

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

April 26, 2020

Anonymity Protected & Updated

Virtual Meeting Hosted by Going to the Sun Group

Attended by:

14 District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 5 Chairs, 5 GSRs

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 04 - no volunteers
- Next Month Concept 05- Review Volunteer - **
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - Whitefish Group - [unless a virtual meeting is necessary](#)
 - 301 Central Avenue
 - Whitefish, MT
 - 3 PM May 31, 2020
- Review & approved for February 23, 2020 minutes motion by ** second by **
- Review & approved for current March 29, 2020 minutes motion by ** second by **
- 7th Tradition - not taken save & turn in at next on site meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT - LINKS

- [Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [AREA 40 Agenda Item Proposal Form](#)
- [DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- [MT VIRTUAL MEETINGS with ZOOM link on aa-montana.org](#)
- [INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 2020 - CANCELLED](#)
- [WHAT'S NEW at GSO!](#)
- [AA & AAWS Coronavirus Update](#)

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COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

I continue to compile and store your emails, various other correspondence, and other meaningful evidence of how we have walked through this pandemic together yet apart. I hope that one day we can look back at this time and be even more proud of A.A.

I am working on an Archives display.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**., District 91 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap -

Still Bridging Gaps! I haven't received any forms at this time from FCDC as they are not having any meetings.

**., BTG

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Hi;

I will not be able to attend today. There is nothing to report for CPC at the District level!

**., CPC Chair

Forwarded message regarding CPC -

Dear Friends: Please click the following- [highlighted link](#) -to read the latest activity update from the C.P.C. assignment.

Thank-you!

8 cpc@aa.org

Corrections-

Greetings fellow AAs!

I thought last month was a minimal report, but this month has proven me wrong. There has been absolutely zero activity in regards to corrections in our District this month. This is due to the jail being closed in response to COVID-19. There have been no meetings held in the jail, and due to so few groups continuing to operate in-person, I have not begun my Corrections Correspondence presentation either.

I am supposed to hear from the jail on Monday, April 27 th . At that time, I suspect they will open meetings back up, but if I have learned anything through this crisis it is to expect the unexpected. I will also get information on the rescheduling of the Jail Orientation, which was also cancelled due to COVID-19.

I hope to have more to report at the next district meeting for May, which, God willing, will be in-person. I hope and pray this crisis has not been too hard on all of you, and I have kept many of you in my prayers consistently.

Yours in service,

**., District 91 Corrections Chair

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District Intergroup Liaison -

Per **, DCM.:

Intergroup had a virtual meeting last night with 6 in attendance. There was not anything to report at this time.

Grapevine-

Hi everyone.

I will not be in attendance via zoom this Sunday. I passed along the workshop information from GSO. I did not attend however. I have no new news from Grapevine right now. Thank you,

**, District 91 Grapevine Chair

Intergroup Liaison -

*** Intergroup did not meet in March. The April virtual meeting maintains the Emory Bay campout is still on for the beginning of August 2020.*

**, IG Liaison

Literature-

Greetings,

Literature orders were reduced to a mere trickle this past month. We did have one order for the New Hope Group and two orders for individuals. We were able to fill those orders out of our current inventory.

Updated catalogs are being mailed out. I received mine yesterday. I have one catalog and have placed an order for an additional 16. New catalog has both an A-Z Index and a color coded Quick Reference Guide for easier location and information.

After careful study, GSO has announced new pricing for A.A Literature. Overall the goal is to share AA's message with all who want it, and the hope is to accomplish that by pricing literature sensibly, with some prices rising slightly and others being reduced.

New prices went into effect April 15th. Please note:

- There is NO across-the-board price increase (and there has not been one since August 2014)
- There is a 20 percent decrease in the list price on pamphlets and other non-book items, regardless of quantity.
- 6% handling fee has been removed

Please refer your group's Literature Chairs to me for order requests. I will be placing an order for additional Big Books in the next week or two.

Current balance in Literature account is \$990.59

In Service,

**, District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI)-

ONGOING 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.

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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

FORWARD RE: AREA 40 HOTLINE RESULTS

Hello All,

Here is the hotline report for March. Please let me know if there are any changes that need to be made to your call lists.

MARCH 2020

District 11: 17 calls - 17 answered (THIS IS AWESOME! GREAT JOB!)

District 12: 0 calls

District 21: 1 call - 1 answered

District 23: 0 calls

District 31: 0 calls

District 41: 9 calls - 3 missed, 6 answered

District 42: 0 calls

District 51: 0 calls

District 61: 2 calls - 2 answered

District 71: 4 calls - 1 missed, 3 answered

District 72: 7 calls - 4 missed, 3 answered

District 81: 13 calls - 2 missed, 11 answered

District 91: 4 calls - 2 missed, 2 answered

District 93: 1 call - 1 missed

Yours in service...

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Treatment-

The Wilderness Treatment center is closed until further notice. The Pathways meeting has been canceled until Covid-19 phases further. I will keep you updated as I learn more.

Thank you.

**., District 91 Treatment Chair

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action -

Christmas Alcathon -

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Round Up 2012 - The recent chair *. resigned and the position is again open for Fall 2012. . ** is interested in the position - however if others are interested he encourages them to step forward.

**, Alt.DCM said District 91 needs to be able to make the announcement of the person by the Fall 2020 Assembly. For now the position will be kept open.

GROUP REPORTS

Big Book Group-

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Bigfork by the Bay Group-

We have not been meeting since March when the Methodist Church in Bigfork closed due to Clovis-19. Some group members have been participating in Zoom virtual meetings and otherwise staying in touch by phone. Group members are encouraged to collect their own 7th Tradition for BBBG & either deposit it at Glacier Bank nite drawer or hold on to it until our meetings resume for the BBBG deposit. For now we are able to continue to pay the rent using our prudent reserve as necessary.

**, GSR

By the Book Group-

By the book has not been meeting because the Alano club has been closed. I anxiously await to hear from *. when the Alano club will re-open.

In service, **, GSR

Canyon Group-

Canyon Group is still holding meetings on site using recommended Covid-19 precautions.

Reported by **. GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

Chief Cliff AA status is that it's still closed. But a member has set-up a virtual Chief Cliff AA meeting running on the same schedule: Wednesdays from 7-8pm. I don't know the techy-stuff to get on there. ZOOM I think. I attended one meeting. Someone had to send me the a "***how to get there***" so I could be on there. Anyway that's the scoop.

**, GSR

Circle of Sisters-

I will not be able to attend the meeting as I am scheduled to work. The Circle of Sisters has nothing to report at this time. We continue to have Zoom meetings.

**, GSR

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Columbia Falls Group-

Canyon Group is still holding meetings on site using recommended Covid-19 precautions.

Reported by ** GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

The Serenity group is hosting Monday and Friday Zoom meetings that are posted on the aa-montana.org web site. We are asking members to mail their 7th Tradition for the Serenity Group to the group PO Box in Kalispell 59904.

**, GSR

Fresh Start Group-

No report for Fresh Start except to note the Alano Club is closed for safety. Fresh Start members keep in touch with each other to give support during this time.

Thank you, **, GSR

Going to the Sun Group-

Our group has gone national with all of our regulars and new visitors joining our Thursday and Sunday night 7pm Zoom meetings. Our fellowship is strong, much like our coffee. Our fellowship is grateful for our fellowship, and for our ongoing experiences, strengths, and hopes. You are welcome to join us by using the meeting link at the aa-montna.org Area 40 AA Website, Kalispell Meetings, Going to the Sun Group, click to join.

**, GSR

Lunch Bunch

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New Hope Group -

New hope continues to hold daily meetings at noon and 7pm. We have added additional sanitation and social distancing measures to be as safe as we can.

**, GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group-

My name is **. and I'm the new GSR for the Somers-Lakeside Group.

Looks like we'll be continuing our regular Monday meeting thru zoom this coming week and will be working towards resuming our traditional face-to-face meetings in the next few days. ** will be meeting with the pastor early this coming week. Goal is to resume an onsite meeting a week from tomorrow - Monday.

Thanks!

**, GSR

Sunrise Group-

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Swan River Women's Group-

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Tobacco Valley Group -

**, GSR

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Whitefish Group-

Greetings District,

Let me start by saying that I hope this crisis has not been too hard on you and your groups. I can say with certainty that it has presented some unique challenges for the Whitefish Group, which we have met and surmounted admirably. Since there was no District meeting for March, I suspect I will have a bit to report.

First off, I'm sure many of you will notice that my title has changed. In mid-March our past GSR, *, stepped down from the position so that he could focus on caring for his elderly father more. I want to state my thanks to him for serving as our GSR, even if the time was cut short. For the rest of this term, I will be serving as the Whitefish Group GSR. I have discussed this with my service sponsor and feel that I am up to the task of two full-time positions. Obviously, I am aware of the dilemma this poses with voting since I don't get to vote twice. I am actively polling group members to find someone to step in as Alternate GSR. If that occurs, the Alternate can then vote for the group, and I will vote as Corrections Chair.

Next, our group had a slight hiccup in transitioning to online (Zoom) meetings. A newcomer started their own meeting and started calling it "The Whitefish Group". Because of the timing of quarantines, our group had not even had a chance to discuss having online meetings. At the next business meeting, our group decided to host an "official" Whitefish Group online meeting list, with group members taking over chairing various meetings just as we do for physical meetings. This was a great lesson for me regarding the group conscience and how in recovery I learn to be "obedient to the unenforceable." This completely shifted my perspective on my group and how well our group handles business. It also gave me a new appreciation for the amorphous nature of "AA as a whole" and that AA will always continue on even though particular groups may rise and fall.

On Wednesday, our governor announced the phased reopening of our communities. In the past few days I have fielded numerous requests from AAs if the Whitefish Group will be opening back up. Our landlord has decided at this point to not open the church back up, which includes our group meeting space. We are hoping that as things progress with the reopening, their minds will change, but there is never any guarantee on that. At this point, please continue attending our online meetings. I will disseminate information to District if there is any change, for better or worse.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve AA. It is a guiding force in my life and a source of much stability and grounding.

Yours in service, **.

Women in Sobriety-

We are not meeting due to the Alano closure. Nothing new to report.

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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) -

There is not a lot to report due to Clovis-19. We have 14 participants today and that is a good turnout. Hope next month will be in person. Whitefish should be large enough to meet with distancing.

aa-montana.org has a good list of virtual meetings by city for Area 40.

There are three meetings on site with distancing -

New Hope Group; Columbia Falls Group & Canyon Group.

If there are any updates let me know.

Thank you **. & Going to the Sun Group for hosting today.

**, DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

Nothing additional to report.

**, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

Statement Balance \$4,789.63; Pink Can \$1,452.75; Prudent Reserve \$1,497.52;
Available Checking \$1,839.36

See Detailed report: [TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL 2020](#)

**, Treasurer

**. asked if District 91 does splits with excess funds. Discussion was tabled & Sheila will find out what guidelines are. **. and **. shared that previous discussion was that because the groups split to District for operating funds and also to Area, GSO & Intergroup, that a District split was probably not necessary. ** shared District funds are used to support the District activities and our balance is actually lower than normal.

Secretary-

Thank you for sending your reports on time. The March 29, 2020 minutes were created during the beginning of the CoronaVirus closure & cancellation notices. Most reports came from email received. It is nice to have the virtual meeting today. I'm looking forward to the time when we can meet on site again.

Grateful to be in service,

**, 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 **. (DCM) know.*

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OLD BUSINESS-

Groups that are still having meetings on site:

New Hope Group; Columbia Falls Group; Canyon Group.

NEW BUSINESS-

Please announce a new meeting in Kalispell. "UNSTOPPABLE" is held at the Veterans Pantry by Kmart.

Meetings are Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 530 pm.

Please arrive by 5:20 as they lock up at 5:30. Social Distancing required.

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Motion with second to adjourn the meeting passed.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT at 3:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: **, District 91 Secretary