's any bank guidance?
- Meghan says that any of the signers on account can get a debit card.
- Bradley asks if any thoughts on who would need one?
- Meghan states we discussed makes most sense to have Lenore's name on it.
- Lenore asks does she need to make all of the purchases then if her name on it?
- Jax asks shouldn't Treasurer keep card with all other papers? Keep sign out sheet so whoever uses it is kept eyes on?
- Meghan points out yes that's what the original motion was.
- Tim says no problem with whose name is on it. But if the vendors "follow the rules" (like checking name) then we can't use it unless it's Lenore doing the spending. May make it so only Lenore is able to be using it. Though agrees that makes sense it's DCM with name. Nelson echoed Tim's opinion.
- Bradley agrees yes if they use name then could be issue but the PIN is supposed to be the advantage and acts as stand in ID, since vendors usually don't look at it anyway. PIN is the point.
- Michael asks what about a pre paid card? Refillable?
- Amy thinks it's a terrible idea to have a debit card, can just do checks or something. Feels refillable card is a good idea.
- Bradley states some of the technology the District wants to use requires the use of a debit card. Not certain if a refillable or prepaid card would work for that, suspects refillable card wouldn't work for those subscriptions due to nature of it.
- Meghan clarifies District already passed motion to get a debit card. So we either amend previous motion and determine name for card or annihilate the motion.
- Lenore says she wants to clarify that a debit card wouldn't affect her credit. Answer is no it would not affect her credit.
- Autumn asks don't lots of businesses have debit card without specific name? Could we have two different debit cards with two different names? Meghan clarifies yes we could have up to 3.
- Nelson says PIN yes ok but still probably nervous about getting asked name on card. Could person with debit card just get cash for the traveling person who needs it?
- Matthew asks is Lenore ok with her name on it? Second why not have two debit cards? Take pressure off one person to do all, might not be big deal to get new cards each rotation.
- Lenore states she is willing but a bit uncomfortable. Would prefer if she wasn't the only one with a card.
- Bradley states yes Lenore can opt out. We do have other people available to have names.
- Amy asks how have we been paying for Zoom so far?
- Bradley says with a personal card that was used to open it, trying to get this off of that original card.
- Lenore states more we talk about this, wonders could we do DCM and one of the Technology people?

- Meghan states that would be a separate motion cause Tech person would need to be authorized signer on bank account.
- David says his own homegroup experience, Banks consider AA a separate entity. Doesn't matter the person who signed up, the account is assigned to AA. His homegroup has experience, nobody should feel personally liable for name on card, Ended up using name of person doing events and technology roles not an officer. Alleviate worry of what if things go wrong. Monthly meeting of discussing this was good accountability.
- Bradley motions:

Proceed with amending previous motion about debit cards, amending it to include two cards with names of DCM and Alt DCM on each card.

17 yes in room, 5 online yes.

Opposed 1 in room, 1 online

Abstention 2 in room, 0 online

Minority opinion Betty. Echoed Amy's sentiment, same opinion about not liking debit card idea. (No change or desire to re-vote)

#### **MOTION PASSED**

• Request for meetings during a conference in Big Sky 6/17 - 6/20 - Lenore

Email from A40 Webmaster. Basically there's a professional conference of health professionals in Big Sky in June (NOT an AA conference). A woman in it is wondering if we could have AA people there for potential meetings. It's Montana Summer Institute 4 Day conference for prevention professionals. Working on safety issues include substance abuse, suicide and more. Professionals come to conference after having experience with issues. Has some proposed times for conference.

- Betty question. So people attending this conference coming from around country? And considered CPC professionals? Who is attending, is it only the professionals or are meetings open to anyone? Is it PI then? Should we have Ashley or Betty or A40 Karon take a look at it? Seems to be in CPC/PI wheelhouse.
- Tim says feels like it's tradition violations. Looked online, there's 5 meetings a week in Big Sky where the thing is happening. Doesn't think it's necessarily what AA does is go to things where alcoholism is being discussed and meetings.
- Bob says they don't need permission to have a meeting right? Are they just looking for people to show up if they have a meeting? Can't they just do it?
- Lenore says she personally agrees with what Tim said, not really what we do in AA. Listed meeting times are options. Trying to make it work within conference structure. The Asking Lady is open to our suggestions.
  - Bradley asks are they asking for meetings? Or representation of our fellowship?
- Lenore says they're asking for meetings in case someone attending wants to attend a meeting.
- Bradley states it's yeah not what we do to do Ad Hoc meetings for people who ask. But CPC/PI does do the representing thing with professionals and public.
- Betty states she'd love to be able to have a conversation with this person to figure out what they want, who they are and then bring that back to the District. Hates idea of saying no to people asking for help instead of a yes if it's a qualified yes. Not clear on what it is they want.
- Catherine asks have we established who to talk to about local meeting there? Lenore said that's been a challenge, Catherine knows people there.

- Nora states based on who is attending, would be a good CPC thing.
- Lenore is totally fine with passing this off to CPC PI. Take it away!
- Betty says she will talk to Ashley and Karon, thank you.

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

- Elect new Technology Chair to begin serving in May or June 2025 Meghan
  - Meghan qualifies serving time, through 2026 and person would be eligible to run for a full two years after still if desired. [Read position description]
  - Bradley nominates Russell V (online)
  - Russell is willing to stand.
- July 17<sup>th</sup> 2000 sobriety. Intergroup chair in Memphis as well as midtown group. (Had another service position). Chaired lots of meetings, cleaning ashtrasy brooms coffee cups. Has strong background in IT.
  - Tim motions we vote him in by acclimation.

    All in favor, Russell V will be new Technology Chair.
- Summer meetings do we want to hold our District meeting somewhere else in June, August, September? Meghan
  - In July we have delegate's report will be in Bozeman
  - Chopper says Ennis has hosted in past, would consider and love to host again. If open, will see if group is open to doing it again.
  - Maurice asks are we going to do same towns or open up to other groups/towns?
  - Lenore points out we don't have GSR's from other groups attending so it's hard to get out to them about it. Lenore could reach out to them? Could be anywhere as long as groups are willing to host and we have internet.
  - Tim if he understands right isn't this a motion that's been passed by District already? Maybe email could be sent out to see if other groups would be willing to host? But if we get word out to other groups, he's up for it.
  - Betty remembers back in probably 2019, 2018 District was held in Big Sky. Not sure if we have a GSR from Big Sky right now but we do have contacts in Big Sky. Wondering if we want assistance in terms of contacting people? Offers her service.
  - Meghan mostly trying to get a sense of whether we want to do it this summer, wasn't aware it was a motion. So next step would be deciding on reaching out to people to see who to host.
  - Tim clarifies goal is to create unity.
  - Meghan gets sense of room, basically everyone for it. Ok so let's reach out to groups outside Bozeman and figure out where we're traveling to this summer? Great.

- \* Try to elect new BTG chair (Nelson is moving away and needs to step down)? Nelson points out wants to be able to bring new BtG to BtG event if possible.
  - Rebekah points out she knows some people but they're not here.
  - Nelson was talking to Michael next to them, is interested. Could still bring to groups.
  - Meghan suggests yes we should still bring to groups
  - Bradley asks if this is first we've heard of BTG chair leaving? Nelson clarifies they stated at beginning they'd be leaving this summer. Bradley said yes would be good to have a month or so. Says yes Co-Chair is difficult, but there are committees, committee could be started.
  - Betty states important that groups be made aware of a need and given time to consider and find someone qualified as opposed to rushed election of anybody in room.
  - Tim point of order. Guidelines need to be read. And back in day co chairs used to exist but then people started realizing committees could be made to tackle work load. Next trusted servant could do so. Also states people who want to stand need to present at meeting,
  - Meghan states bring back to groups that we are electing BTG Chair and Roundup Chair
  - Amy states Michael can be on committee to gain awareness of position.
  - Thank you to Nelson for their service!
  - People can reach out to previous Roundup Chairs for experience.

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. May 31, 2025. At Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

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."