

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

April 28, 2019

Hosted by – Canyon Group

Attended by: 26 Attended- 7 GSRs, 12 Officer/ Chairpersons, 7 Visitors.

If you attended and were not included above please email District 91 secretary

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!*

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - [Blank Agenda Item Form](#)
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 - [2019 Spring Roundup - FLYER](#)
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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.*

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer - *
- Preamble -
- 12 Traditions - / 12 Concepts -
- Concept of the Month - Concept 04 Review -
- Next Month Concept 05- Review Volunteer -
- Host for Next Month Meeting - New Hope Group
- Next District meeting
 - New Hope Group
 - 445 South Main, #209
 - 3PM May 26th
- Review & motion to approve current March 31, 2019 minutes with following corrections:
Sunrise Group GSR
- 7th Tradition

GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers-

Big Book Group-

Bigfork by the Bay Group-

By the Book Group-

Hi!! By the book has had steady attendance. Our next speaker will be Raymona. She will speak at 5 30 on May 4th. Our business meeting will follow!! Come join us!!!

Sincerely,

Canyon Group -

Nothing new to report.

Chief Cliff AA-

Circle of Sisters-

The Wednesday Circle of Sisters meeting has nothing new to report. I was really grateful to go to the Area Assembly in Great Falls . A great learning experience and good to see all my people of the program there. Thanks for letting me be of service GSR.

Columbia Falls Group-

Columbia Falls AA group continues to meet every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. at the Montana Veterans' Home Chapel. Attendance has been steady, newcomers doing fantastic. Looking forward to the return of some snowbirds and visitors to get to Glacier Park!

In Service,

Group Contact ,

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Flathead Valley Serenity Group has a Founders Day campout coming up June 7th, 8th 9th. Fliers are being passed around. We voted to move our Book Study meeting from Wednesday night 7pm to Tuesdays at 7pm. June 4th will be the first Tuesday night book study. It will remain on Wednesday until then. Thank you for my sobriety and service responsibilities, GSR

Going to the Sun Group-

Beginning Memorial Day weekend the Sunday night meeting will run through Labor Day weekend. *, GSR

Lunch Bunch -

New Hope Group -

There are no significant changes for April.
GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group- Nick N.

Sunrise Group-

Nothing new to report.
,GSR

Swan River AA Group- , GSR

Tobacco Valley Group - ., GSR

Whitefish Group-

Nothing new to report.
In Service, , GSR

Women In Sobriety -

Meetings are well attended. Nothing new to report.
In Service,

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives - , Archivist

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Good Afternoon,

The letter to Professionals has been written and is being 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 professionals. The 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.

This week I will be sending out an email to all District and GSRs requesting contact information for Medical Professionals in their circle in order to extend our reach.

I appreciate the ability and blessing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in this capacity as your District 91 CPC Chairperson.

In Service,

Corrections-

Greetings in service! Your district corrections committee is alive and well! All of our meetings have been chaired this past month without incident and I am finding it easy to keep upcoming meetings filled. Please express my gratitude to your individual groups for their willingness to serve.

This past month was the bi-annual jail orientation. I was only able to attend so far as to get our people in the door and up the stairs. I have not heard that there were any problems. GSR's, please filter it back to your groups that as new volunteers receive confirmation of their approval to reach out to me so I can get them on the contact list and subsequent schedules. My contact information will be at the bottom of this report, and I can give it out at the end of this meeting as well.

Since our last meeting I have learned to fully adopt the previous chair's method of scheduling jail meetings 3 months at a time. My plan was to do 1 month at a time, but I received feedback that this was too short a timeframe for most of our volunteers. Thank you for your patience with me as I learn this new position. I pray it hasn't been too painful for all of you.

Also since last meeting,. (District 91 BTG Chair) and I had a sit down lunch with Chief Carey of the Flathead County Detention Center. We discussed how AA can better serve their facility, any changes their facility anticipates, and, most importantly, how to integrate Bridging the Gap into their facility. It was a great hour, and I am personally very happy with the results. I will be relaying upcoming changes from the jail when I see a more concrete plan come down to me.

I am excited to incorporate our new volunteers into the schedule come July and am looking forward to a fun-filled summer with you all.

Yours in unity and service,

**asked if we could get the Orientation schedule dates well in advance.*

** reply was that the permanent schedule is the second Thursday for both APRIL & OCTOBER - each year.*

Grapevine-

AA grapevine has published a new book. It is titled Take Me to Your Sponsor. It sells for \$11.50 each. It is a humorous book with cartoons and jokes. This and all other grapevine literature is available for purchase through AA grapevine.org. or come and see me. Grateful to be of service,.

Literature-

Banking documents have been finalized. Glacier Bank gave me a debit card for the account so that I can order Literature from GSO without using my personal credit card. In Service,

Public Information (PI)-

Area 40 Hotline call list is being updated. Sign up sheets are available for GSRs to take to their home groups to get information for anyone wanting to be on the Area 40 Hotline. In Service,

Treatment-

I am sorry I couldn't be there today, I had religious obligations. There is nothing new to report. Will be attending Wilderness Treatment Center this upcoming weekend. Thanks for the service.

District Intergroup Liaison -

Intergroup met April 27th in Columbia Falls. New Hope Group hosted the Birthday meeting. The next meeting will be May 25th with Whitefish Group as Birthday host. Intergroup co-chair position is open at this time, and Jeff will be stepping down as chairperson by October. New schedules were printed, but wrong and will be corrected & reprinted. The Spring Fling, Emory Bay Campout, and the Round Up were all discussed. There are over 200 pre-registrations already. A Round-Up planning meeting will be at the Red Lion May 2nd at 6:00 pm.

Intergroup Representative: ., Intergroup

Bridging the Gap -

Since our last District Meeting, I have gone through and added all of the volunteers from the sign up sheets to our BTG Database. After inputting all of the information, I sent out a copy of the suggested guidelines for being a temporary contact via email to all who provided their emails. I only received volunteer sign up forms from 3 groups. If you still have one at your home group, please make sure it gets back to me.

* and I co-hosted a luncheon with the Chief at the Flathead County Detention Center April 1st. I turned in a \$24 receipt to the treasurer for the lunch. * and I decided to have that split into \$12 out of each of our budget's as it was both a BTG and Corrections related luncheon. The meeting with Chief Carey was a major success! We got approval from him to start bringing Bridging the Gap information and contact cards in to the meetings on Friday nights. I've attached a copy of the form to my report for the minutes in case anyone is interested. After much thought and effort, we concluded that the most efficient/effective way to get the forms distributed, since the jail won't allow us to leave a stack in there, is to send a weekly email out to the 4 volunteers that are scheduled to take the meeting into the jail that week. The jail also does not want to be responsible for collecting them, so after consulting a few other Alcoholics that serve our District, it was decided that it would be okay to have inmates send them to our District 91 PO BOX. Around the same time that the Corrections chair sends out a reminder email to the 4 people going into the jail that week, I send out an email describing BTG. It requests that the volunteers print some copies of the attached form to take in, and then announce them at the end of the meeting. I have also attached a sample of that email to my report for the minutes in case anyone has any questions on what it may look like. The Area 40 BTG Committee had its first successful conference call on April 2nd. We discussed what Bridging the Gap looks like in each of the districts that were present on the call, and talked at length about our first ever BTG Committee meeting that is coming up on May 11th!

There continues to be a steady trickle of temporary contact request cards coming in. For the most part, they are from people being released from the WATCH program, and MCDL. So far, I have found each of them a temporary contact to reach out to them. Last month, I was handed 2 letters that were sent to our District 91 PO BOX from Prison Inmates. The first one was a request for Correspondence, I successfully bridged that gap. The second one was a request for a contact in the Polson area, so that he could establish a connection and have a familiar name to get a hold of upon release this summer. I found a BTG volunteer in Ronan and mailed the letter to him to hand to a contact in Polson. [BTG LETTER & REQUEST FORM](#)

**EDIT* 4/28-positive feedback from jail volunteers that the forms have been very well received! First time in 5 of 9 men took a form. Thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve District 91 in this capacity, it is truly an honor and a privilege.*

**, BTG Chair*

STANDING COMMITTEES

2019 Spring Roundup Committee-

We are now only a few weeks away from the Kalispell Spring Roundup and we couldn't be more excited for this fantastic weekend. We will be accepting registrations right up until the event begins but would like to encourage everyone to pre-register to allow us to have your registration materials prepared and have accurate counts for the facility.

Please note: if you plan to attend the luncheon or evening banquet, you must register by Monday, May 13th, pass this information

on to your groups, thanks. We have two Committee meetings left, Thursday, May 2 and 9, 6:00 p.m. at The Red Lion, Fireside Room. All volunteers are welcome to attend, it's not too late to join the team and be of service at the 2019 Roundup! Thank you to everyone that has already stepped up to work on the Roundup, especially our dedicated Committee Chairs. It's going to be a fantastic time, you don't want to miss it! See you May 17 to 19 in Kalispell!

*, Round-Up Chair

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.*

OFFICER REPORTS-

District Committee Member (DCM) -

Thank you for being here today. 'We' are trying to make this rotation active and productive. I have put together three options for the business meeting format. These suggestions are not mine but are summarized from suggestions received from others regarding the format. They are as follows:

Option #1. Leave District format as-is.

Option #2. Leave format as is and lengthen meeting time by 1/2 hour if needed. Still try to end meeting as early as possible.

Option #3. Eliminate reading 12 Concepts, only do Concept of the month review. Go around room and have everyone introduce themselves. Have GSR's give their reports, and cover anything that their groups have brought up. Have them be as concise as possible. Committee chair people give their reports, also as concise as possible.

This option would leave remainder of format in place.

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) - *, Alt. DCM

Treasurer- Report for April given and date of Pink Can beginning balance corrected to current month., Treasurer [REPORT APRIL 2019](#)

Secretary-

Please send reports for District business meeting one week or 7 days prior to the actual business meeting each month. This will be a great help to me in sending the final copy of the minutes out in a timely manner - one week after the end of month meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.,, District 91 Secretary

OLD BUSINESS-

Discussion and voting on meeting format by - Lengthening time of District Meeting; Elimination of GSR reports (or alternate way of reporting); Giving committee reports in lieu of GSR reports.

A Fourth option suggested by *.-

Try to shorten everything; Group reports could be given out at the door to GSR's; Eliminate GSR's giving reports verbally; the Secretary would hand out copies of those reports before the meeting.

A Fifth option suggested by * with a **MOTION** for a trial basis of 2 months with the same opening - with the Concept of the month, Introduction of attendees, Committee Reports, Group reports, Old & New business AND follow the order of the Agenda items as listed, rather than going around the table and each person presenting information for all their service positions at the same time.

* **AMENDED the MOTION** to take out the 2 month trial and accept Option #3. - * will send the meeting agenda a week prior to the meeting.

Minority discussion:

*- Suggested to follow the order listed on the Agenda. Important business items presented in the order of agenda with time for discussion. Also each group is autonomous and should keep reporting in a general way as it relates & is helpful to the District & Area.

*- Visited a Business meeting in Missoula last month and the meeting ended on time with a small break halfway through. They meet at the same location each month and fliers are available at the chairman's table instead of making announcement for events. Officer, GSR & Committee reports are given within the scheduled meeting time.

*- The sample GSR report in the Guidelines should be revised as it includes lot of routine information such as group meeting schedules that could be eliminated from GSR reports.

MOTION passed in favor of Option 3 to exclude reading the 12 CONCEPTS.

Minority Discussion -

* likes reading the 12 Concepts at each business meeting just like reading the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions at the beginning of group meetings.

Revote passed in favor of Option 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item -

1 - District 91 to sponsor Trustee Visit on September 23, 2019

* provided copies of a checklist of items to do to prepare for the event.

We need to research the expense required to host the event.

District 91 groups need to bring opinions back to District. Three volunteered to help lead a committee to research venue & expenses with PI chair.

Travelling expenses are paid for so the only expenses would be for venue & food.

* *made a **MOTION** & was approved to extend the meeting 15 MIN.*

* made a **MOTION** & was approved for District 91 tentatively to approve funding the Trustee CPC presentation with a vote next month pending the results of presenting enough concrete information to make an informed decision.

Agenda Item -

2 - Minimum 1 year sobriety to qualify for Area 40 Hotline calling list.

* made a **MOTION** & was approved to extend the meeting by 5 minutes to vote.

Agenda Item 2 passed unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT 4:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: *, Secretary

Post Meeting memo-

There is good news regarding the Trustee's visit to District 91.....

the District will only be responsible for food and beverages, and a list of invitees.

Area 40 will be responsible for all other cost. Please consider this information when speaking to your groups. We already have a committee who is tentatively meeting this Friday to start planning this event. ...