

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING **ANONYMITY PROTECTED**

MAY 31, 2020

Virtual Meeting Hosted by Going To The Sun Group

Virtual Attendance:

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District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 5 Chairs, 3 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 - *
- Monthly Review Concept 05 - *
- Next Month Concept 06 Review Volunteer - *
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - Flathead Valley Serenity Group
 - Alano Club, 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT
 - 3 PM June 28, 2020
- Review for approval - current minutes April 26, 2020.
 - Motion by *.& second by * to accept - Passed
- 7th Tradition - not taken save & turn in at next on site meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT - LINKS

- [**DISTRICT 91 GUIDELINES 2018**](#)
- [**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**](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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Archives -

I have nothing new to report at this time. I'm just continuing to collect archival information for District.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

*, District 91 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap -

Bridging The Gap in the Flathead Valley seems almost non existent right now. I haven't received any requests for contacts for people being released to this District in a few months now. On top of that, I am not receiving any requests from inmates in FCDC because they aren't able to be informed of BTG at the moment without meetings going into the jail. I have reached out to our Area Chair to see if there is anything I can do to assist her. Last we spoke, we were going to plan a virtual area wide Bridging the Gap conference call, however there is nothing in place yet.

In service,

*, BTG

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Sorry having power issues today AND cannot be on call again. I have nothing to report.

*, CPC Chair

Corrections-

Good afternoon all,

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy. Hopefully, AA as a whole can begin inching back towards normal in the near future. In the words of Churchill, "I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men."

Again, not much happening in the corrections committee this month due to COVID. I called the jail this past week to inquire about them allowing meetings back in. At the time of this writing (May 28th, approximately 7:00 AM) I have still not heard back from the jail. I will call again on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Other than that, I have nothing else to report. I look forward to having an in-person District meeting for the month of June.

Yours in service,

*, District 91 Corrections Chair

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District Intergroup Liaison -

There is no news update at this time.

The Emory Bay campout is still on for the beginning of August 2020.

**Reported by *, District 91 Intergroup Liaison*

Grapevine-

Hi everyone. I have received quite a few emails from the Grapevine this month concerning special offers for Grapevine publications. I will browse through them to make sure that they are not repeat offers. I know that * forwarded one also. I will probably not make the virtual District Meeting. I hope that everyone is healthy.

[WHAT'S NEW @ GRAPEVINE](#)

[ePUB APP for GRAPEVINE](#)

[GRAPEVINE STORE to Check Out It's Awesome](#)

[BEST OF THE GRAPEVINE BUNDLE](#)

Sincerely *, District 91 Grapevine Chair

Intergroup Liaison -

*, IG Liaison

Literature-

District 91 Literature sales were zero for this month. Balance in Literature account is \$1,025.59.

I received an order today from New Hope for 1 case of Big Books.

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.

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)

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Now that things from Covid-19 are opening up, I will make rounds this week to make sure all literature is stocked.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

*, District 91 PI Chair

****SEE AGENDA ITEM FOR HOTLINE IN NEW BUSINESS!!**

****From: ***

Subject: Updating your volunteer list Date: May 13, 2020 at 8:31 PM

To: *

Hi *!

I have been having a really hard time getting the women on the district 91 call list to answer calls when the answering service reaches out to them. They also don't respond to me when I text. And if they do, they say they are busy. If you'd like the details of those interactions, I am happy to share them with you. Is it possible for you to decrease the number of people on your call list and make sure they know that if their names are on that list they need to be available.

THANK YOU!

Hello All,

Here is the Hotline report for April for Area 40. Please take a look at your volunteer lists and let me know what changes need to be made.

There were 54 total calls. 10 of those calls were missed when the answering service initially reached out. All of those callers were eventually connected to AA members, but it required a little extra work. 44 calls were answered!

APRIL 2020

District 11: 10 calls - 1 missed, 9 answered

District 12: 0 calls

District 21: 2 calls - 2 answered

District 23: 1 call - 1 missed

District 31: 1 call - 1 answered

District 41: 10 calls - 1 missed, 9 answered

District 42: 0 calls

District 51: 0 calls

District 61: 1 call - 1 answered

District 71: 4 calls - 4 answered

District 72: 11 calls - 5 missed, 6 answered

District 81: 12 calls - 1 missed, 11 answered

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District 91: 1 call - 1 missed

District 93: 1 call - 1 answered

Thank you.

*, District 91 DCM

Treatment-

There is nothing new to report at this time. Pathways has not opened yet.

Thanks all.

*, District 91 Treatment Chair

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action - *

Christmas Alcathon -

Round Up 2012 -

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. We have encouraged all to attend Zoom meetings. We will have a meeting update after the United Methodist Church board meets again June 6th to review the reopening plan.

*, GSR

By the Book Group-

Hi everyone. I must admit that I have not attended a By The Book meeting yet since the club has opened. I have asked people who have. Attendance has been steady. We have no speaker planned yet for June. I will keep everyone posted on any updates concerning the By the Book Group which is meeting at 5:30 everyday in the Alano club.

*In service, *, GSR

Canyon Group-

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

*, GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

Chief Cliff AA status is that it's still closed, but a member has set-up a ZOOM virtual Chief Cliff AA meeting running on the same schedule: Wednesdays from 7-8pm.

*, GSR

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Circle of Sisters-

We have resumed face to face meetings following the recommendations outlined by the Alano Club. For the last 2 weeks we have averaged 12 to 14 women who have all said how glad they are that we are able to meet face to face. We have also decided as a group to have a ZOOM meeting in conjunction with the face to face meeting... the first one will be this coming Wednesday which is our speaker meeting night

Thank you for letting me be of service

*, GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

*, GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Serenity will be meeting Monday June 1 to discuss resuming in-person meetings. Monday and Friday Zoom meetings are going as "normal". We ask for 7th tradition checks to be sent to PO Box. Serenity has continued paying group rent to Alano Club during shutdown.

Serenity Group can host the District 91 business meeting in June at the Alano Club.

*, GSR

Fresh Start Group-

We are having meetings again at the Alano Club.

Reported by *

Going to the Sun Group-

We continue to meet on Zoom while at the same time we have face to face meetings. Sunday nights in May (including tonight) we met at Larry P.'s and Thursday nights now back at the church. All Meetings after tonight will now be at our regular meeting place. We seem to have worked out the kinks with having the Zoom Meeting running concurrently with the Face to Face Meeting. We have acquired some out of state folks who have become regular attendees. We have 10-15 attending, all's well. We had a Group Conscience when we heard of the money problems at GSO and we decided to send all money above our Prudent Reserve. It was \$300.00. We also discussed about the money we have sent to District. Our message to District is that if District wanted to send money to GSO—we would support that decision. We have no strings attached nor directives on how that District money should be used.

Bill F, GSR

Lunch Bunch

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New Hope Group -

Nothing new to report. 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-

Here is an update on the Somers-Lakeside Group.

We are still conducting our regular Monday meeting at 8:00 PM via Zoom, and also now in person for those who love campfires. It's a dual meeting conducted via zoom and in-person. * has graciously set up the in-person portion at her home in Lakeside, which we're calling our Campfire meeting. Some folks choose to attend the campfire meeting, and some choose to remain on Zoom at home. Either way it's 8:00 PM on Monday. If anyone is interested in attending this Monday Zoom meeting please email me. In addition, the Somers-Lakeside group is also meeting on Zoom on Thursdays at 8:00 PM for our Big Book Study. Again, if anyone would like to join this is a different link so please email me. We've had strong turn-out for both meetings, some out-of-state folks as well. Overall, the group conscience seems to be positive about how these meetings have gone.

Vicki will again be contacting the staff at Eidsvold Lutheran Church in Somers this coming week to verify that Monday, June 8th at 8:00 PM will be our first return date to our traditional in-person meetings. This info was provided to the group about a month ago, and Vicki will be checking with them to make sure we're still on track for June 8th. When this info is confirmed, I will update everyone.

Thanks again,

*, GSR

Sunrise Group-

We are having meetings again at the Alano Club.

Reported by *.

Swan River Women's Group-

*, GSR

Tobacco Valley Group -

*, GSR

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Whitefish Group-

Good afternoon,

The Whitefish Group has still not been having in-person meetings due to our landlord choosing to follow a stricter interpretation of the 'Rona guidelines. Our Zoom meetings have continued as planned. Because of this, there is little to report in the way of our group.

Whitefish Group business meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30 PM. We will be having a joint in-person and Zoom meeting where we hope to have a variety of opinions expressed regarding opening our meeting space back up. Hopefully I will have good news to share with you all after that.

Yours in service, *, GSR Whitefish Group

"Everything is only for a day, both that which remembers and that which is remembered."

Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*, 4.35

Women in Sobriety-

*,

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) -

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

On Site meetings on site with social distancing -

New Hope Group; Columbia Falls Group & Canyon Group, Going to the Sun Group, Tobacco Valley.

Let me know when your meetings are reopening so we can all stay informed.

Elections begin in July with nominations for DCM & Alt DCM. We need to have this ready for the pre-Assembly in August.

Any Nominations - should be sent to pre Assembly in August.

Thank you for your patience in the recent months with Zoom meetings.

Fall Assembly is September 11-12-13. District will fund incoming officers expenses to attend.

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

*, DCM

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Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

I don't have any news. It is great to see all the participants today.

*, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

Greetings,

As you can see we had zero transactions for May. Again, I was reminded that District does not send money to GSO, that is the individual groups' choice.

I am not sure I will be on the Zoom meeting Sunday but will try.

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

Available Checking \$1,839.36

[Treasurer Report May 2020](#)

In Service,

*, Treasurer

Secretary-

Thank you for your reports in advance. I really appreciate it. This is my last 6 months of my two year term ending December 31, 2020. I am asking each of you to help me find options for the next Secretary. We will need to know about the willing candidates as we begin the election process later this year (October).

This is an official plea for HELP!!

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 Mike P. (DCM) know.*

OLD BUSINESS-

Groups that are having meetings on site: New Hope Group; Columbia Falls Group; Canyon Group, Tobacco Valley.

GSO DRAWDOWN OF PRUDENT RESERVE UPDATE

Margaret - distribution of District funds to GSO - hasn't been done before. There are no rules about District sending funds to GSO. We are low on operating balance with upcoming DCM travel expenses.

* - Since District has low funds right now I suggest we hold off on sending funds to GSO. We do have 4 people to fund to Assembly and there are no splits coming in to District.

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- * - The Whitefish Group is sending all splits to GSO as Dist is stable for now.
- * - District has \$1800.00 above Prudent Reserve I think District should send \$1000.00 to GSO.
- * - The group designates where splits are sent. Groups can adjust the splits to send to GSO.
- * - I agree with * - District can decide to do as they want with their balance. We can send all the balance to GSO.
- * made the motion to send \$500.00 to GSO with second by *. After discussion the motion passed 9 to 3 to send \$500.00 to GSO.

NEW BUSINESS-

The Alano Club reopened May 18, 2020.

May 13th:

Good morning District 91.

Looks like we are headed (slowly I hope) back towards sanity. This is a good start I think. I will keep everyone informed as I get more info.

Have a great day all.

*, DCM District 91

The Alano club had our meeting tonight and voted to open on May 18th with suggested social distancing, etc.

* will post on Alano club web page tomorrow. I inquired about district MTG and he said for you to call him. Take care. Missing everyone.

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AGENDA ITEM HOTLINE APR 2020

* presented the agenda - about how District 91 handles the Area 40 Hotline calls

*-questioned 1)Anyone signed up to take Hotline calls in a certain time frame & says sorry busy or will call back in an hour is unacceptable; 2) Isn't it possible to sign up for a certain time block? 3) what is the Caller ID number to have in my phone. I never have been called.

* - Article IV says New Business Items are submitted on a Agenda Item form to the DCM or Alt DCM one month prior to the business meeting. This helps ensure that members will be prepared to make an informed vote after discussing with their group.

There is also an opportunity to present last minute new agenda items if a simple majority of those present agree to consider them.

* - We have Guidelines not rules.

* - I have never seen agenda items being sent in to allow group discussion. GSR should have taken information to group previously and sometimes it is not possible to do that.

* announced as it is past 4:30 pm we need a motion to extend the meeting to 4:45 pm.

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Motion to extend made by *. with second by *. Motion passed.

Motion was repeated - to have 4 people from District 91 for 6 month terms to be available to take Area 40 Hotline calls 7 days a week. Motion passed 6 to 4.

Motion with second to adjourn the meeting passed.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: *, District 91 Secretary