

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting
February 25, 2023
4:30pm-6:30pm
Hybrid meeting held in person at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom

1. **Opened with the serenity prayer:** Lenore M.
2. **Quick Reminders of how district meetings will run:** Lenore M.
3. **Raise your hand if you are a voting member for District 72** (district officers, district committee chairs, GSRs, and Alt GSRs - only if your group's GSR is not here)
 - *Explain quorum process: we need ¾ of the voting members present at the beginning of the meeting still in the room when we get to any voting items on the agenda in order to be able to vote at all.*
 - Quorum: In Person - 17
Zoom - 5
Quorum - 22

4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Joanne M.

5. **Reading of Concept Two:** Lenore M.

“The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.”

6. **Add/Correct/Vote to approve January 2023 meeting minutes:**

Motion to accept: passed

7. **Suggestion for GSRs and Committee Chairs to send any written notes/reports that contain any key details or information to our secretary Joanne to ensure this information is shared & reported accurately as possible.**

8. **Introductions of GSRs & Visitors:**

Tom, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - now meeting at St. James Church, business meeting held 1st Tuesday of the month @ 9pm.

Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - elected a new treasurer, will be doing a group inventory, having good discussions. Business meeting held 1st Tuesday of the month @ 8pm.

Kristi D, **6th Chapter** (Bozeman) - meet Sundays @ 11am, business meeting held 1st Sunday of the month @ 9:50am.

Doreen M, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - Alt GSR

Jerry D, **Stacey Alumni Group** (Gallatin Gateway) - have had an increase in people attending, business meeting as needed.

Mike J, **Joy of Living Group** (Three Forks) - meet Tuesdays @ 7pm, business meeting held 1st Tuesday of the month.

Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - group only 1 ½ years old & officially growing, business meeting held 2nd Sunday 6:40pm

M, **Big Book Study** (Bozeman) - average 15-18 every week, business meeting as needed.

Phil

Carmen, **Third Step Meeting** (Livingston) - Alt GSR, our meeting is growing, we have greeters, literature chair, coffee person, business meeting held 1st Saturday of the month @ 11:45am.

Megan P, **Pink Cloud** (Bozeman) - We hold a 12x12 book study, hybrid meeting, business meeting held 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:05pm.

Celia H, **On Awakening** (Bozeman) - Tues & Thurs 6:30am Hybrid meeting, business meeting held last Tuesday of the month @ 7am.

Kietra N, **There is a Solution** (Bozeman) - 7am Zoom everyday, in person Mon-Sat only, attendance good averaging 25-30 people online & 12-15 in person on Sundays. Business meeting held 1st Monday of the month @ 8am.

Dezri, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Business meeting held 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:45pm

Nicki, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - Alt GSR, will give report for Fall Round Up

Jennifer M, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Tues. & Fri. at Noon, Tues is a Step & Traditions Study, Fri is a discussion meeting. Will hold a group conscience at next business meeting, which is held 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 11am, with topic of discussion being Zoom security and donations. Jennifer will be stepping down as GSR.

Ellen C, **Livingston Friday Noon Women's Group** (Livingston) - Ellen is new GSR, group is in middle of service position rotations, business meeting held last Friday of the month @ 1pm.

Catherine J, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - still meeting on Zoom only, welcome any advice for transitioning to in person meetings. There has been an AA meeting at the hospital since 1982. Business meeting held 1st Sunday of the month.

Lenore M, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - moved to Fellowship Hall as of Feb. 18, business meeting held 2nd Thursday of the month @ 8:15pm.

Visitors: Sharon S., Bradley G. (Zoom Host)

9. Introductions and Committee Reports:

Treasurer: Meghan R. -

- (see email attachment for Feb 2023 budget report, or on Area 40 website: Area Committee, District Mini Sites, District 72 - Bozeman, Documents, 2023 Treasures Report, after meeting minutes are posted)
- Reviewed income & expenses
- Explained change to *Previous Month* column, is now *Previous Month YTD*
- 2023 Spending Plan - need to add Tech Services & Equipment (\$75 x 3 = \$225), and Zoom account fee. Will add to New Business next month.
- Discussion - Accessibility Fund used for Zoom?
Can the Treasurer's report include *Previous Month & Previous Month YTD*?

Answering Service: Emily Y. -

- The answering service now has a full crew of volunteers. Big thanks to all of them! Our reports for the previous month will come in on the 1st of the month so I will have a report on the number of calls for February, in March and so on. I made a new email which is district72answeringservice@gmail.com. I had my baby on Monday so Phil is filling in for me for the next couple days but I should be back at it and back to district next month.

Archives: Gail M. -

- Received Archives Workbook from GSO: committee tools, agenda for Area Assembly, will review items with committee members and bring input to Casey.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community): Karon K. -

- At our first meeting it was recommended that we recruit additional members from outside the Bozeman area. Two new members have joined the committee from Livingston and Ennis/Virginia City. We'll also reach out to contacts in West Yellowstone.

As an initial attempt to understand the needs and interests of CPC targeted communities, Karon conducted a needs assessment interview with Jackie Keery at the Gallatin County Detention Center. Jackie has been a strong supporter and advocate for AA information and activities and her responses were very helpful. The interview questions are intended to identify the most effective ways to reach professionals, what events/activities might be likely to draw participants, what professional meetings we might proactively approach for speaker participation or to provide literature, if they are aware of AA resources in addition to printed literature (YouTube channel, podcasts, etc.) and who are the most important individuals in their field to contact. We will review and revise questions to conduct additional interviews in other professional communities.

In addition to conducting more interviews to determine high priority needs, we discussed updating the contact database that was last updated in 2020. There have been significant staffing changes in many organizations and new organizations (such as the new Billings Clinic) have recently been established in the District. This database was an invaluable resource for connecting to professional communities to inform them how meetings would continue to be available once facilities were closed due to Covid. We also recognize the need for close coordination with the PI committee to avoid duplicating activities and contacts.

Finally, the committee will review agenda items for CPC committee meetings at Area 40 Pre-Assembly and Spring Assembly. We'll pass our comments on to Betty M who serves as the District 72 liaison to the Area 40 CPC committee.

Thanks for entrusting me to serve,
Karon

Grapevine/Structure: Savannah D. -

- Received packet from Area 40 Chair
- Grapevine is on Instagram & has an AA Grapevine podcast
- Recommended each group have a subscription to GV for member to read, also suggested corrections facilities & other organizations carry a subscription to spread the word

Literature: Amy K. -

- If you would like to purchase some literature, I have my keys to the cupboard and my receipt book and I will be happy to help you out.

I ordered some literature and I sold some literature, yay I think that is how it works. I placed a pretty big order. I think it was about \$1400.00. I purchased a bunch of big books and other books that I was running low on and also some pamphlets that we did not have. So far this month we have sold about \$500.00 so I think that is pretty good.

I would like to remind new GSRs again about organizing and going through your pamphlet racks. If you do not have a pamphlet rack I actually have one, I ordered a couple and sold one to a group. I have a lot of pamphlets on hand right now, some I have never heard of. They are a

great tool to give to new comers and for those of us who have been around for a little bit, they are awesome to read. If you're interested in looking at them, see me after the meeting.

I received an email about literature prices, they will all be going up in April. So the cost of a big book from GSO is \$9.50. It will be going up to \$12.00 just to give you an idea. When I put an order in I usually get a bunch so we get free shipping and also we get a discount on books. I think that putting a huge order in to get a bunch of books to get them before the prices go up sounds like it would be a good idea, however we simply do not have the space to store them, I only have the 2 cupboards. The prices will go up and we will just have to pay them when we need to order literature again, it is what it is. If you would like to talk about this, please let me know your thoughts. I am here to serve, so just let me know what you would like me to do.

I think that is about it.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Amy K.

PI (Public Information): Katie M. -

- Thank you to the committee! Holt, Valerie, Alycia, Sharon, Lila
- Next committee meeting is Tuesday 3/21 at 5:45pm at the hall
- Schedule shortage last month
 - I ordered 800 schedules this month, rather than 600 for last month
 - Can groups please take a reasonable amount of schedules?
- The committee delivered schedules to 29 locations
- We called all the AA groups in our district that did not attend last months district meeting to see if they needed schedules
 - We are mailing schedules to groups around our district
- Warming Center - we were asked if an AA member could share their story at the centers meeting on addiction + recovery
 - We ordered the pamphlet 'speaking at non aa groups'
 - We are working on getting there this month, date to be determined
 - GSRs - please let your groups know about this service position if anyone would like to volunteer
- The website on the schedule
 - It was brought to my attention that it was incorrect. There was a '.' where there should have been a '-'. This was corrected for this printing.
 - It was also asked if the letters '<https://www>.' could be added to the website address. This was asked due to it being the exact + accurate website address
 - The committee is getting more information from the Area Webmaster to see how it is printed in our Area
- Making more room on the schedule!
 - I spoke to Allegra printing and received an option to increase the size of the schedule. This would make the panel 1 inch wider + would cost .04 cents more per schedule.
 - Rather than incur a greater cost, we voted to remove the 12 steps + serenity prayer to make more room
- I bought stamps + envelopes totaling \$15.98

Special Events: Gillian S. -

- Absent, no report, should be in attendance next month

Bridging the Gap: Tony B. -

- Received 3 forms this past month
- Seeing increase in volunteer support
- Got a 12 step call at the Warming Center
- Meeting with Chris O. & Jennifer M. on 2nd Tuesday every month

Corrections: Jennifer M. -

- Next jail orientation is March 9
- Women's meeting 1st Saturday of the month

Treatment: Chris O. -

- Last month's MCDC meeting there were 3 men & 2 women volunteers, it was their first time going and they said they got a lot out of it. There were 15 newcomers at the meeting. Brought them 2 more cases of Big Books, used money left from last year's budget. Will use Pink Can money moving forward.
- GSRs please call if your group is interested in volunteering, my contact # is on the meeting schedule.
- Looking to better streamline Bridging the Gap forms

Roundup Chair: Bruce W. -

- Absent, Nicki L. gave report
- Fall Roundup "We Are Not Saints" Mission Statement: (see email attachment flyer)

The 2023 Fall Round Up, hosted by District 12 in Bozeman, MT, October 27-29 is a gathering of Alcoholics Anonymous, with Al-Anon participation, whose mission is to promote and celebrate recovery through fellowship, speakers, workshops and social activities.

Our mission is to support the newcomer, diverse membership and friends and families of alcoholics by strengthening our sobriety, unity and service utilizing the formats and literature of AA to guide us.

- Call for Volunteers: Next planning meeting is Tuesday March 21 @ 6:45pm Fellowship Hall (see email attachment flyer)
- Call for RoundUp Workshop Speakers + Panelists, deadline March 20 or until full. (see email attachment flyer)

Alt. DCM: Lenore M. -

- Welcome feedback & suggestions are always welcome

DCM: Betty M. -

- Greetings District 72! I am excited to serve as the District 72 Committee Member (DCM) for the next 2 years, and glad to be spending it with you!

This month, I have been assisting GSRs as requested with their group specific questions. I also resolved a few questions regarding the Spring Assembly scholarship application process, the agenda items and responding to questions from other DCMs

In February, the General Service Board took a vote to request the resignation of a Class A trustee and GSB Chair, Judge Linda Chezem. The reason for this request is not being made public out of respect for her privacy, and it was confirmed that she did not break any laws.

Jimmy D is serving as the interim GSB Chair. As other information becomes available, I will keep you posted.

Our Delegate, Kacie N, is hosting a monthly **Zoom-based study of the AA Service Concepts** every third Saturday of the month from 10:30 - noon. The details are on the Area 40 Area Committee tab.

In March, I will be attending the West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Omaha, NB in early March, as well as the Area 40 Pre-Assembly and actual assembly at the end of the month. Joanne has done a great job communicating both how to see what the agenda items will be (aa-montana.org/dashboard). There is a unique ID and password to view this confidential information. Please talk to Joanne or me for more information.

- **Area 40 Events** - More information may be found on our website: aa-montana.org Calendar of Events page or District 72 mini-site.
 - **February 15: Deadline** for applying for a scholarship to attend Area 40 Spring Assembly. If your group or the District does not typically fund your position to attend, an application & form may be found on the District 72 mini-site.
 - **March 3 - 5:**
 - **West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference (WCRAASC):** Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska and will be available on Zoom as well. The purpose of the event is to foster unity among members, groups and 8 Areas of the Region, exchange ideas & experiences and begin discussing some of the items that will be discussed at the Area 40 Spring Assembly and at the General Service Conference in New York later in the year. If your group or the District does not provide funding for you to attend the event, see me. Area 40 may be able to find a way to help.
 - **36th Annual Whitefish Sober Ski**
 - **March 9:** Detention Center orientation (see Jennifer M, Corrections Chair, for details and application process)
 - **March 11:** Area 40 Pre-Assembly (Zoom only).
 - **March 17-18:** Northern Rockies **Pockets of Enthusiasm XXVI** - In person and via Zoom
 - **March 31 - April 2:** Area 40 Spring Assembly.
 - April 3 (approx): **Literature price increases take effect.** We were advised that the cost of goods sold tripled and the increase of approximately 20% for books and 30% for pamphlets will go into effect to offset the increases from vendors.
 - **April 29:** Mission Valley Group Spring Fling Sobriety Luncheon
 - **May 6:** Bridging the Gap Outreach Workshop - lunch & workshop, Shelby MT
 - **May 13:** District 62 is sponsoring the 20th Annual Corrections & Treatment Workshop - 11-3
 - **May 19 - 21:** Missoula Round-Up, Held at the Hilton Garden Inn.
 - **June 9-11:** YG Phoenix Group Founders Day Campout

Love in service,
Betty M.

10. Quorum: (based on the number of GSRs and Committee Members reporting)

We need ¾ of the voting members present at the beginning of the meeting still in the room when we get to any voting items on the agenda in order to be able to vote at all.

By a show of hands there are still 22 voting members present.

10. Immediate Business - Needed for January 2023

- No urgent business this month

11. Old Business -

- **Volunteers/Nominations for a chair for the newly formed Technology Committee**
Lenore M. read the motion passed last month to form a committee and elect a chair. Lenore nominated Bradley G, he accepted the nomination. No other nominations were called. Bradley G. share sobriety date, gave brief service history in AA, and experience in the Technology field. He is currently on the Fellowship Hall Board serving as tech liaison for hybrid needs at the Hall.
Bradley G. voted in my acclimation.

- **Discuss rent increase to Fellowship Hall:** Catherine J. (hospital group)
 - District 72 currently pays \$100 a month, suggesting an increase to \$150, rent has not been increased over 10 years, want to be self-supporting, do the next right thing by paying more, need to look at spending plan, fiduciary responsibility. The Fellowship Hall runs a \$12,000-\$15,000 yearly deficit.
 - Increase is coming from District 72 and not the Hall, want to see a proposal from Hall about increase in rent.
 - GSRs should take the topic to their home group business meeting for feedback

Motion: Table rent increase discussion for 2 months allowing time for more information to be gathered and a report written.

Passed: Yes - 21, No - 1

Dissenting opinion: Request Fellowship Hall board write a rent increase proposal.

12. New Business:

- **Discuss having a potluck or pizza at district meetings - Savannah D.**
Will move to next months district meeting agenda, ran out of time this month

Motion to adjourn @ 6:34pm

13. Close with Responsibility Pledge

"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."

**Next district meeting Saturday, March 25th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm
at Bozeman Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.**

**See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40
as well as current District information:**

AA-Montana.org