

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – March 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 3/29/25 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 - Pat L.

4. Read Concept Three:

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision

5. Establish quorum – In person (20) Online (3) Total = 23

Quorum = 15

6. Approve last month's meeting minutes

An amendment was proposed by Nelson and voted in favor unanimously.

Amendment: At the end of the meeting several people expressed concerns about a visiting member's persistent contributions to group discussions. The member was also given an opportunity to express their views.

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.).*

Nora D. (Wednesday Noon Group, Bozeman) Only 4 homegroup members, about 20 in attendance. Anyone interested please stop by.

Maurice W. (Friday Men's, Bozeman) – 25-30 people. Have cookies and donuts there, welcome to come in. Is also Alt for Thursday Big Book. 15-25 people there. Bring donuts to that one cause they're not there.

Brian (There is a Solution, Bozeman) – Meet 7 days a week at 7am. 12-18 in person, 7 online. Will be restarting from beginning of book mid April. Sunday speaker meeting, online only speaker. Lots of great speakers.

Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman) - Meeting Wed at 6pm. Upped homegroup to 7 people. Work on Prudent Reserve to include travel for GSR/Alt GSR. Not be sending them to Great Falls this Spring but will try to get to Area in Fall. Avg 6 online, 6 in room.

Jax F. (LGBTQ+ and Friends, Bozeman) – Meet Sat at 6pm. Group conscience 3rd Sat of month. Avg 5-10 people. Small but good group. Lot of newcomers that stick around. Oldcomers that are still there. At Area assembly next week.

Tanya W. (6th Chapter, Bozeman) – 5 people in business meeting. 10ish people in meeting. Speaker meeting 3rd Sun.

Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman) – Meet Fri Sat and Sun in south room at hall at 9pm. Homegroup growing. Have at least 2 new group members, maybe 3. Filled service positions with new folks. Avg 10-20 people a meeting. Turnaround time for Area registration seems delayed, how to contact? Oh our delegate might know (she's here). (Note: Lisa got Area Secretary contact info to Bradley via Lila)

Chopper B. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) – Death in family this AM but wanted to be here, grateful for Zoom Meetings. Good attendance in all meetings lately. Numerous newcomers. Biggest challenge trying to find detox locations for new people or anyone. Special thanks to Tim K for helping with Group Inventory.

Susan H. (Hospital Group, Bozeman) – Hybrid. Storytime: Newcomer from Louisiana at meeting, then Catherine reached out and texted someone from Louisiana and got someone to meet up with them. Pretty cool!

Russ G. (Saturday Morning 3rd Steppers, Livingston) – Well attended. Handed off coffee person after 3 years. Group grown by a couple members. Tony N passed away. Memorial April 12 after Saturday meeting for Tony N.

Pat L. (Primary Purpose, Bozeman) – Avg 25-30 people in group. Up to 10 homegroup members. AA Lit meeting open meeting Mondays. Closed BB study Wed 8-9pm. Love to find moderator for Group Conscience (Inventory) on April 12th from 2-6pm. Had questions about GCDC meetings and pre-release. Has a room in Area in Great Falls, happy to share a room with someone to save some money.

Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group, Bozeman) – Sun Mon Thu at 7, Sat at 8:30am. Love to have people at Speaker meeting. Got sent to Casper and sent to Area by group as GSR, has been having a great time traveling even if at first he doesn't like it, always enjoys it later. Had Pre Assembly that he attended. Chris R from Texas here Sat Oct 11, please welcome him.

Paul S. (Common Solution, Belgrade) – 20 people usually there, 6-8 that attend homegroup group conscience.

Betty M. (Women's Serenity Group, Bozeman) – Things going well. Have 5 homegroup members, varying levels of experience with service. Nice group of people in, Noon Tues Noon Fri. Business meeting 2nd Friday of each month at 11am.

Dez R. (Early Risers 11th Step) - 8:30am Sunday morning meeting. Read from non-AA approved lit. Meditation meeting, Outgrowing kitchen meeting space. Have 5 homegroup members. Cozy, tight group. Frank's Memorial Campout coming up, more info next month. Hoping to go to Area!

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.

Sue W, Pink Cloud

Sean

Steven R.

Lisa CD, There is a Solution

8. Introductions and Committee Reports 3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS

Treasurer, Tim K.

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

Hello District 72 Members!

Attached is our current treasurer's report. Amy and I are still working out bugs and learning how to create reports that are informative and simple with our new Quick Books software. You will see reports that have all income, expenses and remaining budget, as well as current Bank Balance, Reserve's, and Pink Can funds available. Our operating Balance, (bank balance above reserves and pink can fund) is \$3,658.19. Thank you to all our wonderful Groups in District 72 who are self-supporting and contributing money to the District. We are about \$100.00 shy for the first quarter of reaching our quarterly budget projection YTD, but feel we are also under budget YTD for expenses, so things look good in our District! A few reminders: Please print off copies of the reports attached to this email, as I will not have copies available to give out to save printing costs. Also to send contributions to District 72 for 7th tradition or pink can the address is :

District 72, P.O. Box 1538,
Bozeman Mt. 59771-1538.

If you want to contribute to Area 40 the mailing address is
Area 40 Inc.
P.O. Box 43
Billings MT, 59103.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. All questions and concerns are welcome, please email or contact me anytime!

Tim K. District 72 Treasurer

- Betty asks what was the Operating balance? Got told. (\$3,658.19)
- Brian asks about update for motion that passed last month, we are going to talk about it more with new business.

Answering Service, Dustin G.

I didn't get any stats to share this month.

A volunteer shared that a call came in from a concerned medical professional trying to find help for a desperate case. The volunteer happens to be part of a committee I think CPC, and this has sparked her further interest in reaching out to similar medical professionals.

I will be attending area assembly, I am serving on the answering service committee!

Thanks for allowing me to serve!
Dustin G.

Archives, Joanne M.

- I've still been working on the organization of the archive collections by months & years, making sure we have hard copies of both D72 business meeting minutes and treasurer's reports.
- Additionally I am making digital copies of what is not already on the D72 mini site, which is located on the Area 40 website. These will be uploaded in the near future so that there will be a complete library of past years available for viewing.
- This is a tedious task and I've made some errors along the way, but I think it will be a useful feature to archives once it is complete.

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

Hi District 72! CPC Report for March 2025

We are planning AA/AIA non presentations for this summer for two groups so far - MSU Nursing Students (date TBD) and the staff and volunteers for Love INC. (June 13 2025).

Leah F spent a considerable amount of time bringing our CPC contact information together and organized by discipline so that we could update it and ensure that the information is current. Each person on the committee is taking responsibility for 1 sheet each. We agreed to update our information by mid-April so that it would be current for our next meeting. We also have a group mailbox so that our personal anonymity is protected when doing a mass mailing. We developed draft email & letter text and will plan on working more on this before we do a mass mail.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In love & service,
Betty M
CPC Chair, A40,D72

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C. (absent, Lila read report)

Hello District 72,

I plan to come to a few more meetings over the next few months and try to promote the printed version of the Grapevine through our District. Of course there are digital subscriptions available and that may be best for those who are tech savvy or a complete subscription including both printed and digital versions.

Prices are as follows for one year subscriptions:

Print - \$36

Digital - \$29.99

Complete - \$56

For a whole year subscription I feel like any of those are a great value. I have several more issues of the printed version and will check and re-stock the display in the hall so please feel free to grab an issue if you would like to check it out for yourself.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Bob C.

Literature, Savannah D. (absent, no report)

We elected Steven R. to serve as Literature Chair as Savannah steps down.
Thank you for serving Savannah and thank you for stepping up Steven!

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

1. We ordered 1,000 schedules again
2. While inviting to the GSR event today, it was brought to my attention that there are quite a few updates that need to be made on the schedules. We switched contact phone numbers over for each group in December and they might not be correct. I'm passing around a "blank" schedule, GSRs please check your information and write in any changes that need to be made or touch base with me after the meeting.
3. The PI committee met in March, made sure the schedules remained stocked in high traffic areas, and are trying to track how many we used.
4. Warming Center
 - The meetings are the 1st + 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon.
 - GSR's could you please announce? We always need more volunteers! I'm questioning whether this is the right time of day for this meeting since we're having such a hard time finding volunteers and need to reach out to our contact to discuss this further.

Next committee meeting is on 4/4/24 at 5:15pm at the Fellowship Hall. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

- Tim asked when is Spanish Speaking meeting? It is Tues evening at 7pm and Sat evening at 8pm both at Hall in Library.

Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District 72,
Today was a success. Thank you to all the GSR's who came. Thank you to all the people who provided food for the potluck.

Save the Date, the next event will be in on July 26th before the District meeting. It will be a District Day, Founders Day and Delegates Report all tied into one. Lisa our Delegate will give us the low down on everything that she learned from the General Service Conference. Details will be out soon....

I am not sure if the district was thinking about traveling for the summer, but was wondering if we could be here in Bozeman for that meeting. We have time to discuss later.

Some things to ponder...I have a budget of \$500.00 for the year, that comes to \$125.00 per event (4 per year). \$75.00 is gone just to rent the room for the event. For this event I spent: \$164.62

\$75.00 room rental

\$9.00 copies

\$25.00 in pamphlets

\$29.95 plates, napkins, silverware

\$25.67 mayo, mustard, bbq

I will just try and stay on budget for the next 3 events but may need to lean on the district for some more money come the last event of the year. I am thinking 1 in July, 1 in September and 1 in December, I will keep the district posted.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amy K.

Special Events Chair

- Amy ask: Consider upping budget for special events? How do we want to do that. Hm?
- Meghan clarifies that budget is a guideline for year. Doesn't have to necessarily stay in that, it's a guideline. Are allowed to adjust.
- Sue asked about date for event, it is July 26th.
- Betty shared that as DCM for last rotation, she doesn't think Fellowship Hall charged anything for special events?
- Past chair wasn't sure when Amy asked. Maybe District didn't know and we just came here?
- Turns out Amy did indeed call Cowboy Jeff to confirm and he said yes that'll be \$75.
- Bradley sits on board he says we should have special events contract for District.

Bridging the Gap, Nelson H.

Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 27 since start of January and 14 in month of March

- 6 identified their gender as female, 8 as male
- 13 matched with a temporary contact, one still to be matched
- 12 from detention center, 2 from treatment facilities
 - communication with the primary counselor at Community, Counseling and Correctional Services in Butte is working well
- Several volunteers have contacted BTG chair to let them know that the volunteers had made contact with their person

BTG volunteers

- District 72 / Area 40 BTG contact databases fully updated
- Livingston volunteers: we have three women and one man, would be ideal to have a couple more men

Update information

- New BTG request form in use
- Email (see appendix) outlining what's involved in being a temporary contact sent to all volunteers for whom we have emails, a few bounced back and no email address for two people, so follow-up work underway to make sure all volunteers receive the guidance
- Guidance includes a request to volunteers let BTG chair know once contact has been made

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 for flyer (attached in email)

Temporary contact guidance (email sent out)

Kia ora e te whānau (hello to you all in this group)

I'm Nelson Husband, the new Bridging the Gap chair for District 72. I'm also from New Zealand, which is why I've greeted you in te reo Māori, NZ's indigenous language 🇳🇿 😊
Thank you for your willingness to be the hand of AA for people coming out of treatment and/or correctional facilities.

I've enjoyed being in contact with some of you by phone call and others by text. I'm grateful to those of you whom I've already approached to be a temporary contact for your enthusiasm for this service.

Below is an outline of what being a temporary contact for Bridging the Gap involves. For some of you it may be more of a (hopefully) helpful reminder.

1. I will ask you by phone call or text if you're available to be a temporary contact. If you are available, I'll then text you the contact information for the person and, if possible, an estimated date of their release from their facility.
2. I'll ask you to send a text and email to the person, so that they have your contact details upon their release and can contact you.

3. Once you've connected with each other, please arrange to either meet them at a meeting or transport them to a meeting, depending on what works for you and your comfort level around providing transport. If providing transport, please feel free to bring another AA member with you. Please also let me know that you've established contact. Gauging the success of the Bridging the Gap service depends on receiving feedback from the AA volunteers and the people who have requested a temporary contact.

4. Your focus is supporting your person into the AA fellowship, which can include attending a few meetings with them, introducing them to other AA members, emphasizing the importance of getting a sponsor, if they don't have one already, and working through the steps, if that's also not something they are doing already. Please make sure your person has a meeting schedule and familiarize them with Conference-approved literature.

5. As a temporary contact, you're doing regular 12-step service work. You're not expected to do anything like provide rides to places other than meetings, have them at your home or buy them anything. You're not expected to become their sponsor or be anything other than a "bridge" to the wider fellowship. Your contact with the person with whom you've been matched is intended as a temporary connection, aimed at helping them to get involved with AA in our community. However, if you decide to forge an ongoing, recovery-focused relationship with them, you're entirely welcome to do so.

If you have any questions or are unclear about anything in this email, please call, text or email me. You'll find my details below.

I look forward to staying in touch with you and I thank you again for helping me to make "bridging the gap" possible for our fellow alcoholics in treatment and detention.

Thanks so much again for your service,

Nelson
nelsonbtg2025@gmail.com

Corrections, Tony B

March 2025 Corrections Report

Need Books! 1 case of big books 1 case of plain language.

New Time for corrections meetings! 5PM on the second Monday of each month!

Jeff L requested a white board for a 4th step.

- Please update Skype/Zoom to start at 5pm you Tech chairs. Wants to talk to whoever knows the most in the room about the books. Meghan knows about the books.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

The MCDC treatment center meeting for our district sent five volunteers to the center for the third Saturday of the month in March.

Three men and two women. The third woman volunteer was Covid positive at 10am Saturday morning.

The volunteers brought meetings to each the men's and women's side.

There were treatment centers patients who did not attend the meeting.

The meeting(s) started at 6:30-7:30pm.

MCDC is a locked facility and volunteers sign NDA forms when entering the facility.

Dinner was afterwards at the usual spot for the "meeting after the meeting".

Thank you for your willingness to be of service to all the volunteers who are willing to be of service.

And thank you for the opportunity for me to be able to reach out and help coordinate this treatment center meeting.

Rebekah

Technology, Brian S.

The Technology Committee met on March 20, 2025. The committee is awaiting a report from the Treasurer regarding the debit card situation before moving forward with domain registration and Google Workspace setup.

The current Technology Committee Chair will be resigning from the position. His last active month will be May 2025. The committee is open to any parties who love technology and are interested in a service position at the District level.

- Gonna move this summer in June or July, will unfortunately have to resign 😞
We are sad. Meghan asks when will we need new chair? Will be here through May, possibly through June.

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

I do not have a report. (This is true)

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: March 2025

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi all! Thank you to our Special Events Chair, Amy K. for putting together an awesome GSR Workshop! I am very much looking forward to it!

My apologies for being unable to attend last months meeting. I unfortunately had a migraine but thank you Tim for reading my report for me!

I also realized that last year at the December meeting of District 72 we voted to approve some updates to several of the service position job descriptions. When I sent these to the Area 40 Webmaster to add to our District 72 mini-site, I left out the updates to the Treasurers position that we made (mostly regarding the adoption and use of Quickbooks). My apologies for this mistake! The correct version of the Guidelines are now up on our mini-site...sorry to make your job harder Tim!

I got to attend the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Casper, WY. We discussed the items on the General Service Conference agenda that our Area 40 Delegate, Lisa C. D. will be attending in NYC this Spring. The hot topics were mostly about finance and literature. 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! It was awesome to see that Area 40 had a lot of people there. I got to see our traditions and Concepts in action with the idea that we can disagree without being disagreeable. Seeing two people come to the mic who feel very strongly (on opposite sides) of certain topics, hug and hang out after was inspiring.

Our Area 40 Delegate Lisa C.D. asked me to share at one of the general sharing sessions on the topic of "Closing the Gap: How do we make the voice of every Group count?". I was terrified, but the 6 minutes went very fast and I only got to say about half of what I wanted to! It was really good practice for me to not be afraid to go to the mic at Area Assemblies and share the voice of our District.

I also attended the online pre-assembly on Saturday 3/8 to discuss the Area 40 Spring Assembly agenda items (this includes Area 40 items and the same General Service Conference items that were discussed at the WCRAASC). We ran out of time, so only the "Consider" items for Hotline/Report and Charter and Literature were discussed.

GSR's, I have some specific things that I heard at the preassembly that were noted as important to discuss at the Group level. I highlighted these items in yellow in my Pre-assembly notes (these also should have been sent out with this report). I would love to get your groups' feedback about these items!

I would LOVE to see as many of you as possible at the Area Assembly! It's a really intense, exciting, strange, and ok sometimes dull experience, but you learn so much! You get to see people who really love AA and who are committed to it's future.

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

If anyone is interested in the background information on the General Service Conference agenda items that were discussed at the WCRAASC and Pre-assembly, here is that information:

Area Dashboard:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard>

Username: dashboard

Password: xwPa4Sky

NEWS FROM GSO:

1. I received a January "highlights" email about what is going on with AAWS (Alcoholics Anonymous World Service) board. The main thing I noticed was 2 recommendations from the Publishing Committee:

- a. The Publishing Committee recommended to the AAWS Board to move forward with a \$6 list price for all Committee workbooks as of May 1, 2025.*

b. The Publishing Committee recommended to the AAWS Board to move forward with a \$5 list price for "The A.A. Service Manual" 2024-2026 Edition as of May 1, 2025.*

* Or 90 days from the day of IGCO notification.

I emailed to ask what exactly this means and was told that only Area Chairs will receive a complementary kit. Moving forward, District Chair kits will need to get paid for. I don't know if this is something that the District wants/needs to add to our annual spending plan/budget?

NEWS FROM AREA:

1. See notes above about the pre-assembly I attended online.

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

1. Spring Assembly at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 4-6th
2. Treatment-Corrections Workshop in Helena on Saturday April 26th from 11am-3pm
3. The Spring Round-Up in Great Falls, May 2-4

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

EMAIL: dcm72@aa-montana.org

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 MARCH 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Elect a new Literature Chair

Meghan read description of Literature Chair position.

Steven willing to stand. March 10 2001 sobriety date. Never been lit chair. Treasurer of first homegroup in Georgia. Was GSR for that group. Treasurer of Reb dogs. Was alt GSR then GSR. Was treasurer for D&@ rotation, Alt-DCM. Amy K states it's a big job, just a heads up. Gotta meet people all the time. He qualifies that he has the time and resources.

Betty motioned to vote him in. 21 in person yes, 3 online yes. 24 yes, 0 no.

Steven R is our new Literature Chair.

- Area assembly: sense of the District - Lenore
 - Wants opinions on some items that will be voted on at Area.
 - Asking about removing the word Women from the Concept 4 writing at GSO, used to only be women who worked at GSO. (Lots of in favor)
 - Other is striking that "group may decline to hear from GSR" from description. (Lots of in Favor)

- Consider request to revise pamphlet for Grapevine/La Vina to have updated information. (None opposed)
- Question about changing co-founders writing. Want it to be amended to a supermajority (3/4) instead of just a 2/3 majority. If anyone has time to bring back to groups to ask what even is co-founders writings?
 - Bradley asked is co-founders writing even specified to vote on? Lenore says no.
 - Tim says his group has hangup also on the fact that cofounders writings isn't specified. Worries there is a fear of the people in New York changing writings, concerned about lack of definition of co-founders writing.
 - Pat's group wants to preserve integrity of writing, in favor of supermajority, concern about lack of specificity of co-founders writings.
- Consider that 12 concepts be added to the book 12 and 12, eventually the book may be changed to include 12 concepts as a new book basically.
 - Bradley asks for clarification (I didn't write what that ended up being)
 - Matthew asks if 12 concepts will be removed from service manual? Lisa not certain but asks is group not in favor if then 12 concepts come out of service manual? They don't want them out of service manual yes.
- Pat says what if we just separate them, have 12 steps, a 12 traditions, and a 12 concepts? Maybe a solution.
- Consider request to update Living Sober. Would be a second edition of Living Sober.
 - Pat says his group reads Living Sober, apparently sometimes people end up laughing out loud about how outdated language is.
- A40 Finance. If groups grossing greater than \$5,000, may need to file a thing.
- Contributions this year for Area are down. Please consider contributing more because A40 may need to dip into its prudent reserve. Area needs help with finances, GSRs please talk to group about financial contributions.

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

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

- District debit card - Meghan

Meghan read motion. After bank, we learned each authorized signer needs a debit card with their own name on it. Figured we may need to amend the original motion if we were to continue with this. We discussed may make most sense to just have the one debit card in Lenore's name since she travels most. Treasurer stills holds onto it. District how do you want us to move forward, should we amend the motion, move forward?

- Bradley asks for clarification. Meghan states we didn't know there needed to be a name on it (debit card). He says does that necessarily change whether we can have 3 people as authorized signers? Meghan says technically we are supposed to have all authorized signers with their names on own cards (according to bank). Bradley says bank can say what they want but it makes sense that we just have one card with one name that others can check out.
- Brian says considering its just one person's name, at end of rotation, would number of the card have to change since name changes? Yes it would, so at end of each rotation we'd have to change everything attached to card.
- Tim says it would have to have Lenore's name attached. It could actually affect her credit (Clarification: it is not a credit card, it is a debit card). Card opens can of worms, Tim likes checks. Wants to strike the motion. Meghan says would it affect her?
- Joanne points out debit card is linked to checking account, it is not a credit card linked to credit, shouldn't necessarily change but check with bank lady. Shouldn't necessarily need to change card number but check with lady at bank cause she's helpful and kind of understands our organization.
- Bradley points out for Zoom yeah we can do ACH payments for Zoom. Clarifies checking account is under District 72 not an individual name. Says Zoom should be ok but other services may need a card for verification purposes. He's ok with keeping it simple with checks but we may need a debit card to sign up with Google Workspaces.
- Lisa says her experience as DCM the bills could be really high, like up to \$1,000 or so high. Could have asked Treasurer for advance but was also embarrassed. Did have times of being financially stressed and would have appreciated a debit card.
- Maurice points out his experience with checks is that they need an actual name on them sometimes to be accepted.
- Betty suggests some issues could be resolved simply between officers (like how Meghan was very on top of getting checks to Betty right away). Advances are definitely a thing, a bit more paperwork but are a good option.
- (Crystal attempted to motion, I think for officers to amend original motion to have the individual names but we were running out of time and what I wrote didn't make sense)
- Motion to table by Meghan, seconded by Jax.
- Then we got tired of it at 6:30 and motioned 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. April 26, 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."