

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

ANONYMITY PROTECTED

Hosted by- By The Book Group

Attended by:

28 District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 10 Chairpersons, 9 GSRs, 5 Visitors
If you attended and were not included above please email *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!*

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer
- Preamble - *
- 12 Traditions - *
- 12 Concepts - *
- Concept of the Month - Concept 02- *
- Next Month Concept 03- Review Volunteer - *
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - **WHITEFISH GROUP**
 - **1st Presbyterian Church**
 - **301 Central Avenue**
 - **Whitefish , MT**
 - **3 PM March 22, 2020**
- Review & approval for current January 26, 2020 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](#)
- [PRE ASSEMBLY FLIER](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

I apologize for missing the last two District 91 Business meetings. I will resume interviews in March and am creating a District 91 Archives Display that can be used for District 91 events. I really enjoyed the portion of Into Action I was able to attend and learned about ways that I can be more of service.

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Thank you for allowing me to serve.

*, District 91 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap -

BTG is continuing to bridge gaps smoothly. Nothing else to report at this time.

Update at meeting time - the last 3-4 contacts were successfully received & contacts made.

*, Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

I have been working on a database of emails based on attendees of the Trustee Event and the Flathead Valley Health & Wellness Resource Guide and will be sending out emails to inquire if any professionals would like a CPC Presentation for their staff.

I appreciate the blessing to serve A.A. as your District 91 CPC Chairperson and be a part of this inspiring event!

I got great feedback during Into Action regarding Area 40 CPC. I am working on connecting with CPC at Area 40 level. Also I will have a sign up sheet for groups to have a CPC share session at their meetings & a mock CPC presentation to be available.

*, District 91 CPC Chair

Corrections-

Good day,

Your District Corrections Committee is humming like a finely tuned machine. All meetings are being chaired, I have no report of disturbances, and no issues with volunteers showing up for commitments.

As of last night, I have begun the process for sign-ups for the next quarter of jail meetings. As many of you know, this is a four week process that should culminate right before the beginning of April. The past two quarters of sign-ups have gone smoothly using this method and I have no reason to expect otherwise for this quarter.

I owe an amends to those GSR's who I told I would be showing up at their business meetings to do my Corrections Correspondence presentation; it just didn't happen this month. I am hoping to begin that process in April, after AA conference season has ended and hopefully my life is not quite so busy. The upside of my laziness, however, is that I was able to float the idea at our Into Action workshop in a small group and receive some great feedback on what questions I should be prepared to answer and how to structure my presentation. As the Big Book says, "We grow by our willingness to face and rectify errors and convert them into assets." So, not entirely a bad thing, but, again, I apologize sincerely for any confusion I may have caused.

Also coming up in April is our next jail orientation, which will be held on April 9th, 2020 at the Flathead County Detention Center located at 920 South Main Street in Kalispell. I will have flyers drawn up and printed for GSR's at the next District meeting. I have found in the past that distributing the flyers too early means they get lost or that motivation wanes prior to the event occurring. Based on a list given to me by the jail, I sent out an email at the beginning of this year

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for those current volunteers who would need to reorient this spring. I received some feedback to the effect that the jail's list was not fully accurate. I will be meeting with the jail in the next month or so to inventory our interactions with them and determine if we can be serving them in a better or greater way, and plan to bring that issue up at that time.

I will be attending the West Central Regional AA Service Conference this upcoming weekend with various members of District 91. I look forward to seeing you there, and to reporting back on the weekend at the March District meeting. Brace yourselves, conference season is coming!

I received good information yesterday at Into Action Day.

In Service,

*, District 91 Corrections Chair

District Intergroup Liaison -

No report yet as Intergroup meets next week. Jesse said there are a few changes to the meeting schedule & new printouts are coming- with corrections..

In Service,

*, District 91 Intergroup Liaison

Grapevine-

No new news at this time. We had a great Into Action Day yesterday. The Grapevine board headed to Whitefish for next months' business meeting.

*, District 91 Grapevine Chair

Intergroup Liaison -

Nothing to report.

*, Intergroup Liaison

Literature-

February was a slow month with no group orders. Yesterday I received orders from individuals. We have a balance of \$623.77 in our budget.

*, District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI)-

I do not have much to report for the PI report. I am still looking for someone from the Bigfork area to distribute schedules in a couple of locations there. If anyone wants to volunteer, they can get ahold of me. Remember: When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want the hand of AA to always be there.

The Bigfork volunteer area is as follows:

Bigfork

Library (525 Electric Ave)

Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

Lakeside

Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

South Kalispell

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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)

Area 40 Agenda item at Spring Assembly is for a newly created PI Hotline Chair at Area 40 level. Area 40 Hotline needs just one person to coordinate it all.

New schedules were ordered for 700 copies to restock with the new Hotline phone numbers, but not received yet. This may be due to the new service position change and getting organized with that. * said he is in communication with *.

In Service,

*, District 91 PI Chair

*, DCM -says the large order to replace schedules with the new Area 40 Hotline number was overwhelming to the budget and Intergroup would appreciate if District 91 could help with the expense this time. It is not mandatory but appreciated. Also Intergroup is printing new schedules with corrections made.

*. *District Intergroup Liaison*, -stated groups may also order schedules directly from Oneal Printers in Kalispell.

Treatment-

I have ordered and received 500 schedules from Oneal Printers for the Treatment Centers and they will be delivered this week. The cost was \$124.00 and I have turned the check into the District Treasurer. Meetings are being fulfilled at Pathways and I am calling the Wilderness Treatment Center at the beginning of March to get an update on their progress. Until then we are not taking meetings to the Center.

In service,

*, District 91 Treatment Chair

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action -

Financial report was turned into the Treasurer. The final expense for District was \$341.00. There was an average attendance of 25, throughout the day about 25-40 attended, and 30 attending the speaker meeting.

For the GSR workshop - 16 from District were invited with only 3 attended.

The same people currently active in service work attend our events. I would like to know how to reach more people and increase the attendance. Maybe we should change from annual to every 2 years with District service rotation or combine with another event. There were 8 people who attended for the first time, 3 new to Montana AA, 2 long time sobriety & 3 in their first year sobriety. * did an awesome job in the kitchen with sloppy joes.

*, Into Action Chair

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Christmas Alcathon -

Need a chair for 2020

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.

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 Terri T., 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-

****Bigfork By the Bay Group would like to chair the Saturday 9am meeting at Pathways every month if it is still available or the 5th Saturday meeting of months that have a 5th Saturday.**

****This summer we are having an AA Picnic event Saturday July 11th from 12 pm to 4 pm at Lone Pine State Park. A flier will be out soon! Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided and potluck for sides & desserts. This will be a fun afternoon with activities, food & fellowship.**

*, GSR (unable to attend)

By the Book Group-

Gerri from Sunrise Group will be our next speaker on March 7th. The speaker meeting begins at 5:30! Business meeting follows. Our daily attendance has been good. We have a lot of newcomers these days.

Grateful to be of service, *, GSR

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Canyon Group-

The Canyon Group service chairs are now complete. Fran W. is now GSR and Nick S. is the Alternate GSR.

The Valentine Dance was well attended by the Canyon Group and their dancing shoes. Next year all should attend to enjoy a great evening.

We will report on the comings and goings starting with March of 2020.

****Our campout will be held at Swan Lake Campground July 16th, 17th & 18th.**

Flier is posted on the Intergroup Calendar. www.aanwmt.org

*, GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

Francis A.

Circle of Sisters-

Circle of Sisters continues to grow and thrive. We have a speaker meeting the 1st wednesday of the month with great attendance.

*, GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

Columbia Falls Group has had great attendance. We are looking to send me, *, as GSR to Assembly. Last business meeting was the 19th of February.

*, GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Serenity has created a Fellowship Chair position within our group and we have begun posting our Service Chair positions on our corner cabinet. These motions came out of group inventory. Looking forward to WCRAASC in Billings.

*, GSR

Fresh Start Group-

****April 19th from 9 am to 11 am is our Pancake Breakfast.** We are doing well and all positions are filled. We have very good attendance.

****The Sunrise Group and Fresh Start Group are joining hands to host the annual picnic in Lawrence Park on June 28th.** Watch for fliers with more information.

*, GSR

Going to the Sun Group-

We are doing well. We average 10-15 people per meeting.

We also continue to meet at the Glacier Grill at 5:30pm for supper and fellowship.

All are welcome to join us. As always, coffee continues to be the 'Best In The Valley'...

****This year we are adding our Sunday summer Meeting a month early. It will start Sunday May 2nd at 7:00pm and run every Sunday thru September 6th (Labor Day).**

Thanks, *, GSR

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Lunch Bunch

This group meets every day at 12 noon. Some come just to buy literature as we keep an inventory of literature.

Reported by *.

New Hope Group -

Nothing new to report.

*, Alt. GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group-

We meet Monday nights at 8:00 pm in the basement of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers. The first Monday is a step study with the 12 X 12. The last Monday is our birthday meeting with fantastic home made treats provided by our members. Members of the Sunrise Group visited us recently (they do this annually) - we are grateful for their support.

****We're looking forward to hosting the Pre-Assembly function on March 14th.**

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Sunrise Group-

Sunrise group has several open service positions and will hold elections on March 28th. We do have someone interested in the GSR position as well. Meetings have picked up.

****The Sunrise Group and Fresh Start Group are joining hands to host the annual picnic in Lawrence Park on June 28th.** Watch for fliers with more information.

Reported by *.

Swan River Women's Meeting ?

*, GSR

Tobacco Valley Group -

*, GSR

Whitefish Group-

The Whitefish Group is Alive and well.

Meeting attendance seems stable with a marked increase of newcomers. Some meetings are showing lower attendance while others seem to be packed.

The WFG is continuing to address the "vote" items from the Area Assembly in our business meetings. *. gave the group a review of the items at our business meeting, January 6 2020.

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 Womens' meeting on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

****Sober Ski is coming up March 6-7-8** and fliers are out. The **AA/AIAnon E-Z Does It Golf Tournament June 5-6-7**. Fliers are posted on the Intergroup website www.aanwmt.org

In Service, *, GSR

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Women in Sobriety-

Meetings are well attended. The business meeting is held on the first Monday of every month. We read all the fliers at our break time!

Thank you for letting me be of service.

*, contact

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) -

Area 40 survey regarding the website is important as a tool to make improvements for those using the Area website. I will be taking the results with me to the Spring Assembly. Please take the survey if you haven't yet and turn it in to me or your GSR or take the survey online.

Thank you to all who attended Into Action yesterday. We had the best attendance by District 91 in 3 years I have seen. There was great support & great turnout.

Next week who will be attending WCRAASC in Billings?? (5)

****Pockets of Enthusiasm** is n Helena March 20-23 get your registrations turned in.

****Spring Assembly** March 28-29. **Remember District has scholarships available for GSRs whose groups need assistance to send their GSR's to Assembly.**

NOTE: The March District 91 business meeting is moved up one week to March 22nd due to conflict with Area Assembly March 28-29 in Great Falls.

*, DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

Remember to take the Survey on-line in the Area 40 website. I will not be at the March business meeting.

*, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

Thank you to Whitefish Group for regular splits.

Pink Can \$1,352.75; Prudent Reserve \$1,497.52; Checking Balance \$2,582.86

Into Action was well below budget as was the Chrstmas Alcathon below budget. The budgeted amounts for each will be reviewed for the next budget in 2021.

[TREASURER REPORT FEBRUARY 2020](#)

*, District 91 Treasurer

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Secretary-

Nothing to report except I started receiving fliers & documents with the option to "Open with Google Docs". What a difference this makes in my life as secretary! It is amazing! Thank you to our Treasurer for being the first to offer this.

Grateful to be in service,

*, District 91 Secretary

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 Mike P. (DCM) know.*

OLD BUSINESS-

Reminders:

****WCRAASC-** is scheduled for February 28th through March 1st in Billings.

****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

*. DCM, is going to meet with * from Somers/Lakeside about details for hosting the Pre-Assembly. *We have Sloppy Joes to bring for the potluck.*

****POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM** in Helena March 20th & 21st.

****SPRING ASSEMBLY** in Great Falls March 28th - 29th

NEW BUSINESS-

NOTE: *The March District 91 business meeting is moved up one week to March 22nd.*

AGENDA ITEM submitted by ***.

1. Describe the proposal:

Renew Grapevine for the Flathead County Detention Center. 4 editions per month.

2. List the proposal benefits:

Another tool to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

3. Cost estimate: \$194.40

4. List additional background material included with the proposal:

To add to the recovery material located at the jail.

5. How the proposal originated:

I am carrying on this proposal since taking over this position in January 2019.

6. Why the proposal should be considered:

Since inmates have so much time on their hands, any material with quality information

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would hopefully be utilized for their journey to sobriety.

7.Final comments:

I personally enjoy the Grapevine and have passed on many articles in my journey in sobriety as it gives personal experience to demonstrate the steps and traditions in daily life.

Voting on the Agenda Item is postponed for clarification with Grapevine about the order so as not duplicate the order. (4 issues per month for one or two years? Current subscription order of 4 issues expires when?)

Discussion:

During Into Action it seemed like people came for the potluck only and didn't attend?

The regular AA meeting scheduled for the room was displaced due to event room use so there were extra people present. Sober Ski has the same experience & uses \$10.00 donation to cover expenses. We did have extra food! Signage is used for the regular meeting to relocate to the Lily Room. We do read St. Francis prayer at the end of our meetings.

We receive & we should share!

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

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: *, District 91 Secretary