

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – January 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 1/25/25 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
3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions – Amy K
4. Read Concept One:
Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship
5. Approve last month's meeting minutes (13 in person 1 online in favor) PASSED
6. Establish quorum. (22 in person + 3 online = 25 → 17 for quorum)
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.).*

Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Meet Wednesday at 6pm, business meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month. Steady attendance both in person and online (hybrid). Venmo has been super helpful for 7th tradition for hybrid format. 6 homegroup members, feels small but they do it.

Valerie K. (Bozeman Young People's, Bozeman) – Meet Tue Thu Sun 7pm. Business meeting 1st Tuesday of the month. Average 15 in attendance

Dawn W. (Early Risers, Bozeman) – Meet Sunday Morning 8:30. Super attendance, “different” kind of meeting, is an 11th step meeting.

Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) - Sat at 6pm, business meeting 3rd Sat of month. Attendance steady, few times in the double digits.

Heather B. (Rebellion Dogs, Bozeman) – Meet Sun-Sat at 5:30. Meet Sat night 7:30 also. Women's Big Book study Tues 5:30. Sat evening meeting at 5:30 was started in July. Considering cancelling this additional Sat meeting, not getting the attendance needed. Please let Heather know if you have opinions. Struggling to get people involved in service. Seeing lack of attendance in meetings overall.

Autumn H. (Friday Beginners, Bozeman) – Meet Fri at 6pm. 40-50 people in meeting lately. 15-20min speaker followed by discussion focused on early sobriety.

Chopper B. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) – Meet Mon Wed and Fri at 7:30pm, Tue at 9am. Two newcomers past couple months. Group following our primary purpose. Challenge of finding detox places for newcomers. Haven't group inventoried in a couple years. **Group is looking for moderator for group inventory hoping for date of Feb 8th, located in Ennis. Will pay for expenses of moderator, house person over night. Please contact Chopper if interested.**

David K. (Tues at 8, Bozeman) - Downstairs at St. James Episcopalian Church. Filling up the space recently. 30-40 folks, running out of chairs is a good problem! Not considering moving though.

Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman) – Meets Fri Sat Sun at 9pm. Regular attendance of folks. Just became official homegroup in the summer. Got bank account, service positions filled. Have money in account, growing pains of figuring out rent etc. Will be discussing budget, would appreciate any guidance from those with experience doing so for a group.

Teresa R. (Women's Serenity Group, Bozeman) - Meet Tue and Fri at Noon. Business meeting 2nd Friday month at 11am. Birthday meeting last Friday of the month.

Susan H. (Hospital Group, Bozeman) – Meet Sun 6pm. Grateful to be here!

Russ (Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group) – Meet Sat 10:35am. Have 6 coffee pots worth of people.

Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group) – Meets Mon Thu Sun 7pm, Sat morn 8:30am. Business meeting 2nd Thu of month. Speaker Event coming Oct 11. Chris R. from Texas coming. Still considering disbanding Sunday speaker meeting, still up for discussion.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.
Jeff L. (Stacey's Alumni, Gateway)
Gina (Alt GSR Women's Serenity, Bozeman)
Cole F (Alt GSR Young People's, Bozeman)
Bex C (Sunday Morning Transmen/Transmasc Online)
Rick H (Tuesday at 8, Bozeman)
Kathy P

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

Treasurer, Tim K.

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

- Opening Balance: \$5,897.82
 - (From last treasurer's report for December 2024 - \$21.99 for flash drive to CPC)
- Total Income: \$1,625.01
 - Group Contributions: \$652.67
 - Literature Income: \$872.34
 - Pink Can Contributions: \$100.00
- Expenses: \$915.63
- Current Balance of \$6607.20
- Prudent Reserve of \$3283.88
- Pink Can Balance of \$224.92

- Accessibility Reserve of \$289.83
- Current operating Balance of \$2808.57

As of 1/20/2025 we are now currently using Quickbooks online and will only be able to do 2 reports:

- Budget vs. Actual P&L Classes (Spending Plan)
- Sales by Customer summary (Group Contributions, Pink Can)

Treasurer's Report as typed shows the current Breakdown.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the next 2 years as your Treasurer.

Tim K.

*feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions

Answering Service, *Dustin G.*

- The answering service has 6 men and 6 women volunteers to answer and return calls for the hotline in district 72.
- A couple of the volunteers for each group are new and the rest are returning volunteers.
- I feel I should get in contact with the Area answering service chair this next month.
- (Dustin confirmed that Lance W. is the new Area Answering Service Chair)

Archives, *Joanne M.*

- I met with Gail M. in November and discussed archive duties. I've also connected with other past archive chairs to gather a wide range of ideas and perspectives of the position.
- One past committee chair has digital files to share with me. I am waiting on the D72 Google Workspace committee chair accounts to be set up before I get those. This will provide one central storage location for all digital copies.
- I believe the one old timer interview that has been completed is transcribed. Again just waiting on the Google Workspace account to be up and running before I acquire that.
- Have a few people interested in participating on the archives committee. If being a part of the archives is something that interests you please reach out to me and we'll chat about how you can be involved.

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

Hi everybody! My name is Betty and I am your CPC Chair for this rotation.

We held our first D72 CPC meeting this month.

- We defined responsibilities of the different but related committees (CPC, PI and Corrections, Treatment & Bridging the Gap).
- We talked about and agreed how working together and sharing information would be a useful thing for us to do. It paid off already!
- One member of our PI Committee brought a contact name and phone number to us, and this gives us a great foot-in-the-door to Livingston HealthCare. We reached out to the contact, and we agreed that we would meet upon my return from vacation in early

February. A second individual offered the comment at an AA meeting that LOVE, Inc would be a great organization for us to work with. We do have a foot-in-the-door there as well. We will also be meeting with this contact in February.

- We have our first presentation set for next month to the Nursing students at MSU. This will be a cooperative presentation between AA and AlAnon. Each group will have 2 speakers, and a 3rd speaker will give the students an overview of what AA is, what it isn't, how it works and how to reach us, and some thoughts on how best to communicate with us in a clinical setting. We also have literature to distribute to the students about AA.

I am excited to begin this year with a small but committed team. **GSRs: Please feel free to give me name & number to anyone in your group that is looking for AA service opportunities that will help us share information with professionals who contact alcoholics in their daily professions. Suggestions are welcome!**

Our next meeting will be February 22 at 2:30 p.m. We meet once a month for about an hour over zoom, and there are a variety of ways to be involved. Call/textme: 406-600-9595

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C. (Amy K. gave an early version of Bob's report at the meeting)

Hello District 72.

My name is Bob and I'm alcoholic and your new District 72 Grapevine and LaVina chair.

I attended the Grapevine workshop at the fall 2024 Area 40 Assembly. Martin N. Who was the area Grapevine rep was excited about and promoting the digital app. I think that is great and really is a wealth of information right at your fingertips. I am also old-school and personally still prefer the paper magazine version so I intend to make sure that they are still available at the Fellowship Hall and that people know that it is still available in print.

Savanna really did a great job setting up the hallway display and getting a supply of past editions, keeping us informed etc... I intend to be a good steward of that and make sure that her hard work continues to live on through my rotation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve! Be well.

Literature, Savannah D.

January Meeting Literature:

Spent: \$454.24

Brought in \$872.34

I am putting in an order this weekend I will keep an eye out for the second printing of the plain language big book

Some of the books I have ordered are on back order.

If your group needs books, please reach out to me!

Thank you,
Savannah D

- Tim had announcement: Cheaper for groups to purchase through District so no shipping cost for group. Plain Language 2nd printing has become available

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

I met with Katie in December and we ordered 1000 schedules for the January/February/March quarter. The invoice total was \$271.61 and was forwarded to the District Treasurer. I have a feeling that I may need to order more schedules before March.

The PI Committee met at the beginning of January. We are working on delivering to 42 locations, mailed to 18 locations, and emailed to one. Love Inc was added to our current list of deliveries. I appreciate the amazing PI team because they have made the transition to this new position pretty seamless.

I brought packets of schedules for you to take back to your groups. Please reach out to me if you need more.

The warming center meetings will begin again on February 5th. GSR's, please continue to ask for volunteers for this meeting. They can contact me to get added this commitment. Flyers with more details are on the table to take.

I attended the PI & CPC Working Group meeting at the beginning of the month. There were excellent presentations on service cards and outreach to online groups, seniors in particular. There were representatives in attendance from across the country. I left with a few great ideas on how PI could continue to reach alcoholics in our district and look forward to possibly implementing a couple as long as our volunteers are up to the challenge. This zoom meeting is held the second Saturday of every month and anyone is welcome to attend. The next PI committee meeting will be held March 7th at 5:15pm at the hall.

Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District 72,

I am looking forward to bringing you some Special Events this rotation!

I thought for some reason (not sure why) that we only did 2 events per year, looking at the guidelines it looks like we do 4 events per year. I am open to suggestions from District.

Some ideas we could do would be a new GSR workshop, would District be interested in that?

Valerie had mentioned that if she did another event it would be a literature event and how that's impacted by the service structure at the area, district, and group level.

Anyway, let me know what you guys would be interested in. This is going to be fun!!

Amy K.

Bridging the Gap, Nelson H.

- Two requests for a temporary AA contact so far this year - both people matched with a volunteer within half an hour of receiving the request

- I have full access to the database of local volunteers who are willing to be temporary contacts for people exiting institutions

- I'm contacting volunteers by phone so I can make sure people coming out of institutions will definitely be contacted, as well as to make sure that the volunteers in the database are still willing to be of service and their contact information is up-to-date

- I'm happy to receive BTG request forms by any means (text, email, in person), whatever is most expedient so the person exiting the institution can be matched up with a volunteer in the most timely manner

- I'll be attending a BTG rotation meeting next Saturday where I'll meet other BTG chairs and learn more about the role.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Nelson

Corrections, Tony B (Bradley G. read Tony's report)

Correction Committee Chair notes form 2025-01-13

Attendees: Dennis S, Jennifer M, Tony B.

Email and phone numbers to Dennis S.

Need more Volunteers for Saturday!!! Spread the word, get people registered who have Saturday's open.

Set up a schedule for GCDC, specifically on Saturday.

Bridge the Gap; need to get Nel's contact information on board.

Tony has been asking for volunteers (male/female), but more word of mouth, rather than announcing.

Currently waiting for Stu R., John B. to finish paper work and get fingerprinted.

Question came up about female meetings at Montana State Prison (from Ashley R).

Please announce at district! We need male AA volunteers for Saturday GCDC,

7PM meetings!!! Contact Tony B for more information!!!

Tony gone, Bradley read report. Pat L. said about people asking if women can attend men's prison, not likely but maybe can attend religious activities center.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

January 18th MCDC Report-

Chris O. and Tom G. Went representing Bozeman. Five residents were present and the meeting went well.

Catherine J. And Kathy P. went representing district 72 for the women's meeting.

I am not sure if either will submit receipts for gas reimbursement.

I am forming a committee and my goal is to coordinate travel and volunteers at least a couple months in advance.

Goal: Leave at 4:45pm the third Saturday of month. Meetings are at 6:30 at MCDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Rebekah

Kathy P. stated her experience going to the MCDC meeting.

Technology, Brian S.

- The Technology Committee had their monthly meeting on January 16th, 2025. Topics of discussion were next steps in registering an internet domain and setting up Google Workspace for Non-Profits for it.
- As part of the discussion, the need for a new process in dealing with digital payments from District accounts surfaced. After gathering feedback from other officers and some discussion, we created a new business agenda item (*Digital Payments from District Accounts*) for discussion at the January District 72 business meeting on January 25th, 2025.
- Registration of a new domain and Google Workspace is on hold until the District has had a chance to discuss and come to a resolution on the agenda item presented.

Agenda item of payments affects Google workspace deadline.

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

- Worked with Tech Committee on filling out form for new agenda item
- People were curious about response time from GSO for new GSR form.
- Meghan reminded GSRs to fill this form out
- Members shared their response time roughly a month, plus or minus a couple weeks
- Meghan thanked us for patience.
- In general she was pretty cool and we had fun sitting near her

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: January 2025

Hi all! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your DCM for this next rotation. I am excited and SUPER nervous! My new email is: dcm72@aa-montana.org but you can also still use my personal email address: Lenore.maunz777@gmail.com

NEWS FROM GSO:

1. The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of Non-Trustee Director following the General Service Conference in May 2025. The Board of Trustees has requested that the AA Grapevine Board's recommendation be presented to the

trustees' Nominating Committee for review at its February 2025 meeting. Since resumes need to be screened and applicants interviewed by members of our Corporate Board, the process must begin immediately.

All interested AA members may apply; however, a General Service Conference Delegate is not eligible to apply until one year after their last Conference (i.e., only Panel 72 Delegates and prior panels will be considered for this opening). Please share with your Area's trusted servants **promptly** so that all interested may get a chance to apply. Resumes are due by January 15th, 2025. (Lenore acknowledged deadline was passed and she will do better to announce before deadlines have passed)

NEWS FROM AREA:

2. There is a new address for financial contributions to Area 40. PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO YOUR GROUPS!

Area 40
PO Box 43
Billings, MT 59103

2. Each rotation, the DCM and shuffling District committee chairs are selected to serve on Area Committees. I will be serving on the Area Finance Committee, Dustin G. will be serving on the Area Hotline Committee, and Betty M. will be serving on the Area CPC Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Spring Assembly at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 4-6
2. Primary Purpose's Speaker Event on Saturday 2/15, starting at 4pm with a panel. The speaker will be Jerry M. from LA
3. WSRAASC Conference in Casper WY on Feb 28-March 2. I have an extra bed if anyone is interested!

Treatment-Corrections Workshop in Helena on Saturday April 26th from 11am-3pm

Heather asked about Pink Can checks, where to send. Pink Can checks can be given directly to Treasurer Tim for D72 Pink Can fund. Lenore will find out Area address, get clarity for Area level Pink Can.

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 JANUARY 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

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

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

- Discuss options for how the District handles recurring technology subscription payments (Brian S.)

Discussion notes:

- Mitigates danger of loss of service or if we lose track of what we're paying for.
- Proposed users (3) is up for discussion: Discussed why Treasurer not included? Do we want Treasurer on it? Not how we do bank account.
- Matthew question: Possible savings for registering for years in advance? Question David K. Bradley says the discount considered, yes, we pick cheaper, though not part of actual agenda item.
- Lenore asks about checking card out. Brian says yes it can be checked out, helpful to deal with financial burden for service events and stuff.
- Pat asks about handling reoccurring fees, as far as keeping track. And What if need two cards at once? Brian: Treasurer keeps list, part of responsibility to track. Not considered two card thing, could be talked about.
- Nelson asks about potential of fraud? Security? A credit card that gets paid off? Brian says fraud considered, debit cards have fraud protection in banks. Nelson says their experience was money was drained rapidly, could still be problem.
- Bradley points out we have two different things we're talking about. One: online payments required for our services so we need card. Two: helpful to have card so DCM etc. can pay for things on the spot to avoid financial burden. Says Nelson makes good point about our loss, credit card would be helpful for protection from fraud. His opinion is it's safer but also that we need a credit account for our District but credit is a different animal!
- Dawn says debit card works great for her group. Took while to figure out the non-profit thing. There's different protections for non-profits and she says it works great.
- Betty loves idea of getting subscriptions off of individual's cards and onto District card. Can we audit it? (hand gesture) Can we pre-authorize transactions? Lenore considers finance committee can look at these details
- Meghan asks does Quickbooks etc. require debit card? Could it just be ACH withdrawals? Bradley says Zoom does ACH. Not yet sure if debit card is required for domain, tech soup, the things.
- Tim comments: HOW Group is going to acquire debit card for service events. Helpful for service events. Says Credit Card may be violation of traditions, would need social security number and credit history. Would tie us to individual. Likes PayPal idea (?) Points out that yes leave Treasurer out of people that can use it. Says pre-approval would be simple. Get card from Treasurer and receipt comes to Treasurer, include in treasurer report
- Nelson agrees that relieving financial burden is excellent, credit score thing yes probably not good
- Heather says her experience that bank has reimbursed her immediately when she has had her debit card info stolen and money stolen. Security great. Reb Dogs has debit card. Was treasurer and said no to people who didn't make the cut. But they have Venmo and could reimburse people immediately for their stuff if they didn't get card.
- Chopper says Vennis Over Hill has one. Could there be separate account for debit card that is separate from main account for safety? Meghan says we currently have one main account but having separate accounts is a possibility.

- Lenore asks should we add Literature Chair to people that can check card out?
 - Rick agrees that this should be tabled *Also states Very hard to hear comments when online without people coming to the mic
 - * Motion by Tim to table discussion of item, seconded Table this discussion till next month so GSRs have a chance to discuss it with their homegroups.
[YES] 21 in room 3 online = 24
[NO] 0
 - Joanne can someone contact Erin to ask about security
- MOTION TO CLOSE

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. February 22, 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."