

**Area 40 - District 72 Business Meeting**

**July 29, 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. **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:** Lila H.
5. **Reading of Concept Seven:** Lenore M.

*“The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments,  
empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs.  
The Conference Charter is not a legal document;  
it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.”*

6. **Questions about last month's minutes? Can I have a motion to approve the June 2023 minutes?**  
(meeting held 6/24/2023)
  - **Motion to accept:** passed
7. **Introductions & Reports: GSRs & Visitors:**

Erica S, **Third Step Meeting** (Livingston) - will host D72 meeting on August 19, 4:30-6:30pm,  
BBQ @ 3pm, please bring a side dish.  
Business meeting held 1st Sat. of the month.

Ashley H, **Bozeman Primary Purpose** (Bozeman) - meet Monday and Wednesday at 8 pm,  
book study *As Bill Sees It*.  
Business meeting held 3rd Wednesday.

Lila H, **Bozeman Young People's Group** (Bozeman) - meet Sun, Tues, Thurs @ 7pm in Big Room  
of the Hall. Attendance goes up & down. There's been  
fellowship after the meeting, we're really trying to be there  
for the newcomer.  
Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 8:15pm.

Bob C, **Belgrade Common Solution** (Belgrade) - meet at Peace Lutheran Church, book study.  
Business meeting held 2nd Sun @ 6:15pm.

Teresa R, **Women's Serenity Group** (Bozeman) - meet Tues & Fri @ noon, attendance varies but  
seems to be up right now.  
Business meeting held 2nd Tuesday @ 11am.

Matt S, **Venice Over The Hill Group** (Ennis) - meet Mon, Wed, & Fri. @ 7:30pm, Sun. 10am in  
Virginia City. Attendance up with lots of visitors.  
Business meeting held 3rd Mon.

Kristi D, **6th Chapter Group** (Bozeman) - meets at 11 am at the Hall. Summers are fun with lots  
of visitors. Business meeting held 2nd Sun. @ 9:50pm.

Christine C, **West Yellowstone Group** (West Yellowstone) - Meets Wednesday and Sunday, discussion and Big Book Study. Attendance around 22.  
BBQ on 7/12 was well attended with folks from WY, ID, & MT.  
Working on group inventory outcomes; new group practices, what is our primary purpose, putting together a newcomer packet, and looking at required sobriety for holding positions.

Connie L, **Fellowship Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thursday at Grand Ave. Church @ 7:30pm, attendance down a bit during summer. Business meeting held on 1st Thurs. after meeting.

Savannah D, **Rebellion Dogs** (Bozeman) - meet Sun - Fri at 5:30pm & Sat at 7:30pm with Women's meeting held at same time in Large Hall room. Have a new safety committee, and 4th of July party was great!

Melinda W, **Tuesday @ 8pm Group** (Bozeman) - meet at the St. James Episcopal Church, 111 S. Tracy, in the *cool* basement.  
Business meeting held 1st Tues. @ 9pm.

Tim K, **H.O.W. Group** (Bozeman) - meet 4 days a week: Sun, Mon, Thurs, Sat, all well attended.  
Birthday meeting last Thurs of month. This month we had 50 people in attendance with 13 birthdays. Business meeting 2nd Thurs of month @ 8:15pm.

Maurice W, **Friday Noon Men's Group** (Bozeman) - attendance averaging 25.

Maurice W, **Big Book Study Group** (Bozeman) - meet Thurs, attendance averaging 12 - 20.

**Visitors:** Jeff L, Ted, Bob, Susan H, David (Arizona)

## 8. Introductions and Committee Reports:

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

**Treasurer:** Meghan R. - (absent, report read by Joanne M.)

- (see email attachment for July 2023 budget report, or on Area 40 in District Mini Sites)
- Hello District 72,

My apologies for being unable to attend the meeting today and thank you to Joanne for giving my report for me! I just wanted to highlight a couple of things from the report that was sent out:

1. The technology equipment purchases have all been paid for and I the \$569 from the accessibility fund that was approved by the District at an earlier meeting in addition to the remaining budget from the technology committee.
2. We are still about \$89 in the red, however I last checked the P.O. box before I left for vacation last week so it's possible there are checks in there that haven't been deposited yet. Thank you to all the groups that were able to step up and send contributions to help us continue to carry the message!
3. The Roundup committee is aware of the money we are holding onto for them but has not been in need of it yet (just as an FYI in case anyone was wondering)
4. The bank account is balanced to the penny!

Thank you for letting me serve!

Meghan

- Visitor noted high expenses in the budget from too large literature inventory.

**Answering Service:** Emily Y. -

- Area 40 hasn't sent out a report, someone is filling in the position.
- There were 2 missed calls in June, both were returned.
- Can always use more volunteers, GSRs please share this with your groups and contact Emily Y. @ 406-570-2283.

**Archives:** Gail M. -

- Our committee meets on Zoom on the 4th Thursday evening of each month. We would love to have anyone attend who is interested. This week, there were just 2 of us, so we got through our brief agenda quickly.

I have taken inventory of the materials in our cabinet at The Hall. We have years of agendas, minutes, treasurers' reports, etc. on paper in binders. There were a lot of "self-help" books and cassette tapes which we donated to the library at The Hall. These were all non AA Conference Approved items. There are a lot of duplicates of old AA pamphlets. We got rid of the ones that were exactly the same as others (including publishing month). I'm not sure if these GSO pamphlets even belong in our local archives, but I will research it.

If your groups have anything specific to District 72 that you would like to have added to the Archives, let me know.

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

- We are continuing efforts to collaborate with AI-Anon's CPC committee and to share contact information. Together we are exploring how to efficiently update shared records and locate up to date contact information for professionals. We'll focus on updates from Park and Gallatin counties local advisory boards which provide contact information for mental health providers.
- AI-Anon joined us in sending literature to Conference on Challenges in Mental Health Care for the Primary Care Physician: July 19-22. We sent this literature:
  - [A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional](#)
  - [A Brief Guide to A.A.](#)
  - [If you are a professional](#)
  - [An Open Letter to Health Care Professionals](#)
  - AI-Anon postcard
  - AA Meeting App postcard for CPC. We created this card after seeing what AI-Anon had done to promote use of the meeting app. This card is specific to CPC but could be modified for other uses.

**Do You Know Someone Who Might Have a Drinking Problem?**

**Alcoholics Anonymous can help!**

The A.A. Meeting Guide App helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them in an easy-to-access format. The Meeting Guide is free of charge and available for iOS and Android smartphones.



A service of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Cooperation with the professional community has been an objective of A.A. since our beginning. We share a common purpose with professionals who work with alcoholics—to help the alcoholic stop drinking and lead a healthy, productive life.

More information about Alcoholics Anonymous and how we cooperate with professionals is available at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

- We have been working with Ty K, chair of Area 40 CPC and other district CPC committees, on planning a speaker event prior to the Regional Forum in Missoula. The speaker is Honorable Kerry Meyer, 4th judicial district court judge from Minnesota and class A trustee for General Service Board of AA. Professionals and AA members interested in CPC work are invited to attend. The purpose is for professionals to better understand how recovery can work and ways of supporting those who may be in need of help.

**Grapevine/Structure:** Savannah D. -

- Have ordered subscriptions for the for the Fellowship Hall bulletin board
- Want to order 2 subscriptions for Corrections but need to know how to proceed since the GV budget is only \$50.

Laviñia one year subscription.....	\$14.45
A back issue of 30 grapevine.....	\$54.00
One year regular subscription grapevine.....	<u>\$28.97</u>
Total:	\$97.42

- Discussion needed, budget questions, next month's agenda?  
(possibly use suggested agenda item form to give detailed info, pros & cons, suggestions)

**Literature:** Amy K. -

- The cupboards are stocked, sold \$80.24 this month.
- Inventory will eventually sell so YTD Differential in budget will balance out.
- If the district wants to limit the purchase amount we should.  
But it is nice having literature in stock.
- GSRs spread the word to groups to please buy literature from Amy @ 406-570-6773

**PI (Public Information):** Katie M. -

- We did not order schedules for August. This decision was made for 3 reasons; first, there were no changes to the schedule over the past month, secondly, there are still July schedules available, and thirdly, due to moving the August district meeting the next schedule will have to go to the printer by August 4th.
- The committee delivered schedules to approximately 32 locations. We mailed schedules to 8 groups in our district. We also mailed schedules to 6 locations, both jails + hospitals in West Yellowstone, Ennis + Virginia City.
- We are continuing to contact jails + hospitals in the outlying towns in our district to see if they would like us to mail schedules to them. If you are going to any of these towns and want to help us deliver schedules please contact me, we would love the help!
- 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 please announce, we always need more volunteers
- Next committee meeting is Thursday, August 17th, at 6pm. If you or anyone in your home group would like to volunteer please contact me.

**Special Events:** Valerie K. -

- Successful event today! Event was well attended.  
Thank you to everyone who attended and helped.

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

- Active month, good getting people connected. Total 6 requests (3 male & 3 female)
- See attached flyer for upcoming AA Bridging The Gap 2024 Workshop Weekend

**Corrections:** Jennifer M. -

- Thanked Tony B. for doing a great job getting folks connected.
- MSP (MT State Prison) needs lots of help. GSRs please ask groups for volunteers, contact Jennifer M. @ 406-570-2552.
- The Detention Center had 4 new volunteers. Thank you to Jackie at the detention center for being a CPC activist. She conducts the orientation for volunteers.
- Discussion happening about possibly using Google Voice for inmates. Ty K. at Area 40 is involved in this conversation. More to come.
- There has been some mischief with Pink Can Literature stored at the Fellowship Hall. Jennifer has met with the board about this.  
Talk of a possible passcode lock being put on the door.

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

- MCDC had a good July meeting, volunteers reported that it was a very engaged meeting.
- 2 cases of big books were dropped off. Thank you to all groups that have a pink can it truly makes a difference.
- GSRs please have anyone with 1 year plus of sobriety contact Chris O. @ 406-220-0792 to get on the volunteer list!  
Thanks for letting me serve,  
Chris O.

**Roundup Chair:** Bruce W. -

- 3 months away, 68 people are registered, 400 people capacity
- Many ways to register: QR code on flyer, order form, website - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-fall-roundup-tickets-520971488747>
- 1 airplane ticket purchased
- Committee knows there is seed money from district & Missoula
- Help still needed:
  - Babysitting Chair
  - Decorating committee volunteers for Friday evening party & event in general
- Questions:  
Amy - literature sales, what to bring. Bruce will ask the literature committee and get back.
- Bruce will send update info for the Area 40 website to Katie M.

**Technology:** Bradley G. -

- Have a new committee member, Ryan S.
- Monthly committee meeting still working on job description.
- Thank you to Gail M., archives chair, for organizing and finding space for tech. Stuff.
- Met with Erica in Livingston to test wifi speed for next month's meeting. Will be reaching out to Matt S. to do the samin in Ennis for September's D72 meeting.
- Excited about carrying the message with technology for *Traveling D72 Meetings*.

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

- Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the District 72 Special Event held earlier today.
- Next month's district meeting is being held earlier because the **West Central Regional AA Forum** is being held on the last Saturday of the month, on our usual meeting date. Because we will meet a week earlier on Aug. 19, any agenda items should be submitted to Lenore M., [lenore.maunz777@gmail.com](mailto:lenore.maunz777@gmail.com) by Aug. 9.

**DCM:** Betty M. -

- **Note:** *The calendar and flyer content for this report comes from the Calendar Tab of Area 40 Montana AA site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/>*
- **Camping with the Fellowship:** flyers available online  
**August 18-20**
  - Lake Como, 3 Sisters Group Campsite (about 20 mins south of Hamilton). Flyer on the Area 40 site. Contact provided for questions / registration.
  - Lower Yellowstone Soberfest, Makoshika State Park in Glendive. Both AA and AIAnon speakers. Contact provided for questions / registration.
  - More camping options available in September.
- **West Central Regional Forum @ Hilton Garden Inn, in Missoula - August 25 - 27th.**
  - **Register:** <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=735391>
  - **Purpose:** Enhance communication between AA members, General Service Board, and staff & directors from GSO and the AA Grapevine.
  - **Program:** Presentations, workshops, panels & more. Sharing sessions that will allow you to comment and ask questions of the board staff.
  - **Cost:** Registration is free. Hotel has group rate of \$139/night. Call 888-728-3027
  - **More Information:** Flyer available online.
- **National Technology Committee Workshop: Friday, September 8th to Sunday, September 10th, 2023, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA and via Zoom.**
  - Topics for technical & non-technical users of technology.  
Click below for more information.  
<https://naatw.org/2023-naatw-workshop/>
- **Area 40 Fall Roundup, GranTree Inn, Bozeman – October 27 – 29**  
Will be great event with AA & AIAnon speakers, variety of entertainment options, good food available. Flyer available online.
- **Additional GSO News:**  
**Class A Trustee Al Mooney:** He and his wife were hurt when a tree fell on their car this week. They are both alert, although hospitalized. The Facebook post below is public. I wanted you to know about the situation and ask you to join the Trustees in prayers for their speedy recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Betty M

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## 9. Immediate Business:

- No immediate business

## 10. Old Business:

- **Discuss using the form “District 72 Agenda Item Form: Discussion or Motion”**

(created based off the form used at Area 40 for agenda items) - Lenore M.

Form was reviewed, why it's important to think things through, it's a useful tool.

**Discussion:** Gave focus to the technology committee, a discussion item can turn into a motion, form would be available if people want to use it or not.

Lenore asked for a show of hands to get a sense if people thought the tool was useful, everyone in the room raised their hand.

Lenore M. will present a motion for the tool at next months meeting.

## 11. New Business:

- **Discuss moving the date of the October D72 business meeting to a week earlier (October 21st) to not conflict with the Bozeman Roundup - Betty M. & Lenore M.**

Discussion: Is the room available on the date? Betty M. will contact hall and ask.

Encourage GSRs & their homegroups to check calendar of events and district meeting schedule while scheduling events.

**Motion:** The October D72 Business Meeting will be held a week earlier, October 21, 2023 @ 4:30pm - 6:30pm.

**Passed: Yes - 23, No - 0**

- **Discuss the option to print meeting schedules quarterly rather than monthly - PI Committee (Katie M.)**

Item will be presented at next business meeting (out of time)

**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 Aug. 9th.*

**Motion to adjourn @ 6:30pm**

## 13. 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, Aug. 19th @ 4:30pm – 6:30pm**

**at Vince Grant Hall in Livingston 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](http://AA-Montana.org)

