

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

February 24, 2019

Hosted by – Serenity Group

Attended by: 22+ from District 91

If you attended and were not included above please email District Secretary to make corrections. Thank you.

Note: *This is a live document therefore the contents herein are subject to change as I receive reports. If you would like to print this document, you may wish to wait until the minutes are approved at the next District Meeting. If you see an error please email District 91 Secretary so that corrections can be made promptly. Thank you!*

OPENING

- Serenity Prayer -
- Preamble -
- 12 Traditions - 12 Concepts -
- Concept of the Month - Concept 2 -
- Concept 3 Review Volunteer -
- Host for March 31, 2019 meeting:- Bigfork By The Bay Group
- (Alano Club requires someone to contact them in order to hold District on any given Sunday)
- Next District meeting
 - Bigfork By the Bay Group
 - To be held at the Alano Club,
 - 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT
 - 3PM, March 31, 2019
- Review & approval of - minutes: - January 27, 2019 minutes were approved.
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Blank Agenda Item Form](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- [Area Budget vs Actual by Line Item 1 & 2](#)

Agenda Items *Remember that items on the agenda are considered "made and seconded motions" and should be taken back to your home groups to get input in order to be able to discuss and vote the following business meeting. If there are any questions about this process, please let (DCM) know.*

GROUP REPORTS

Back to Basics

Meeting continues to meet Saturday nights @ 6pm. Currently we are reading Living Sober. We continue to struggle on attendance. If you are ever in Eureka, please stop in.

GSR

***Band of Brothers Meeting**

Big Book Group

Big Book Group continues to meet at the Wave (Whitefish) Sundays at 11:00 am and Thursday evenings at 7:00. We're located in "Party Room A or B" on the backside of the building. Come join us for Big Book reading and discussion.

Bigfork by The Bay Group

Things are going well. Our monthly Birthday meeting is tonight.

GSR

By The Book Group*Canyon Group**

We have started 3 meetings at 6:30 am Tuesday Thursday & Sunday. It's going well, so join us the next time you're in Columbia Falls at 6:30 am.

We are doing a group inventory on March 10th. We are averaging 30 people or more for our noon meetings. They are great meetings.

We are still looking for someone to take the 4th Thursday at the Summit.

As it should be, things are great at the Canyon Group and the snow is beautiful.

GSR

Chief Cliff Group

We meet every Wednesday from 7 - 8 pm.

GSR

Circle of Sisters

I will be the group contact as Dana is working out of the area for a few months.

Group Contact

Columbia Falls Group

The Columbia Falls AA Group meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Chapel of the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls. Attendance has been picking up with more newcomers. Come join us for coffee and refreshments and camaraderie!

Group Contact

Flathead Serenity Group

Greetings! Serenity has discussed closing, changing meeting time or adjusting format of 7pm Wednesday night book study due to low attendance.

After 1 consecutive month of operating at a positive balance we are back to negative operating balance after meeting our prudent reserves (which does include travel expenses for gsr to WCRAASC and Area).

Everything else is splendid in sobriety and thank you for allowing me to represent my group.

GSR

Going To the Sun Group

During the winter months as driving conditions get dicey—our attendance gets smaller, tho' we continue to have a core of 8-14 attending. At 5:30pm before the Meeting some gather at Glacier Grill for supper and fellowship—All are welcome to join.

Coffee continues to be "The Best in the Valley". Frequently during these dark winter months we have a quick Group Conscience and turn it into a candle light Meeting...

GSR

***Lunch Bunch Group**

New Hope Group

We have a speaker meeting next sunday eve.
GSR

*Somers/Lakeside Group

Sunrise Group

Committee is being formed to draft Bylaws for group, no example received to date. Financials: Quarterly contributions for Jan 2019 have been sent to New York, State, District & Intergroup. (GSO, AREA 40, DISTRICT 91 & INTERGROUP). We have an event February 23 & 24 – Lilly room “Paint and Patch” at Alano Club – (budget \$300). We are hosting Pathways meeting 9–10 a.m. on 4th Saturday of month – first meeting this month. Elections are postponed until March due to painting. Book Inventory is dwindling with not much financial reimbursement. GSR

Swan River AA Group**Tobacco Valley Group****Whitefish Group**

The Whitefish Group has been busy. We created a new position to act as liaison between the church and our group. This was a group conscious solution to provide one point of contact between our group and the church. Because of security issues, the open door policy we have and concerns from church members, we came to this agreement. All parties are in agreement and we are moving forward.

The WFG entertainment committee hosted a Karaoke night on February 11, for all to enjoy. It was well attended and allowed people to face the fear of singing in public. It worked. This committee is planning future events and will be publicized accordingly.

The Sober Ski event is on for the 1-3 of March. Flyers have been distributed area wide and another well attended event is in the forecast.

Our group continues to provide 3 meetings a day with an inductive big book study on Thursdays at 6 pm.

In Service, GSR

Women in Sobriety*COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS****Archives**

Hello District! My apologies for not making this months meeting, I have been very sick. I am placing all material I receive in Google Docs folders. If you have anything you deem archive worthy or are not sure please feel free to contact me. I am still learning about this position and am hoping to do some fun things. All archived material for the District is stored safely at my home. Thank you.

In service, , District 91 Archives Chair

Corrections

Greetings, It is an honor to be entrusted to service my district in this capacity. I do wish to commend Terryl for handing me what appears to be a well-oiled machine. It is my greatest wish to do the same at the end of my rotation. Jail meetings continue, with no interruption, as planned. All meetings have been chaired, thus far.

Our next orientation for volunteers has been set by the jail. It is scheduled for April 11th, at 5:30 pm. Please pass this on to your groups. I have flyers printed for you to distribute to your groups. I would ask all GSR's or Corrections chairs for groups to please compile a list of the individuals who wish to attend the orientation. I would ask for each group to provide me with full name, phone number, and email for each individual. Also, please ensure that each person is eligible before providing their information to me.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. Cannot be on probation, parole, or any other form of court-mandated monitoring or continuing care plan.
2. Must not ever have been convicted of any charge relating to rape of or sexual impropriety with an inmate.
3. Must not be within the maximum sentence time range of your most recent conviction. (I.E. if you were convicted on January 1st, 2019 and your charge carries a maximum time of one year in jail, you are not eligible to be oriented until January 1st, 2020. Please note, it does not matter what time you were sentenced for. The only thing that matters is the maximum jail time for the crime of which you were convicted, from the date that you were convicted on.

Also, I have set a meeting with jail staff for April 1st, which is to be attended by myself and our Bridging the Gap chairperson. The goal of this meeting is to learn how we can better serve the jail and to establish an open line of communication that will be necessary for the success of any Bridging the Gap work that we wish to accomplish. Yours in unity and service,

Public Information (PI)

As of today we are waiting for "Spring Schedules" to proceed with servicing the racks.

I am starting a new campaign to gather phone numbers to add to the "Hot Line". All GSR's please take them back to your groups and bring them back next month.

In Service,

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC)

Good Afternoon,

Since our last District Meeting, all GSR's on the District List were emailed invitations to our first 2019 CPC Meeting, and asked to forward the invite to their local CPC's. The meeting was held Sunday 2/17 3:00 PM at City Brew in Kalispell.

Limited responses were received. In attendance at that meeting was myself, CPC for Whitefish Group and CPC for Serenity Group.

It was a successful meeting with GREAT ideas:

1. ---- will complete the "Sponsor Your Professional" display which was already underway and will be displayed at the Alano Club in Kalispell and is also planned on being displayed at the Into Action Weekend. This display has a great tip sheet and will be alongside relevant brochures to encourage each AA to contact Professionals with whom they already have a relationship in order to actually put a face on AA.
2. Once this display is complete we plan on duplicating this for other groups.
3. We are planning several "Break time" style Mock A.A. Meetings, to be held at locations convenient to each Profession throughout the Flathead Valley. College/Hospitals/Police Department/Etc. Our aim is to meet our

Professionals where they are at. We will also do our best to research the criteria required to qualify our meetings as continued education if at all possible. The meetings will be 1 hour in length, and guided by 8-10 focus driven questions, to be aimed at several articulate trusted servant volunteers. The last 10-15 minutes of the meeting will be for attendee questions as well as to present a brief description of our "Sponsor Your Professional" Program. The CPC Committee will provide coffee and donuts.

If anyone has previous CPC experience or current Professional Community contacts we would appreciate speaking with you. Lastly, a "CPC Needs You" sign up sheet is being passed around for you to take back to your groups to gather interested volunteers for the CPC Committee and for our Mock AA meeting trusted servants. I appreciate the ability and blessing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this capacity as your District 91 CPC In Service, --- CPC Chairperson.

Treatment

Nothing new to report. Still learning from previous Treatment Chair on my position.
Thanks, District 91 Treatment Chair

Literature

Balance in the account is \$258. I have sold ten Big Books & ten 12&12s.

Now I am waiting for a reimbursement check for literature sales.

I called GSO to inquire about kits for Bridging the Gap, Literature, & Archives Chairs. I was advised that those do not exist for those positions.

Literature Chair

BTG Representative, added that we do need a second treatment kit to be used for BTG because it falls under Treatment and there is no kit for BTG at this time.

Grapevine

Greetings; I have registered as the District 91, Area 40 Grapevine Chair. I have received the information packet from Grapevine. I am currently reading the District Guidelines for Grapevine Chair in order to familiarize myself with my responsibilities. I have spoken to --- about keeping the Grapevine board current. Other than that I have nothing new to report!!

Grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

Intergroup Liaison

Intergroup had its last meeting on Feb. 23, 2019. With-- as acting Chair. We discussed the past February 16th potluck Valentine event, deciding for future events to alphabetize designated food types to bring so that we get a more varied array.

Our next event is the annual **St. Patty's potluck Business-Brisket-Birthday meeting on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the United Methodist Church- 117 2nd Ave. West, in Columbia Falls.** Corned beef and cabbage provided. We've had great turnouts in the past and are looking forward to this year, Nicole S. will pay her bagpipes, please everybody come and have a great time. Our next event will be the May Spring Fling, with a tentative date of May 11.

Gratefully, in Service,

***District* Intergroup Liaison**

Note above report by Intergroup Liaison.

Motion was made & approved to clarify the title of Intergroup Liaison by renaming to **DISTRICT INTERGROUP LIAISON** for District 91.

Bridging the Gap

Good Afternoon,

Since our last District Meeting, I have called every person that was on the Bridging the Gap Volunteer Database for District 91. There were a few people that didn't return my call, and a few that had full voicemail boxes, or no voicemail set up at all. There were also some disconnected or not current numbers, as well as a decent handful of people no longer in the program. It was told to me to remove all of those people from the database, so that it can be as effective as possible when needing to get a hold of a volunteer. We now have a Bridging the Gap Volunteer Database that contains only active members of Alcoholics Anonymous, that have a desire to be of service.

I have some volunteer sign-up sheets with me today that I will be passing around. If all GSR's could please take one back to their group and pass it around between now and next months district meeting, it would be greatly appreciated! Please bring the volunteer sheets back to me next month so that I can update our database.

We are forming a Bridging the Gap committee for all of Area 40. Our first committee meeting will be held on May 11th in Wolf Point, after their District Meeting (District 21). In between now and then, we plan to have a conference call with all of the BTG Chairpersons to discuss how we can more effectively "Bridge the Gap" across Area 40.

I recently had the opportunity to "Bridge the Gap" for a gentleman that was getting out of treatment in Great Falls, and coming home to Columbia Falls. I am truly blessed to get to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this capacity. Thank you all again for allowing me the opportunity to be your District 91 Bridging the Gap Chairperson.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Into Action Day-**

Chair:--- Co-Chair:---

Attendance: Day - Count 32, Attendance: Night - Count was Less
12 people signed up to help for the event.

Final report will be available soon.

2019 Spring Roundup Committee Next Round Up committee meeting is March 7th 6:00 pm - at The Red Lion, in the fireside room. **We are looking for volunteers to help with hospitality, greeters, registration and more.**

Please join us!

Spring Round Up Chair

OFFICER REPORTS**DCM →**

Spring Pre Assembly is in Missoula this year, next year will be our turn to host, so I encourage you all to attend this year in Missoula to gain experience for hosting.

Guidelines are available for each of you - by email & hard copies from me. Changes to format will need to be voted on. GSR's please discuss with your groups.

It has been suggested to extend this meeting to 2 hours & it will require a vote by GSR's to make the change.

Some have had to leave early even when we extend for a few minutes. GSR reports take up a lot of time. If we don't need to take up the 2 hours we would leave early. Maybe we could focus more on Committee reports rather than GSR reports.

GSR's ask your group's chairpersons to get involved with the District Chairpersons. Sheila & I are committed to getting everyone involved in the District at all the different levels of service,
---, DCM

Alternate DCM →

Treasurer →

The operating balance is \$2381.89. Money was sent to Area 40 for Corrections by---I. Grapevine subscriptions will be due around March for jails and are ordered by --- through Literature chair and reimbursed by Treasurer from the Corrections budget.

Margaret L., Treasurer.

Secretary →

I thank you for this opportunity to serve as I continue to learn more about Google's processing program - drive, docs, and everything in between. I apologize for any frustration you may have with my learning curve and thank you for your patience.

---, Secretary

DISTRICT BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS - *Note: The discussions provided below do not exhibit direct quotes from the individuals. It is the secretary's attempt to capture the spirit of the discussion to the best of their ability. If you wish for something to be changed or amended please email the secretary.*

OLD BUSINESS

→ **Review Chairs & GSR list.**

→ **Guideline proposed - a new change to be made “*District Intergroup Liaison*”**

NEW BUSINESS

--- has his proposal to request partial funding for BTG meeting in Wolf Point---the allowed budget was for literature etc, It was brought up that we should fund the whole trip with reasonable expenses as the District presently has funds available. Jessica shared this is a beginning to help support the rural areas in establishing BTG.

Motion was made with second and accepted to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion was made & accepted for reasonable reimbursement of expenses for Sean R. to attend the BTG meeting in Wolf Point .

Motion with second was made and passed` to adjourn at 4:45 pm.

CLOSING - Responsibility Statement **4:45 pm**

Minutes submitted by: District 91 Secretary