

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

March 31, 2019

Hosted by – Serenity Group

Attended by: 26+ DISTRICT 91 ATTENDEES

If you attended and were not included above please email District 91 Secretary , 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 ---Secretary. so that corrections can be made promptly. Thank you!*

OPENING

- Serenity Prayer -
- Preamble -
- 12 Traditions - 12 Concepts-
- Concept of the Month - Concept 3 -
- Concept 4 Review Volunteer -
- Host for April 28, 2019 meeting:- Canyon Group
- Next District meeting
 - Canyon Group
 - Circle Plaza, 110 Nucleus Ave, Columbia Falls
 - 3PM - April 28, 2019
- *(Alano Club requires advance notification to - Ray B. 406-249-2752 to reserve the meeting room for any group that may want to host the District meeting there)*
- Review & approval of minutes: - February 21, 2019 minutes were approved.
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [District Guidelines Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [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 -

The Back to Basics Meeting in Eureka has closed its doors due to lack of attendance and support from the recovering community.

***Band of Brothers Meeting**

***Big Book Group**

Bigfork by The Bay Group

Attendance is up. I will be going to the Spring Assembly in Great Falls.

By The Book Group

Attendance has been great. Our next business meeting will take place the first Saturday of April. We meet nightly at 5 30 in the big room of the alano club! Come join us .

Sincerely, GSR

Canyon Group

We are reviewing our group inventory and will conclude tomorrow. To this alcoholic it was quite interesting as I've never been involved in one since my sobriety.

We are averaging more than 30 people per meeting. A new meeting place is in need but not so easy to find.

Our campout is well on the way. We have a coordinator and assistant as well. Swan Lake sounds great.

We have 9 volunteers for Bridging the Gap. The mock AA meeting has 7 and 5 for the Area 40 Hotline.

We still have members carrying the message to the County Jail, Summit, Wilderness, and Pathways.

You can see Canyon Group is alive and well and very involved.

In Service, GSR

Chief Cliff Group

GSR

Circle of Sisters

The circle of sisters meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday are doing well. We have a 10 minute lead. At the beginning of the month we have a speaker for 45 minutes. We could always use more women.

Nothing else is new but I will be heading to area this weekend and it should be a good experience.

Thank you for letting me be of service Ladonna!

GSR

Columbia Falls Group

The Columbia Falls AA group meets every Wednesday Thursday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. at the Montana Veterans Home Chapel. Meetings have been pretty well attended 20 to 30 on Wednesday nights! Come join us for some good meetings and great fellowship with great coffee and cookies.

In Service, Contact

Flathead Valley Serenity Group

Serenity meetings are going well. We are looking at changing the day or time of our Wednesday night book study meeting to try to boost attendance from the two or three people it's been over last few months. No use competing for a time slot with men's and women's groups that offer great experience and strength. (I haven't been to women's yet but it seems popular)

I attended west central regional conference in Moorhead and I'm so grateful to my group for allowing me to represent them and to---- for being such good roommates to me and my dog. I will be giving a synopsis of 2019 WCRAASC at area assembly next weekend so if you want to know more, get a ride with us to Great Falls! Especially you, --- from Bigfork. It's such an honor to vote on behalf of your group and interpret their conscience through the concept of right of decision (which I learned about in

Moorhead). The agenda items didn't seem interesting at first, until I started seeing how passionately the traditions and and concepts were applied to preserve A.A. as a whole.

I am in Sandusky Ohio looking for Callahan brake factory before I head west again. So thanks to --- (Alt GSR) for giving my report. I was at Dr. Bob's house and in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel yesterday. Yay A.A.! GSR

***Going To the Sun Group**

***Lunch Bunch Group**

New Hope Group

New Hope continues to hold meetings daily at noon and 7pm. Attendance was down considerably last month. We will have a speaker meeting April 7th at 7 PM and birthday meeting April 19th at 7 PM.

Thanks,
---GSR

***Somers/Lakeside Group**

***Sunrise Group**

***Swan Lake Group of AA**

Swan Lake Group of Alcoholics Anonymous District Report March 2019

Meetings are held at the Bigfork Community Center (formerly Senior Center) at 639 Commerce Lane, Bigfork, just across the street from the school.

Our sole purpose is to help the suffering alcoholic by providing open, welcoming meetings that provide a welcoming non-judgmental atmosphere where new people are attracted to Recovery through AA's 12 Step program of Recovery.

Meetings are open and held at the following times:

Women's meeting – Monday night; 6:30 pm

Regular open meeting - Friday night at 7:00 but only occur from Memorial Day to Labor day.

This year they begin again on 5/31.

Swan Lake Group has had several problems over the last year. They include 1) notices taken down; 2) storage broken into and coins, books and step/tradition posters stolen; 3) rumors that it is not a real AA group but rather affiliated with another outside entity. 4) being dropped off the Winter Meeting Schedule.

Swan Lake Group is not affiliated with any outside entity and we request that if anyone hears this, that they please correct this incorrect gossip. Both our meetings are open meetings where our sole purpose is to help the suffering alcoholic.

All are invited to come. These meetings began with the purpose of providing more open and welcoming meetings in Bigfork. Care was taken to not utilize a time slot already providing a meeting. They are discussion meetings utilizing the Big Book, 12 Steps and Traditions and Recovery. We give each individual meeting within the group its own autonomy as the Traditions state, allowing the attending members to make their own agenda or change it as they see fit. We look forward to meeting you and hope both groups in Bigfork will prosper together in Recovery during the upcoming busy season.

Yours in Service, ----GSR Swan Lake Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

***Tobacco Valley Group**

***Whitefish Group**

The Whitefish Group continues to see good levels of participation at all meetings.

The WFG entertainment committee is hosting a bowling night on April 11, for all to enjoy. This committee is planning future events and will be publicized accordingly.

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

The GSR and Alt GRS will attend the Area Conference in Great Falls April 6,7,8.

In Service, ---GSR

***Women in Sobriety**

We meet Monday - Thursday At 1:15 pm. We have great attendance on Monday and Thursday is still from 2-10 people. Our business meeting is the first Monday of the month. April 1st is a potluck.

In Service,---

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**Archives**

Hi District!

I am so happy to be your Archives Chair. I would like to request roughly \$20 to purchase a flash drive so that I can archive the past few years or so of archival material from both my and Dave terms as secretary and create more google doc space for both ---- and I. I am looking into costs for purchasing a recorder as I am not sure where our recorder is? I have combed through minutes and will continue to do so. If anyone has any idea where it may be please let me know. I would like to compile a list of current group archives chairs for our District and I hope to begin recording some of our "old timers". I am sorry I will not be at the next District Meeting but look forward to seeing you all in May! Thank you for letting me be of service. --- District 91 Archives Chair

Corrections

Greetings in service!

All jail meetings continue to be chaired and operating smoothly. However, as I am learning, the upcoming months may present some challenges for me. Thank you all for your continued patience with me as I learn the intricacies of this position and get my feet wet.

The only real thing to report is the upcoming jail orientation. This will take place on April 11th at the Flathead County Justice Center (900 South Main in Kalispell). We will all be meeting in the main lobby at approximately 5:15. I have previously asked for GSR's/Group Level Corrections chairs to compile information for me about volunteers for their specific groups. At this time, I request that that information be transferred to an email and sent to me so I may provide as much information as possible to the jail staff regarding head-count.

Thank you for letting be of service and giving me opportunities to put this program into practice!

Yours in unity and service,

Public Information (PI)

First I want to express my gratitude to --- the last PI Chair, for covering for me until the third week in March while I recovered from a leg injury. She did a good, conscientious job.

I now have all the stuff, and am about to hit the ground running – err – actually that will be limping.

I will be working on keeping the up-to-date meeting schedules and other brochures distributed in existing racks throughout the valley. It appears there are 15 locations on the list handed me and several more in the Columbia Falls area someone else has been taking care of. My plan is to get willing home group PI Chairs involved by dividing up the locations by city and having each chair be responsible for the racks where they live. I will maintain a complete stock of schedules and brochures when needed. That way more people will have the opportunity to serve. I would like to expand the list if the home group PI's identify other distribution sites.

My other major project will be to update the Hotline calling list. I am going to add to the top of the signup sheets passed around at the home groups information on how important it is people are sure they can be available on the times they sign up for. Also, information on the importance of people entering the AA hotline number in their phone's contact list under "Hotline" or "AA Hotline". That way when a call comes to them it won't appear to be from an unknown number, and they can also move away if they are with non-AA people. There have recently been times when the Area hotline service has had to make up to 10 calls before they could reach someone. Occasionally they couldn't reach anyone. That is totally unacceptable. When someone reached out, the hand of AA simply wasn't there. Because of that, I am going to ask willing home group PI Chairs to help me update the hotline calling list. We will divide it up and do something like call each number when the person said they will be available, and if there isn't an answer, call it again another time. If there still isn't an answer, we will edit the number out of the hotline calling list. People will always have an opportunity to sign up again when the list comes around.

Service is Fun!

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC)

Good Afternoon,

Since our last District Meeting, GSR's and local meetings were given a "CPC Needs You" sign up sheet for our upcoming workshops that will be taken into the workplace of professionals in the Flathead Valley throughout the year. I have received 2 lists back so far, if you see any floating around at your meeting please take a picture of it and send it to me.

The "Sponsor Your Professional" display is being prepared for the Alano Club in Kalispell and was 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.

CPC plans on duplicating this for other groups.

A letter to Professionals has been written and is prepared to be sent out via email and snail mail for our upcoming "Break time" style Mock A.A. Meetings. A list of Professionals is currently being developed our immediate target are medical professional. Again these workshops will be held at locations convenient to each Profession throughout the Flathead Valley. Our aim is to meet our Professionals where they are at.

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 Chairperson.

In Service,

Treatment

The meetings on Saturday at the Pathways Treatment Center are all being covered at this time. I will send new schedules out to Wilderness Treatment Center with the next volunteer that is going out on the 13th of April. Thank you for letting me be of service.

--- District 91 Treatment Chair

Literature

Hi All,

Literature sales have been robust in March. Big Books and pamphlets are especially popular items. Literature sales in March totaled \$440.00. I am awaiting delivery of a large order for the New Hope group.

Recently, I received statements and a new debit card for the District 91 Literature bank account. I am hopeful to have access to the account next week. The account still needs to be updated as the new debit card has ----- name on it.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service! 😊

Grapevine

Grapevine is offering a online min-catalogue that is available for those who are interested in receiving it via email. It has a list of available Grapevine literature available for sale. I passed on the Grapevine subscription form to Grant so he may renew our District 91 subscription for the jail.

Grateful to be of service,

***Intergroup Liaison**

There will be a Spring Fling May 11 at the Stillwater Grange 5:30 to 7:30 Friday night with a speaker. The May Birthday Celebration will fall on May 25th.

Gratefully, in Service,

District Intergroup Liaison

Intergroup held their meeting at 6:00 pm on March 30, before the St. Patrick's bash in Columbia falls. The next meeting will be held April 27th at the same venue. The Hotline is working well, with a big savings since switching to Vonage. The area Hotline number has NOT changed, contrary to rumor. New meeting schedules will be printed soon. The Round Up Committee is looking for volunteers. The Intergroup Spring Fling is scheduled for May 11th at the Stillwater Grange. Intergroup is looking for a new co-chair as ___ stepped down.

In Service,

***Bridging the Gap**

Good afternoon,

Since last month, I have already added 3 full sheets of volunteers to our bridging the gap database. Thank you all so much for your desire to be of service to the still suffering alcoholic and potential newcomers! Once I receive the rest of the sheets today from GSR's around the district, I will get all of the information updated into our database. I will be sending out an email to all of the volunteers that includes an attachment labeled "suggested guidelines for BTG volunteers." This document outlines what is suggested of YOU-the Bridging the Gap volunteer-when given the opportunity to reach out to someone who has requested a temporary contact. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!

This month, we had 6 temporary contact requests come in. 5 were from the Corrections "Watch" program, and 1 from MDCD in Butte. Thanks to our awesome BTG temporary contact

volunteers, every single one of them that wanted reached out to-had someone ready, willing and able to do so.

Tomorrow, --- and I will be going in to meet with Chief Carey at the Flathead County Detention Center. We will be seeing if there is anything more we can do to better serve them. We would like to build a solid working relationship with them, so that we are more than just some names in some emails. I will also be presenting BTG to him in hope that he will allow us to handout temporary contact request forms to those interested.

Our BTG committee meeting is still scheduled for May 11th, in Wolf Point. It has turned into a jam packed day starting with the District 21 business mtg and potluck. After that we will have a Bridging the Gap Meet and Greet, followed by an Overview of Bridging the Gap: Here, there, and everywhere. Next we will hear from our Correctional and Treatment Facilities. Then there is a panel "From our facilities-to our AA communities." Last but not least, we have our BTG Committee Business Meeting. I have attached a copy of the flyer for the minutes in case anyone is interested in what we will be doing that weekend, and would like a deeper look: [BTG COMMITTEE MTG AGENDA MAY 2019](#)

Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve district 91 as your BTG chair, it is truly an honor and a privilege.

Link for Agenda Proposal [BTG Agenda Proposal revised May 2019](#)

In Service,

STANDING COMMITTEES

Into Action Day-

Chair: ---, Co-Chair: --- **Final report will be available soon.**

Chair person

2019 Spring Roundup Committee→

Greetings from the Round Up committee!

We're about 7 weeks out from the event and it's shaping up to be a fantastic weekend.

Attached in the minutes is a working copy of the program, [WORKING COPY PROGRAM 2019](#)

so you can see for yourself what an exciting line up we have for our May 17th to 19th get together.

Registration info is available on the Area 40 website or a link in the minutes. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

See you at the Round Up!

In service,

---. Spring Round Up Chair

OFFICER REPORTS

DCM

I have copies available today of the current District Guidelines, anyone who needs a copy please take one. Area 40 Assembly is next weekend April 5th, 6th, and 7th. I hope as many as possible will be attending that. The recent Pre-Assembly had 6 attending from District 91. We reviewed with discussion the agenda for the Area Assembly. The Assembly agenda is available on the Area 40 website.

Please use the agenda proposal form to submit items for consideration at business meetings. The link for that form is also available at the top of our District 91 minutes.

WCRAASC in Minnesota was great. I attended with -----& ----- Area 40 Delegate. It is similar to our Area Assembly in that it is set up for the region. The Delegates return to their Areas and will be giving their reports to the Districts in the coming months. ----DCM

Alternate DCM

If your meeting is willing to host a District 91 Business meeting see me after the meeting.

***Treasurer**

(Note: there are reports for both FEB & MAR attached - I received both in one email & could not figure out how to separate the two pages - sorry. Secretary)

TREASURER REPORT MARCH & FEBRUARY 2019

Final account for Into Action given.

---Treasurer.

Secretary

I have nothing new to report. I am grateful to be of service.

, 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

Consider revising the business meeting report format or by lengthening the meeting. It was suggested that reports be kept brief with new details given and a full report recorded in the monthly minutes that might make it easier to end the meeting on time. GSR's are an important part of the service triangle as the voice of the AA within the District and also an important part of any discussion at the business meetings. Everyone attending the business meeting & sharing should be given respect to do so. We do have great participation in our meetings. If we change the order of reports given with Group reports at the end - we will still need the same amount of time. This discussion is tabled for now. It was suggested that 2-3 people get together and make a list of ideas to vote on at next month's meeting.

Our Area 40 Delegate shared that he attended another business meeting that had a 15 minute break halfway through to refresh and the meeting was able to end on time! Also a couple of items to be discussed will be a 5th edition of the Big Book and moving the Pink Can responsibility from Corrections to the Treasurer to govern.

CLOSING - Responsibility Statement **4:30 pm.**

Minutes submitted by: District 91 Secretary.