

**Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting**

**June 29, 2024**

**4:30pm-6:30pm**

**Hybrid meeting held in person at Vince Grant Hall in Livingston 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: 17 in person, 2 online
4. **Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions:** Betty M.
5. **Reading of Concept Six:** Lenore M
6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes?**  
(meeting held 5/25/2024)
  - **Motion to accept:**

**7. Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:**

Valerie H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) -

Average attendance of 10-15, lots of visitors, business meeting is first Tuesday of month

Bob, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) -

Meet Sundays @ 5pm, business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm. Peace Lutheran Church, attendance fluctuates 12-20 people.

Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) -

Hybrid meetings on Tues & Fri @ noon. Tues. is Steps & Traditions meeting, Friday is a discussion meeting. Business meeting is second Tuesday of the month, attendance is steady

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. Lots of out of towners. Business meeting held 3rd Mon. @ 8:45pm. (Mon & Fri meetings are hybrid)

Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) -

Meet Thursday night, 7:30pm - 8:30pm Grand Avenue Christian Church, business meeting second Thursday

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. Average attendance is 30 - 40, everything is going great.

Kristi D, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) -

Meet Sunday 11am, still re-growing, starting to get regular attendance, discussion meetings, 3rd Sunday of the month a short speaker, 1st Sunday of the month business meeting before meeting

Rebekah, **Hospital Group** (Bozeman) -

Meet 6pm on Sundays at the hospital in Bozeman, hybrid meeting. Online attendance is really strong, hoping for more in person attendance

Ashley P, **Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) -

Meet Monday and Weds at 8pm at Pilgrim Church, attendance at 17-20, book study on Wednesdays, business meeting 3rd Wednesday at 9:10pm

Joshua M, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) -

Meet Fellowship Hall, Monday - Sunday 5:30pm, 7:30pm Speaker Meeting on Saturdays. Adding a 5:30pm Saturday meeting starting in July! Attendance is 45 on average. 4th of July event coming up. BBQ at 1450 West Kagy, 4640 Springhill Road for fireworks. Flyers in the hall. Tues 5:30pm Women's meeting happening concurrently with regular meeting in the east room.

Russ G, **Saturday Morning Third Steppers Group** (Livingston) -

Meets Saturdays at 10:30am, well attended, 4-6 pots of coffee per meeting (about 30+ people), attendance is picking up due to visitors, first Saturday of the month business meeting

Melinda, **Tuesday at 8 Group** (Bozeman) -

Meets at St. James Episcopal church, 1st Tuesday business meeting

Monica, **LGBTQ+ and Friends** (Bozeman) -

Meet Saturdays at 6pm, Fellowship Hall. Solidly attended, all service positions are filled. If you're looking for a welcoming, kind, inclusive meeting, come check it out!

Dawn, **Early Risers** (Bozeman) -

Great attendance, business meetings are as needed, 5 minute meditation to start the meeting

Christine **West Yellowstone** (West Yellowstone) -

Hybrid meeting, annual picnic on Weds 7/16, food at 6 and meeting at 7pm

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

*(Reminder to send any reports, flyers or information [district72.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:district72.secretary@gmail.com))*

**Treasurer:** Meghan R. -

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

**Answering Service:** Dustin G. - (absent)

- No Report

**Archives:** Gail M. -

Archives Committee report June 29, 2024

Hi Everyone,

I'm sorry that I missed the last meeting, we were out of town and in a spot with poor internet connection.

Karon K, CPC Chair brought me some older AA pamphlets that she "inherited" when she began her rotation. I will ask our committee if these and the other GSO pamphlets are something that we want to keep, as they were not generated in District 72. They may be of interest to some, but they have been discontinued or updated with more current information.

If you have any materials from your groups or from past District events that you would like to have placed into our local Archives, please contact me and we will arrange it. You can text me at 406 570-6917 or email at gm59715@gmail.com. Even if your group is not old, it would be great to have these materials on record.

We would like to continue to get interviews with people who have been around AA in District 72 for years to get a full history of the area to add to our archives. If you would like to interview an old-timer in the Gallatin, Park or Madison Counties to add to the archives, we would love to have it. Area 40 Archivist, Earl F. told me that we would like to have a recorded version of interviews as well as a transcript. We can get them professionally transcribed if that isn't something you want to take on.

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

- Event planned with Alanon at the Kiwanis Club in Bozeman, date is changing to July 29th. The Club's focus is children, looking for a speaker of someone who came into AA as a young person.
- Contacting Bozeman Health's behavioral health department, hoping to make some inroads to talk to the professionals in that department. In conjunction with Catherine J from the hospital group, coordinating to ensure we don't have different AA members reaching out to the same people
- We will follow up from the launch of BRIDGERS Misdemeanor DUI Court to see what venues for professional contact might be made. We'll contact Joe Schumacher who is the outreach coordinator.
- Investigating opportunities to meet with traveling nurses. There is an increase in visiting or traveling nurses going to rural areas so looking to see if there's a way to connect with those nurses
- Working to identify candidates for next year's CPC chair
- Thank you to the committee: Bob, Doreen, Eleanor, Nora, Sharon, Dennis

**Grapevine & La Vina / Structure:** Savannah D. -

- Annual prison issue this month
- Sign up for daily quote on Grapevine.org
- There is lots of new downloadable content on the Grapevine website
- Grapevine is looking for stories from Military A.A. members
- GSRs - please ask your groups if they have any old Grapevines and send to Savannah

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- Sold some literature that will be on July's report
- Inventory had dwindled to about 10 Big Books so placed a big order to restock
- Will start having a literature table at District meetings so people can see all of the different types of literature available

**PI (Public Information):** Alicia

- We ordered 1,200 schedules this month for the new quarter
- The PI committee is currently working on delivering schedules to 41 locations, mailing to 18 locations, and emailing to 1 location.
- The PI committee is now stocking the hall in Bozeman with schedules weekly, so feel free to grab as many as your group needs.
- We want to thank Sean from Livingston, a member of the PI committee, who travels far to participate, and because of this we have been able to get more schedules out in the Livingston area. He is also stocking the hall in Livingston. Thank you Sean for your dedication + driving!!

- **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.
  - GSR's could you please announce? We always need more volunteers!
- Next committee meeting is August 16th, 5pm. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact Katie.

**Special Events:** Valerie K. -

- District Event on the 27th of July, 2 Speakers Rick H and Area Delegate, BBQ, and Jeopardy
- Will also be holding the Delegate's report and District Meeting

**Bridging the Gap:** Tony B. -

- 3 female inquiries this month
- 2 male inquiries from Gallatin county
- Request for a contact coming from Helena to Billings, worked with helping to bridge that gap
- International Bridging the Gap event is September 6th-8th in Missoula at the Big Sky Conference Center
- Tony will submit an agenda item for next month to request the District pay for his attendance at the Bridging the Gap event in Missoula

**Corrections:** Jennifer M. - (absent - Lenore read report)

- Not much new to report on pre-release, the Detention Center, or MSP. They have opened a third pod for females at the Gallatin County detention center. As usual, we could use humans willing to make a service commitment, program volunteers at GCDC. The next orientation for new program volunteers is 12 September. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**Treatment:** Chris O. - (absent)

- No report

**Technology:** Bradley G. -

- The committee would like to welcome James H to the committee
- Brian and myself will attend the National AA Technology Workshop Sept 13-15 remotely to learn how technology can most effectively spread the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic.
- The District Google Account is now connected to the Technology chair, with the other committee members able to authenticate
- Currently working on getting the Zoom account onto ACH withdrawals

**Alt. DCM:** Lenore M. -

- Thank you Livingston for hosting!!
- We'll be starting elections for next rotation in July
- GSRs please share with your home groups that there are upcoming opportunities for service at the District level!!
- Kacie, current delegate, will help with the 3rd Legacy District Officer elections in July

**DCM:** Betty M. -

- Area 40 Hotline workshop tomorrow - 2pm on Zoom (6/30) Area 40 events calendar has a flyer
- Events happening all summer, check out the Events Calendar!
- Service Event on July 27th - BBQ starts at noon
- All positions are detailed in the District Guidelines, check them out to explore the available service positions that we'll be electing for the 2025-2026 rotation. Reach out to current chairs or officers if you have any questions or want to learn more about individual positions (phone numbers are on the front of meeting schedules)

- Letter was sent out by General Service Office - Betty highlighted some points - first Class B chair to serve on the General Service Board, Plain Language Big Book passed by substantial unanimity, strong response to request for increased financial contributions from the groups, expenses are trending under budget
- Fall Assembly weekend of September 13th in Great Falls, electing Area chairs at that meeting, Betty encouraged everyone to attend!

## 9. Immediate Business:

- Discussion about if there are any communities/towns that are interested in hosting the District 72 meeting in the month of September- Lenore M.
  - Lenore asked the group whether anyone knows of any groups that are interested in hosting in September
  - Matt from Vennis group will ask his group if they would like to host in September
- Discussion to revise the position description for the District's Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair- Karon K. on behalf of the CPC Committee
  - Position description was very much geared toward pre-Covid ways of life and the committee has identified that this may not be the most effective way of carrying the message in this position (particularly the singular annual event asking professionals to come to us rather than the committee go to them)
  - The report from the Ad-hoc of the Ad-hoc District Inventory Committee identified a need for succession planning/mentoring of incoming chairs by outgoing chairs and to ensure items make it into Archives as necessary. These have been added in the proposed changes.
  - Important to note - this new position description doesn't preclude a future committee from operating as it has, but no longer limits the chair to how their budget works
  - Melinda asked about who trains people on what to say to professionals - Karon shared that G.S.O. has published a CPC kit with scripts to guide on what to say and how to say it when describing AA.

Karon made a motion: On behalf of the CPC Committee, offer a revision to the position description for the chair for the Cooperating with the Professional Community committee as distributed with the agenda to replace the current position description.

In favor: 3 online, 22 in person. Motion passes unanimously.

## DISTRICT 72 AGENDA ITEM FORM: DISCUSSION

### 1) State the discussion item/motion:

Discussion to revise the position description for the District's Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee: (note: this discussion item can turn into a motion)  
Submitted by Karon K on behalf of the CPC Committee

### 2) How the discussion item/motion originated:

While considering recommendations for possible candidates for the upcoming service rotation, the committee reviewed the CPC Chair position description. The current description does not fully describe the position responsibilities, especially taking into consideration social interaction and workplace changes during and post COVID. Additionally, the description needs to integrate the recommendations of the District's 2020 inventory which identified *for every position: add mentor/service sponsor-shadow for the end of outgoing member's last term.*

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

The current description includes: *plans an annual event.* The new description does not preclude a chair/committee from planning such an event; it just no longer establishes that as an objective against which the committee's work can be evaluated.

### 4) Financial considerations for the discussion/motion item:

In most years prior to COVID, a speaker luncheon was hosted once a year for a particular professional community. Costs typically involved venue rental fees and catering. We have found that "meeting them where they are at" such as at staff meetings, in a class, at a conference, etc. may be a more cost-efficient way to carry our message to much larger audiences than an invited, hosted event. However, this revision does not preclude future committees from planning that kind of hosted event. The CPC budget level should continue to accommodate that if future committees wish to plan such an event.

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

It clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the position and committee activities.

### 6) Final Comments:

Elections for service positions generally occur in August. Position descriptions in the guidelines should be as up to date as possible for candidates seeking service positions to better understand the commitment they are undertaking.

### Current description in D72 Guidelines:

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson: responds to requests for information about AA and initiates contact with professionals who come into contact with active alcoholics; reports to the district at regular meetings any professional contact activity; may attend the Area Assembly when budget allows, to sit in on the discussions of the CPC committee at the Area level and reports, in writing, to the district any information or new activities for those committee discussions. Plans annual CPC event.

### Possible revision:

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chairperson:

The purpose of this committee is to provide information about A.A. to those individuals who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. The Chair shall:

- Establish a committee of A.A. volunteers, ideally from a variety of communities/counties in the District, to provide experience and support in developing projects that will further the carrying of the A.A. message through cooperation with members of the professional community.
- Read and become familiar with the CPC workbook and all related materials from Area 40 and the General Service Office. Work with the Literature Chair to select A.A. publications appropriate to professional audiences.
- Find productive and efficient ways of cooperating without affiliating with the professional community; plan events and collaborate with Al-Anon when appropriate.
- Communicate with PI, Treatment and Corrections committees to coordinate outreach to organizations that may be relevant to more than one committee.
- Participate in monthly District 72 meetings, providing oral and written reports of the CPC committee's activities and any other relevant information.
- Attend Area Assembly meetings (in person when budget allows or online) for discussions of the CPC committee at the Area level
- When rotating out of office, help the incoming CPC Chair by sharing experiences, records, and helpful suggestions for serving District 72. If appropriate, provide all relevant committee notes, suggestions, and documents to the District 72 Archives Chair to ensure they are stored for safe keeping and historical preservation.

10. Old Business:

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."*

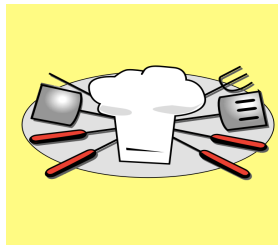
**REQUEST:** *If you have any items you want added to the next month's agenda, please email it to Lenore at [lenore.maunz777@gmail.com](mailto:lenore.maunz777@gmail.com) at least 10 days in advance of next month's meeting date so there is enough time to add it and send the agenda out. This would be July 17, 2024.*

*Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to:  
[area40.district72@gmail.com](mailto:area40.district72@gmail.com)*

## Next district meeting

Saturday, July 27th, 2024 4:30pm – 6:30pm

In Bozeman



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

[AA-Montana.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@aamontana.org)