

Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting

May 25, 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: 19
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Amy K.
5. **Reading of Concept Five:** Lenore M.

V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the March 2024 minutes?** (meeting held 4/27/2024)
 - **Motion to accept:** passed
minutes approved with change of year 2023/2024 on Inventory Report

7. Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:

Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm. Sun is a Step Study meeting. Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm. Attendance is good. We go out for food & fellowship every Thursday after meeting.

Amy K, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet Sundays @ 5pm, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm. Not much to report, good attendance. Finishing up reading *To Employers*, then will read *A Vision For You*, and next will start the 12 x 12 book.

Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - hybrid meetings on Tues & Fri @ noon. Tues. is Steps & Traditions meeting, Friday is a 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 varies 5-20. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm. (Mon & Fri meetings are hybrid) Everything going good. Stop in and say hi.

Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church @ 7:30pm, Business meeting held on 2nd Thurs. after meeting. Birthdays are celebrated every Thursday. Steady attendance 14-15 people. Need women.

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 is 35-45ish.

Kristi D, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun. @ 11am. Switching up formats, 3rd Sunday is speaker meeting. Things are going darn well.

Catherine J, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) - We are hybrid and meet in the Bitterroot Room at Bozeman Health Group @ 6pm. Our business meeting is held the 1st Sun. of the month before the meeting @ 5pm. We celebrate birthdays on the last Sun. of the month. Newcomers taking commitments.

Ashley P, **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Mon & Wed at 8pm, Business Meeting held 3rd Wed. of the month. Attendance is good.

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.
Having a July 4th Event, location to be determined, flyer is coming

Russ G, **Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group** (Livingston) - meet Sat. @ 10:30am, attendance is 5 or 6 pot meeting. Snowbirds are returning, strong group and we're working it. Business meeting held the 1st Saturday of the month.

Rick H, **Tuesday at 8 Group** (Bozeman) - new folks, people from Sober Living House, good discussion meeting.

Visitors: Brian (Tech. Committee), Rebekah P. (Alt GSR), Sussan H, Dennis S, Jerry D.

8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

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

Treasurer: Meghan R. -

- Committee Chairs/Officers please submit any outstanding receipts for reimbursement.
- (see email attachment D72 treasurer's report May 2024, or on Area 40 in District 72 Mini Sites)

Answering Service: Dustin G. - (absent - Joanne M. read report)

- Nothing to report

Archives: Gail M. - (absent)

- No report

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

Recent events:

- Dennis S represented AA at the celebration/launch of the Bozeman Municipal misdemeanor DUI Treatment Court, called the BRIDGERS Court on May 2. We provided schedules, AA pamphlets relevant to the attendees and the CPC information card with Meeting App QR codes. The event was intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to learn about the treatment program and referral process and engage with others interested in reducing DUIs in Gallatin County. BRIDGERS Court is an alternative to incarceration for individuals facing DUI 2nd, DUI 3rd, or Aggravated DUI charges whose involvement in the legal system is rooted in a substance use disorder or a co-occurring substance use/mental health disorder. It is a voluntary 12- to 15-month program that uses a collaborative and evidence-based approach to connect participants with community resources and treatment services. We plan to follow up with the coordinator to explore opportunities to meet with court professionals.
- We were invited to the 5th annual Montana Primary Care Association Pain Conference and Addiction Medicine Network Meeting on May 2-4. Over 100 addiction physicians, nurses and nurse practitioners, pharmacists and addiction counselors attended. Our presence at exhibits and participating in the conference was lauded by one of the keynote speakers and the MPCA executive director. We've been asked to attend future conferences and perhaps participate as a speaker. We created a CPC poster that can be used at other venues, highlighting AA literature relevant to professionals with QR code links to the AA Meeting Guide App. Thanks to Amy K for quick turn around on pamphlet order and loaning Spanish versions of the Big Book and 12&12 for our display.



Upcoming events and planning:

- On July 15 we will collaborate with Al-Anon in a presentation to business members of the Bozeman Kiwanis Club
- Doreen M arranged for us to present at a meeting of the Gallatin County Interfaith Council on November 18
- We welcome other ideas for contacts and events!

Committee business:

- We conducted a review of CPC materials passed on by previous committees. We donated multiple copies of several superseded AA pamphlets to Gail M, Archives chair to determine what should be saved.
- We reviewed the D72 guidelines for the CPC chair and are proposing a discussion item for the June district meeting with a draft revised description for that position. We also discussed potential candidates for service rotation at district elections in August.

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. -

- Hello everyone, I apologize for my absence due to my military work which has kept me busy for the past few months. Hopefully, I will be back in person soon!
It has been brought to my attention that the Grapevine/Lavinia board is nearly empty. I will update that as soon as I am home.
- Here are the updates for this month:
Happy Birthday Grapevine!!!
This month's issue is "Happy Birthday Grapevine!" To celebrate the magazine's 80th anniversary, we are featuring powerful stories by AA members about how much Grapevine has meant to them.
- Grapevine Daily Quote May 2
"In the Twelve Steps, AA offers not a theory, not a hypothesis, not a pious hope, not -- thank God -- wistful or wishful thinking, but an historical record of how more than 25,000 [now over 2,000,000] alcoholics achieved sobriety."
"A Way of Life," Chicago, Illinois, July 1946, AA Grapevine

- Prayer & Meditation: New Audiobook!
You can now listen to "Prayer and Meditation" available on the Grapevine Store.
- Sobriety Calculator
Count your days! See how many years, months, days, and hours you have of sobriety. It's amazing what can happen one day at a time.
- Featured magazines
 - 80 reasons I love Grapevine
 - Saved in Honduras
 - Lost & Found
 - Problem Solved
 - Bar Buddies
- SUBMIT A STORY OR ART
Have a desire to share? We are always accepting submissions.
- You can find all of this and more here! <https://www.aagrapevine.org>
Thank you for letting me be of service!

Literature: Amy K. -

- Sold \$774.74 worth of literature
- New Big Books came in and sold all of them already, will order more.
- Comments regarding the jacketless Big Books and 12x12's. They are now jacketless to trim expenses of printing. Some folks are worried about anonymity because the book title visible, a book cover can be used to cover it up.
- If you need any literature, please call or text me and we can meet up here at the hall.

PI (Public Information): Katie M. -

- We did not order schedules this month.
- The PI committee delivered and/or checked on schedules at 38 locations, we did not mail or email schedules this month
- 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 5/31- 5pm. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

Special Events: Valerie K. -

- Service & Unity Event is planned for July 27th.
Beginning with a BBQ at Noon, there will be a potluck sign-up for side dishes.
Kacie N. & Rick H. will be speaking about service & unity.
Jeopardy Game - PRIZES!!!!
Delegate Report by our very own Area 40 Delegate, Kacie N.
- Helpers needed with every part of the event: pot-luck, Jeopardy, setup, clean up.
Contact Valerie K. @ (508) 808-4558



Service & Unity:

Setting our Sights on AA's Horizon

District 72 BBQ, Speakers, Delegate Report,
Games, Fun and D72 Business Meeting

Featuring...

Kacie N - Area 40 Delegate

Rick H - Area 40 P.I. Chair & Past D72 DCM



When & Where?

July 27, 2024, Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00

(Detailed times for events TBD)

Zoom info: Meeting: 843 3623 3284 Passcode: 371512

Bridging the Gap: Tony B. -

- General notes; have been meeting with a member of my homegroup (Jake L) who has been involved in AA/sober for a long while. He suggested emailing specific individuals rather than mass group emails. Seems emailing several (twenty-thirty people at once) rarely accomplishes anything (i.e. no one replies). Just a thought on engagement. Another general thought: having male and female BTG coordinators? I have been advised not to intercept/assist female BTG requests, but it seems there are circumstances where it is unavoidable. Maybe this would not be the case if we separated duties? Just a thought for discussion.
- A total of 5 female requests described below. All five of the individuals had their information/forms sent out to all Bozeman BTG female volunteers.

Corrections: Jennifer M. - (absent - Joanne M. read report)

- I apologize for having not sent a report or attending district in April, to be honest I was watching birds, got caught up in the moment, and then forgot to follow up responsibly. All is well in corrections, we bring meetings into the detention center when programs are running and can always use more committed program volunteers. Pre-release is regular by two committed male volunteers. MSP is what I know the least about, it is difficult to keep up with given I am a female. I am aware that I have not given the amount of time I was once able to give in regards to district. However I continue to be responsible performing my duties as corrections chair. In the recent months I have accepted a position to be employed by greater impact, thus am managing the time I have the best I can, and prioritizing time is necessary to carry the message is my primary focus. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Treatment: Chris O. - (absent - Joanne M. read report)

- Our District continues to carry the message to Montana Chemical Dependency Center in Butte on the 3rd Saturday each month. We have been taking 3- 5 volunteers to staff the meeting that consist of 15- 25 attendees that are starting their sobriety journey. The attendees are always grateful that we show up to hold the meetings & seems like a bright spot for them. The District volunteers are also enjoying the experience and often make return trips to the meeting.
- GSRs, please relay to your groups that this is a great service opportunity and to get a hold of me to sign up for a meeting from this June through December.
- We will also be placing a literature order so please turn in any pink can funds to the District treasurer.
- Thank you for letting me serve!

Technology: Bradley G. -

- District Chairs - Zoom mtgs
 - Chairs can schedule a Regular committee meeting in the Districts Zoom room
 - The room opens to all 15 min before
 - But if you want Host feature (ScreenShare) you'll need a Host key
 - To get the host key or schedule a meeting Email, call or text the tech chair Bradley G
- The National AA Technology Workshop is in September
- 2 committee members are interested in attending
- Chairs can schedule the Districts Zoom room @ bradleygillick@gmail.com
- Reminder send screen shares to: Area40.district72@gmail.com

Alt. DCM: Lenore M. -

- Earl F., Area 40 Archivist, has agreed to help us out with elections.
- Reminder that D72 elections will be coming up in a couple of months so please be thinking if there are positions you are interested in, job descriptions can be found in the district guidelines: <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/docs/March-2024-District-72-Guidelines.pdf>
GSRs be sure to share this with your home groups.

DCM: Betty M. -

- This month, I have been doing mostly behind the scenes stuff that, when reported individually, would not be all that interesting. I thought I'd focus instead on what's coming up and why it's important. The events that I'll be sharing can be found on the Area 40 calendar of events page. www.aa-montana.org
- I have been honored to serve as your District 72 DCM since January 1, 2023, and now I'm beginning to think about our district elections which take place during this summer, typically August, and the Area elections which follow in September. I think about my responsibilities as an AA member and a sponsor: I am responsible, when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that, I am responsible. I share my experience, strength & hope, help others, work the AA principles in all my affairs and always striving to base AA-related decisions on what's best for AA as a whole.
- As we begin preparing together to transition out of our current D72 AA service positions including the key role of group GSR at the end of the year, I would encourage you to begin talking to your groups, your sponsees, your AA friends about why you do service work and what it means to you. Help them to begin thinking about what kind of position they might be interested in assuming. Talk with them about the various positions that are available and encourage them to find out more by talking with the current committee chairs and/or District Officers. I am always available to talk about AA district service at your home group business meetings or one-on-one over coffee. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to call/text me at 406-600-9595.
- **Events:**
 - District 72 Elections begin -Date TBD
 - Area 40 Elections begin – September 13-15, 2024

June 7-9 – Multiple Founders Day campouts & events around the state

July 27 – District 72 Service & Unity special event. Fellowship Hall in Bozeman and via Zoom.
BBQ, speakers, delegate's report, games & fun. Great way to introduce new folks to District.

September 6-8 – Bridging the Gap 2024 Workshop Weekend. FairBridge Inn & Suites, Missoula

September 13-15 – Area 40 Fall Assembly. Held in-person at Holiday Inn in Great Falls and over Zoom

October 4-6 - Havre AA Mini Conference. October 4-6. HRDC, Havre MT

October 11-13 – 2024 Fall Roundup. "Winning Recovery in the 406". Fairmont Hot Springs
(between Butte & Anaconda)

9. Immediate Business:

- **Discussion about if there are any communities/towns that are interested in hosting the District 72 meeting in the months of June and September-** Lenore M.

Discussion: Russ G, Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group, said they would host the D72 June meeting in Livingston. Russ will give more detail and Joanne M. will send out.

**The June 29, 2024, D72 meeting will be held
in Livingston @ Vince Grant Hall, 1306 E Park St.**

Officers will reach out to other groups to see if they would be interested in hosting the August meeting.

- **Follow up sense from everyone if we should start elections in July or August.**
 - With our current 2-hour meeting time, it is possible that we could get all elections done in our August meeting, but if don't then people rotating in might miss the chance to go to the Fall Assembly
 - Earl F. has agreed to help us with the elections this year- if we start in July, we will need to make sure he is available. If he is not, we could ask Kacie if she would be available?

Motion: D72 will begin elections in July starting with Officer positions then moving to Committee Chairs, as time allows, finishing up in August if necessary.

PASSED: YES - 18, No - 0

10. Old Business:

- **Discussion about registering District 72 as a nonprofit to purchase a subscription to Quickbooks Online through TechSoup for use by the District Treasurer to track and report on financials-** Meghan R.
 - As discussed at last month's meeting, it would be great to get a motion this month now that GSRs have had time to talk to their homegroup members about this.

Motion: Register District 72 as a nonprofit and purchase a subscription to Quickbooks Online through TechSoup for use by the District Treasurer to track and report financials.

PASSED: YES - 18, NO - 0

DISTRICT 72 AGENDA ITEM FORM: DISCUSSION

(1) Discussion to register District 72 as a nonprofit and purchase a subscription to Quickbooks Online through TechSoup for use by the District Treasurer to track and report on financials

(2) List how the discussion item originated and background info:

- District 72 currently uses a complex Google Sheets spreadsheet for tracking budgets, income, expenses, and bank balances.
- The use of this spreadsheet requires an understanding of how Google Sheets and the use of formulas work to keep it accurately reflecting the data.
- It can be burdensome when new groups or budget lines are added to ensure all formulas throughout the spreadsheet are pulling from the correct places.
- Area 40 uses a version of Quickbooks for tracking and reporting on finances and has had an overall positive experience with it
- To qualify for the discounted price, we need to register as a non-profit with the IRS. I would request asking the District if we have any members experienced in this process to ensure we are properly registered from the outset.

(3) List the considerations (pro and con) of the discussion item:

- Pros -
 - Quickbooks software is designed specifically for this purpose and will likely be more reliable for tracking data
 - There is less room for error and would make the Treasurer position in future service rotations more accessible to folks who don't have Excel or Google Sheets experience
- Cons -
 - This would require an additional expense to the District
 - In order to maintain status as a non-profit, this would also require annual tax filings with the IRS and the State of Montana

(4) Financial considerations for the discussion item:

- \$20 to file articles of incorporation with the state of Montana
- \$275 to apply for recognition of exemption under § 501(c)(3) submitted on Form 1023-EZ with IRS
- This would require an increase to the Treasurer's budget (or the tech budget) of \$75/year
- This would require a potential increase to the overall spending plan of \$20/year to file annually with the Secretary of State

(5) Why should this subject be discussed by the District:

- Because it requires an additional expense by the District

(6) Final Comments:

11. New Business:

- No new business

Motion to adjourn @ 6:00pm

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."

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 June 19, 2024.

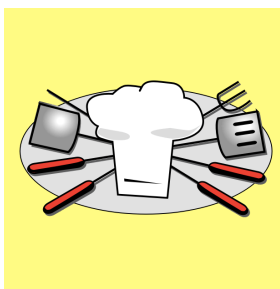
Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to:
area40.district72@gmail.com

Next district meeting

Saturday, June 29th , 2024 4:30pm – 6:30pm

at Vince Grant Hall in Livingston, 1306 E. Park St. and on Zoom.

More info coming about fellowship & food!



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