

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

February 24, 2024

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. Read the District 72 Safety Statement:** 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)
 - Voting members in attendance: 25
- 4. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Betty M..
- 5. Reading of Concept Two:** Lenore M.

2. 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. Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the Jan. 2024 minutes?** (meeting held 1/27/2024)
 - **Motion to accept:** passed, minutes approved

7. Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:

- Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm. Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm. Deciding on meeting formats, attendance is going up, 2 new home group members.
- Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet Sundays @ 5pm, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm. Attendance is good.
- Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - hybrid meetings on Tues & Fri @ noon. Tues. is Steps & Traditions meeting, Friday is discussion meeting. Attendance is steady. Birthday meeting is last Fri. of the month, business meeting held 2nd Tues. @ 11am.
- Matt S, **Vennis Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - Meet Mon. Wed, Fri @ 7:30pm, Tues. @ 9am, Sun. in Virginia City @ 10am. Attendance good. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm. (Mon & Fri meetings are hybrid)
- Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church @ 7:30pm, Business meeting held on 2nd Thurs. after meeting. Steady attendance 16-20 people, good discussions.
- Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Mon, Thurs, Sat, birthday meeting last Thurs of month. Business meeting 2nd Thurs of month @ 8:15pm. Attendance good 40-50 people.
- Russ G, **Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group** (Livingston) - Attendance is good (20-30). New GSR for the group and I'm here to learn. Our business meeting is held the 1st Saturday of the month.
- Nick, **There Is A Solution - TIAS** (Bozeman) - 7am Zoom everyday, in person Mon-Sat only. Business meeting held 1st Monday of the month @ 8am. Sat. is Big Book Study (good meeting), Sun. is a short speaker (if interested in speaking contact me).

Catherine J, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - We are a hybrid meeting, meeting in the Bitterroot Room at Bozeman Health Group. We're weathering the storms of face to face meetings. Our business meeting is held the 1st Sun. of the month and we celebrate Birthdays the last Sun. of the month.

Doreen M, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - still struggling with attendance, 3rd Sunday of month is short speaker format followed by discussion.

Deb K, **Great Fact Group** (Bozeman) - hybrid in the winter month, attendance steady.

John F, **On Awakening** (Bozeman) - attendance 4-5 people, could use some help. Meet Tues. & Thurs. @ 6:30pm. Business meeting 2nd Thur. after regular meeting

Christine C, **West Yellowstone Group** (West Yellowstone) - we meet Wed. & Sun. at 6:30pm.

Wed. is 12 x 12 or As Bill Sees It study, Sun. is Big Book Study.

Attendance good 10 - 20, people with newcomers attending.

Business meeting will be held in May & Oct.

Ashley P, **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Wed at 8pm, Big Book Study, Business Meeting held 3rd Wed. of the month. Group Event held on 2/17 was really great, high attendance, things ran smooth.

Adam B, **Steps & Traditions Group** (Bozeman) - meet Wednesday nights at Grand Ave. Church.

Joshua M, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - meet Sun - Fri at 5:30pm & Sat at 7:30pm. Business meeting held 2nd Tues. of month @ 6:46pm. Attendance is average.

Nel H, **LGBTQ & Friends** (Bozeman) - (absent - Joanne M. read report)

The Bozeman LGBTQ+ and Friends AA group has been meeting on Saturdays at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for over a year.

Though a small home group, all our service positions are filled. We are self supporting through our own contributions, as well as being able to support the wider service structure.

We continue to attract new local members and visitors as they pass through town.

Our group is a welcoming safe haven for all queer and trans AAs and a warm and friendly place for all to share experience, strength and hope.

Please feel free to join us, we'd love to see you.

Visitors: Rick H. (Area 40 PI Chair), Rebekah P. (Alt GSR), Erica (Alt GSR), Brian (Tech. Committee), Lisa (PI Committee Member)

8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

(Reminder to send any reports, flyers or information district72.secretary@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Meghan R. -

- (see email attachment D72 treasurer's report February 2024, or on Area 40 in District Mini Sites)

Answering Service: Dustin G. -

- Quite a few calls last month.

Archives: Gail M. -

- Committee will meet next month as I've been sick last couple months.

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

- Katie M. joined our meeting for a discussion of the PI committee so that we all can better understand the roles and responsibilities of each committee and how we can improve communication and coordination. She shared the meeting schedule distribution list so that we'd know where schedules are already being distributed.
- Nora D. has arranged for our committee to attend and present at a staff meeting at the Gallatin County Court services on March 12. It will include all of the pretrial services and misdemeanor

probation officers as well as the treatment court coordinator. We will present on what A. A. is and does and doesn't do, provide literature and other information on how to find meetings. We'll identify a speaker with relevant experience (in the system) to present a brief talk on his/her experience and recovery as a member of A.A.

- Doreen M. is our contact with the Interfaith Council and will pursue a similar event for the spring or fall. Others have reached out to individuals in the addiction counseling community. May is "Mental Health Awareness" month and we are seeking opportunities to reach out to mental health professionals at events then. There are three graduate level courses taught this semester in MSU's clinical mental health counseling program and we've contacted the professor who teaches classes on assessment and treatment; chemical dependency; and counseling and addiction.
- Thanks to CPC Committee members: Bob E (Madison County), Dennis S, Doreen M, Eleanor W (Park County), Nora D, and Sharon S.

Grapevine & La Vina / Structure: Savannah D. -

- Waiting for arrival of Grapevine/LaVina
- Thinking of planning a Grapevine/LaVina Special Event with Valerie
- Comment from Area PI Chair, Rick H., that a price increase for Grapevine/LaVina is coming soon. He thinks it will increase to \$36 a year.

Literature: Amy K. -

- Sold \$392.64 this month, ordered \$600 12x12 hardcovers.
- Call For Stories for the AA Pamphlets -(see attached flyers for info & print out for home groups) "Do You Think You're Different" and "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic" Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2024.

PI (Public Information): Katie M. - (absent - Lisa read report)

- We ordered 600 schedules this month.
- The PI committee added 4 more locations this past month, making the total locations schedules were delivered to 36. We also mail schedules to 21 locations. A big huge thank you to the PI committee and all the hard work they do!!
- The room with the drawer that we used to keep schedules in is now locked, if your group runs out of schedules you can call me + I will get you more. Due to this the PI committee is now stocking the hall with schedules weekly.
- Warming Center
 - The meetings are the 1st + 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon.
 - This is not an open meeting. It is a service commitment only.
 - We have made an orientation packet for all volunteers.
 - GSRs could you please announce? We always need more volunteers!
- Next committee meeting is March 23rd at 830am. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

Special Events: Valerie K. - (absent)

- No report

Bridging the Gap: Tony B. -

- 10 contacts this month, 7 males and 3 females. Tony was a volunteer this month, helped a newly released guy get to a meeting. Helped Tony stay sober!
- Looking for more volunteers, both male & females. (see attache Bridging the Gap pamphlet for application, print out for your home group members or ask Amy K. for some)
- Bridging the Gap Workshop for September 2024 Event, Missoula MT (See email attachment for flyer, print out and share with home groups)

Corrections: Jennifer M. - (absent)

- No report

Treatment: Chris O. - (absent)

- No report

Roundup Chair: Bruce W. - (absent)

- No report

Technology: Bradley G. -

- Shout out to Brian for Admining this month's hybrid mtg
- Meghan will be hosting in March
- Rotate 3 months going forward
- One committee Member resigned upon moving out of state
- Reach out to bradleygillick@gmail.com to Join the Committee
- I assisted a committee chair with hosting their Committee meeting via the District's Zoom account
- Committee Zoom Mtg settings:
 - Can join 15 minutes before (room is open)
 - Host Key needed to take Host
 - We will change the acct password soon

Alt. DCM: Lenore M. -

- Nothing to report

DCM: Betty M. -

- **West Central Regional AA Service Conference** – March 1-3, Minot, ND.

ZOOM link available. Link sent upon registering.

Link to register = WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE – West Central Region

The purpose of the Conference is “to develop greater unity among members, groups and areas of the WCR, to encourage the exchange of ideas & experiences. Recovery, Unity and Service should always be the primary purpose of the conference..... When the agenda is published, it should list the items our Delegates would be addressing at the General Service Conference in New York next month. People from all levels of the AA service structure... from AA members to Regional Trustees . It is a pretty diverse Group.

Area 40

a. Founders Writings Request from Delegate:

There have been three Area Sharing Sessions that have been geared toward hearing individual voices from the Area 40 Fellowship. Our Delegate wants to make sure that every GSR has the opportunity to discuss these questions with their groups and distill a group conscience from that discussion.

There will be time on the agenda during the Spring Assembly for GSRs to report back the results of these discussions.

No changes are being made to the Big Book (164 pages, preface, forwards, appendices, etc.), or any of the other Founders' Writings at this time. This discussion is to gather feedback to help navigate the Proposed Agenda Items that continue to be submitted for the GSC to either change or preserve the literature. (This is not related to the 5th Edition Big Book, the Spanish translation of the 4th edition, or the Plain Language translation. It is also not related to the Preamble.)

b. March 9: Area 40 Pre-Assembly - ZOOM ONLY - Noon to about 5 p.m. Flyer with QR code & link on Calendar page of www.aa-montana.org site

Meeting ID: 987 1036 0733

Passcode: 667151

c. Area 40 Spring Assembly – April 5-7 Holiday Inn, Great Falls. In person and on ZOOM. Begins @ 7:30 p.m. Friday; ends approx Noon on Sunday. Room code for discount: A40.
 Agenda: www.aa-montana.org/dashboard
 User id: dashboard
 Password: xwPa4Sky

EVENTS:

March 9th – Vince Grant Hall, Livingston – All welcome. Workshop on Sponsorship – 2:00 – 4:00.

March 15-16 – Pockets of Enthusiasm, Helena

May 4 District 61 Mega Committee Workshop. Catered conf with Treatment, Corrections, PI, CPC & Workshops committees.

May 17-19 – Spring Roundup in Billings @ Big Horn Resort. “Beyond our Wildest Dreams”

Additional events on www.aa-montana.org calendar page.

AA General Service Board Calendar Key Dates: Jan – April 2024

Board Calendar 2024		
Date - 2024	Event:	Location:
January 26	General Service Board Weekend	The Westin at Times Square Hotel, New York, NY
March 7	A.A.W.S. Strategic Planning Session	NYC
March 8	A.A.W.S. Board Meeting	NYC
April 14 - 20	General Service Conference	New York Marriott Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn, NY

Next Quarterly Financial Report from GSB will be out early next week.

9. Immediate Business:

- No immediate business

10. Old Business:

- **Discuss the idea of conducting another District 72 Inventory** - Lenore M.
 - Further discussion from Groups & Committee Chairs to the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc of the Ad Hoc District Inventory Committee? Plan for moving forward?

Feedback from committees and/or groups?
Discussion: There were a few GSRs, Committee Chairs & Officers who spoke about their positions, what they are doing already, and how they can improve or expand on what is being done already to help reach the suffering alcoholics.
(see attached document Ad Hoc of the Ad Hoc - District Inventory Responses - 2/2024)

- **We got a check from this most recent round-up to replenish the money we saved from the canceled 2020 Bozeman round-up. What should we do with it? (what do groups want us to do with it?)** - Meghan R.

Discussion: Meghan gave a quick recap about where the money came from. Total amount is \$1418.69. Ideas of what to do with the money were: scholarships for Roundups, send to GSO, save some for seed money, want more time to discuss more with groups.

Show of hands for needing more time to discuss - majority of room.

Motion: Table until next month

Passed: YES - 19, NO - 1

11. New Business:

- **Review previously approved highlighted changes to the District 72 Guidelines** - Lenore M. Updated guidelines were reviewed and will be submitted to webmaster to be added to the District 72 Mini Site.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:30pm

REQUEST: *If you have any items you want added to the next month's agenda, please email it to Lenore at lenore.maunz777@gmail.com at least 10 days in advance of next month's meeting date so there is enough time to add it and send the agenda out. This would be March 20.*

Please send any items to be screenshared displayed at the next D72 meeting to:
area40.district72@gmail.com

12. 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 30th , 2024

4:30pm – 6:30pm at the Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

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

The link to our District mini site is:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

If your group has an event flyer you wish to post on the Area 40 Calendar of Events please send to: webmaster@aamontana.org