

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

ANONYMITY PROTECTED

January 26, 2020
Hosted by Serenity Group

Attended by:

22 District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 8 Chair, 8 GSR, 2 Visitors
If you attended and were not included above please email 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 ** so that corrections can be made promptly. Thank you!*

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer
- Preamble - **
- 12 Traditions - **
- 12 Concepts - **
- Concept of the Month - Concept 01 - **
- Next Month Concept 02- Review Volunteer - **
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - BY THE BOOK GROUP
 - Alano Club 153 N. Meridian
 - Kalispell, MT
 - 3 PM FEBRUARY 23, 2020

- Review & approval for current December 26, 2019 minutes: Approved.
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [AREA 40 Agenda Item Proposal Form](#)
- [DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- [WCRAASC NEW LOCATION](#)
- [INTO ACTION FLIER](#)
- [PRE ASSEMBLY FLIER](#)

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COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

Greetings!

I received my Archives workbook from ** which I'll delve into this coming month.

I was able to interview and record ** founders/earliest members of the Canyon Group in Columbia Falls and had the absolute greatest time doing so. I learned so much and it was really amazing to hear about AA in the valley so long ago. They did such a phenomenal job. I can't wait to interview more people in the coming months.

Thank you for letting me serve,

**, District 91 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap -

Good afternoon,

This past month has been very busy for Bridging the Gap. I have finished updating the database, and am starting to pass around new sign up sheets. If you have previously signed up, there is no need to sign up again. I have all of the volunteers saved in a database. We have had the opportunity to bridge quite a few gaps this month, and have more to come in the months ahead. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

In service,

**, District 91 BTG Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Nothing new to report a this time.

**, District 91 CPC Chair

Corrections-

Greetings in service!

I do not have an extensive report for this month. I do want to start off by extending my heartfelt gratitude for your patience with me over the past nine months as I worked two service positions, a full time job, and attended college online as a full time student as well. I am happy to report that I have completed my bachelors degree! I am only mentioning this now so that I can say that in the coming months, I expect to have much more time to devote to service related activities.

All has been running smoothly with the corrections activities. All meetings have been chaired, and I have only had to find replacements for one or two meetings. I am grateful to have such an involved set of volunteers; it makes my job look easy because, well, it flat out is easier when you have willing volunteers! I will be sending out sign-ups for the second quarter of 2020 here in a few weeks. We are also approaching the next orientation for jail volunteers, to be held in April. Please do not begin announcing at your respective meetings just yet, as I will have flyers printed and available for distribution at the next District meeting.

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I would like to request after the meeting today that all GSR's please talk to me quickly so I can get the time and location of your next business meeting. Now that I have more time, I plan to move forward with my project for Corrections Correspondence. I will be presenting at various group's business meetings over the months of February and March. I may also be hosting a workshop in the future to help develop the writing skills necessary to get the full benefit of the Corrections Correspondence program. More to come on that later.

Again, thank you all for your patience over these last months. I am eternally grateful to Alcoholics Anonymous for the gifts of my life, my sobriety, and now my degree!

Yours in service,

** , District 91 Corrections Chair

District Intergroup Liaison -

Intergroup met in Columbia Falls on the 25th, hosted by the Canyon Group. The Sunrise Group will host the Birthday meeting in February and New Hope will host in March. The fourth Saturday at Pathways is open for groups to volunteer chairing the meeting. There will be a Valentine's event on the 15th of February.

In Service,

** , District 91 Intergroup Liaison

Grapevine-

I sent a link from grapevine that contains information concerning the book: AA in the military!! Besides that I have no new news as of yet!!!

Grateful to be of service,**

The Grapevine featured book of the month [AA IN THE MILITARY](#) is a collection of stories previously published in Grapevine by members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have served in the military. Check it out on the Grapevine website www.aagrapevine.org then select [STORE](#) to view.

** , District 91 Grapevine Chair

Intergroup Liaison -

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Literature-

Greetings,

I do not have a lot to report for January. This month we filled order requests from New Hope Group, Circle of Sisters, Canyon Group and Going to the Sun Group. Balance in Literature Account is \$611.07

I have had several requests for new Literature Catalogs for 2020. GSO has advised me that updated catalogs are in the works. Hopefully GSO will have new/updated catalogs available by Spring. Most likely there will be price increases. More will be revealed.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be of service,
**, District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI)-

Hi;

I won't be able to make the meeting today but the PI report is "nothing new to report".

NOTE: I still have an opening for service - one of the PI committee members can no longer cover her AA meeting schedule distribution area and we need a new volunteer. The area that needs a volunteer is as follows:

Bigfork

Library (525 Electric Ave)

Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

Lakeside

Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

South Kalispell

Justice Center (920 S Main) - main floor and 2nd floor)

Library (247 1 st Ave E) - all the way in back and bulletin board – schedules &

brochures

Public Health Dept. (1035 1 st Ave W) - schedules only

Family Court Services – basement of “Blue Building” by courthouse

South Kalispell Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

Thank you for letting me be of service.

** District 91 PI Chair

Follow up note:

** send this out today “January 2nd” ...Hope this helps to better understand the Hotline process.

Thanks All. ** DCM

Hello All - Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

The AA Hotline appears to be working. There were 20 calls in the month of December. That is consistent with what the average has been. 9 out of 20 of those calls were answered by AA members when the answering service called them. That is almost half and that is great! But we can do better!

Unfortunately, there are still not enough AA members answering the calls. Rest assured, every single person who called the hotline was in contact with an AA member eventually. But it's been the same process and it looks like this:

Caller calls the hotline. The answering service reaches out to an AA member listed in that District. There is no answer. The answering service reaches out to the second AA member listed in that District. There is no answer. The answering service tells the caller that they are going to make sure someone calls them back. I received an email and a text message from the answering service. I send out text messages or phone calls to AA members in that District and make sure the caller hears from an AA member.

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I hope to see you all at the Area Assembly to discuss what is working and what is not working. I look forward to any questions and/or ideas you may have. I plan to bring a few of my own!

For now, here is the breakdown of calls by District:

District 11: 5 calls - 2 missed, 3 answered

District 12: 0 calls

District 21: 1 call - 1 answered

District 23: 1 call - 1 missed

District 31: 0 calls

District 41: 3 calls - 2 missed, 1 answered

District 42: 0 calls

District 51: 1 call - 1 missed

District 61: 2 calls - 1 missed, 1 answered

District 71: 0 calls

District 81: 4 calls - 3 missed, 1 answered

District 91: 2 calls - 1 missed, 1 answered

District 93: 1 call - 1 answered

*Yours In Service- ***

Treatment-

Greetings.

I contacted **of the Wilderness Treatment Center at the beginning of January and at the time she said that they are not doing any meetings for January and to call back again at the beginning of February to check on their circumstances. As of now there is no indication that they will be closing the WTC.

There is an opening at Pathways Treatment Center for the 4th Saturday of the month for a group to volunteer to take that meeting over for ** of Whitefish. He has been covering it for the past two years. I would like all of the GSR's to take this back to their groups and contact me if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to serve. It is only once a month on the 4th Saturday at 9am.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**, District 91 Treatment Chair

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action -

I had a lot of anxiety and fear working on two service workshops simultaneously but no different than anything else in my sobriety, God has a way of working everything out if I just show up and take the next right action.

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** agreed to be my Co-Chair. She brings decades of service experience and knowledge from her years in Alcoholics Anonymous in California. Grateful to have her as a part of the Committee and feel confident passing the torch to her for next year.

The Committee met on January 13th at 6 pm at Panera. Attended by **. Others were invited but unable to attend. We meet every Monday at 6:00 pm at Panera.

We discussed the intention of Into Action then delved into brainstorming workshops as well as other pertinent items. Came up with a tentative itinerary.

Workshops:

GSR Workshop led by *8. She has confirmed that she is available.

Is Your Triangle Balanced? Spoke with **. but he is out of town that weekend. Have since talked with another member about possibly doing the workshop but nothing solidified yet.

Meet the District:

Introduce all District 91 Chairs. Have each give a quick introduction.

Send invite to all District Chairs? Have the District Corrections, CPC, Treatment and PI Chairs each lead a breakout workshop - we will divide up the attendees into these 4 breakout for 30 minutes. Each group lead will discuss what they are going to do for their upcoming rotation to help the still suffering alcoholic and then follow with 15 minutes of discussion and Q&A by the participants. Then all the groups will come back and designate someone to relay the top 4 items that were brought up in the breakout to everyone else.

Draft Itinerary

10:30 - 10:45 Welcome

10:45 - 11:00 Ice Breaker NEED??

11:15-12:15 Is Your Triangle Balanced Workshop

12:30-1:30 Snack/Lunch Break

1:30 Fun Activity

?? GSR Workshop

1:45-2:15 Meet the District

2:15-4:15 District Committee Break Out Sessions

5:30-6:30 Dinner

6:40 Sober Down

7:00 Main Speaker

8:15 Closing

Committee met again on the 20th. Attended by **. ** had prepared a draft flier which we are still working on.

We brainstormed tentative speakers and the necessity of confirming a venue. The thought is to move Into Action to Kalispell, rather than the location it has been at, due to the weather the last few years.

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Discussed food options. There were a lot of good suggestions but we decided on Sloppy Joes. ** are going to make these. Will ask other people to bring potluck items. We would like to provide lunch items as well as breakfast items such as fruit & donuts.

It was decided that the three of us would reach out to the District members to extend a personal invitation as well as discuss the individual breakouts with Corrections, Treatment, CPC and PI.

I still need to do an inventory of stuff we currently have. I know we have cups, coffee, creamer and the like but not sure what else is in the totes.

This last week we have confirmed that **. our Area Delegate is in town and has graciously accepted our request to be the main speaker. We have also confirmed that this room (Alano Club) is available and we are all set up to use it for Into Action. For those of you who were here yesterday, it will be set up similar to that. ** is going to come back and rebuild the platform again. Pretty excited everything is coming together.

At this time, the only foreseeable expense to District would be food, fliers and gifts for the speakers. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for letting me serve!

**, Into Action Chair

[INTO ACTION FLIER](#)

Christmas Alcathon -

Miscellaneous Reports- **WCRAASC - Location Update!!**

Howdy everyone,

Due to circumstances beyond our control we are changing the location of the 2020 Service Conference. It will be moved to the Big Horn Resort in Billings. All of the events will be held at the attached Convention Center. Any room reservations that were made at the 4 previous hotels that were associated with the Service Conference when it was going to be held at the SportsPlex will automatically be transferred over to the Big Horn Resort. The Big Horn has agreed to honor all of the rates that were agreed upon with the other hotels. There will be a new flyer forthcoming early next week that will include all of the necessary information about the new venue. We will also be sending out an updated Agenda.

To Restate: We collected all of the names of the members that made reservations for the Service Conference at the Best Western Kelly Inn, The Hampton Inn, Comfort Suites or the Extended Stay America facilities. These names were taken to the Big Horn Resort and Reservations will be made there for the \$99.00 plus tax for quad occupancy. We will also be notifying everyone that has already Pre-registered for the Conference to let them know of the change of venue. Please pass the word on about this to you GSRs and other members.

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The new venue is the Big Horn Resort in Billings, Montana. It is located at 1801 Majestic Lane. Feb 28-Mar 01. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or to contact **, the Committee Chair at 2020wcraasc@gmail.com

Thanks, **, Area 40 Delegate

GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers

** GSR

Big Book Group-

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Bigfork by the Bay Group-

Committee for summer event will meet & report next month.

** GSR

By the Book Group-

We have ** as our speaker on February 1st. We have a business meeting to follow. We look forward to hosting District at the end of the month in February. Attendance has been great. We have quite a few newcomers attending. We meet 7 days a week at 5:30 in the big room of the Alano club.

Grateful to be of service,

**, GSR

Canyon Group-

We are doing well. At our next business meeting we will continue to fill service positions as GSR, PI & CPC chairs are needed. ** did a great interview for Archives.

**, Alt. GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

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Circle of Sisters-

Continuing to grow. We are actually outgrowing our room and sometimes have some women standing.

Our business meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:45 after the regular meeting. Everything is good.

**, GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

Columbia Falls Group has had excellent attendance. We have been bringing over a veteran from Columbia Falls VA Home on Saturday nights to partake in the 8 pm meeting.

**. GSR

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Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

All is well in Serenity group. We continue to fill service positions for this rotation and we are discussing motions that came up as a result of our group inventory. Those motions include posting our chair positions on the cabinet so they are available to group and starting a fellowship dinner and event chair. Looking forward to WRAASC in Billings

**., GSR

Fresh Start Group-

**., GSR

Going to the Sun Group-

We continue to have 10 plus folks attending with several meeting for supper at Glacier Grill at 5:30pm.

We will start our Summer Sunday Night Meeting (7:00pm) the first weekend in May and will continue until Labor Day Weekend. We are starting a month early (during the month of May) to entice folks who want to Hike/Bike The Going To The Sun Road on a Sunday. Afterwards they can join up at Glacier Grill for a meal and then the Meeting. This is an Open Meeting so family members can also attend.

We hope to see you there in Recovery and Fellowship..

**., GSR

Lunch Bunch

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New Hope Group -

I hope everyone came to the service workshop and got excited about service. It was a huge success. Nothing else to report.

**., GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group-

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Sunrise Group-

*, GSR.

Swan River Women's Meeting

**., GSR

Tobacco Valley Group -

**., GSR

Whitefish Group-

Hi;

The Whitefish Group is thriving. Meeting attendance seems stable with a marked increase of newcomers. Probably due to the New Years affect.

The WFG is continuing to address the "vote" items from the Area Assembly in our

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business meetings. **. gave the group a review of the items at our business meeting, January 6 2020.

The WFG has also addressed a significant Tradition One issue. The issue involves Tradition One and safety in the rooms. The group discussed the issue and since it did not happen in the room the group asked the landlord to pursue if they felt it was necessary.

The WFG is addressing the group inventory process. We are planning to move forward with the group inventory.

Our group continues to provide 3 meetings a day with an Inductive Big Book study on Thursdays at 6 pm and a women's meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. We have a speaker the 2nd Friday each month.

In Service, **.

Women in Sobriety-

Meetings continue to have great participation. There will be a potluck during the February 13th meeting at 1:15 pm in the Lily room at the Alano club. All women are invited.

In Service

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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) -

I will cover my report in Old Business.

**, DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

Nothing to report.

**, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

Statement Balance	\$4,895.67
Pink Can Balance	\$1,179.95
Prudent Reserve	\$4,497.52
Available checking Balance	\$2,218.20

[TREASURER REPORT JANUARY 2020](#)

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Secretary-

Thank you for submitting your written reports prior to the meeting. I apologize for not sending out December minutes on time. There has also been some confusion for me as to getting the minutes posted on the mini website - as it turns out, sounds like both of us have been a little behind.

I am beginning to use AA web addresses in place of links when possible - #1 It is a lot easier for me and #2 There is so much more information available to you when you access the various AA web sites. It is pretty amazing!!

This year my goal is to improve my secretarial performance as I have been able to learn the basics of how to use Google Suite during this past year! There is always more to learn.

Thank you for your patience.

Grateful to be in service,

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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.*

OLD BUSINESS-

WCRAASC- is scheduled for February 28th through March 01st in Billings. All are encouraged to attend. It is very interesting, informative and lots of fun meeting new people from far away places.

PRE-ASSEMBLY is scheduled for March 14, 2020 District 91 is hosting and it begins with 12:00 pm lunch and continues from 1:00 pm to about 5:00 pm at the following location:

Eidsvold Lutheran Church
5935 Hwy. 93 South
Lakeside, MT

Who is planning on going to Pre-Assembly???

Are there any volunteers for heading up Potluck???

SPRING ASSEMBLY MAR 28-29

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In regards to the WCRAASC in Billings - ** asked how the reservations are being transferred to the new location ...”as my reservation was made independently. I still have a reservation at the old location.” See **. after the meeting.

District meeting on March 29th is the same day as the last day of Assembly - Can we reschedule the business meeting before or after that weekend?

Motion was made by **. & second by **. to reschedule the March 29th District 91 business meeting before or after that date. Motion passed.

March 22nd would be a better date so current information from District 91 could be taken to Spring Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS-

None at this time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by** with second by **. Motion passed.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: **, District 91 Secretary