

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

January 31, 2021

Hosted by Alano Club of Kalispell and Zoom Online Meeting

Anonymity Protected Version

Attendees

A total of 19 District 91 members were in attendance: 3 officers, 2 committee chairs, 10 GSR's, and 4 visitors.

Opening 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer -- **
- Preamble – **
- 12 Traditions – **
- 12 Concepts – **.
- Concept of the Month (January) – **
- Next Month Concept of the Month (February) – **
- Next month District meeting to be held at Alano Club 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell and on Zoom simultaneously at 3:00 p.m. February 27, 2021
- Review and approval of December minutes: motion by **, seconded by ** and approved without corrections
- No 7th Tradition collected due to COVID-19 at this time

Introduction of Attendees

Committee Chair Reports

(Please forward all reports for monthly meeting by the Thursday preceding the meeting to **District 91 Secretary.

Archives – outgoing Chair **

Hi District 91,

I'm out of town and may not be able to make today's meeting. I am holding archival material at my home until someone takes over the position. I can continue to put minutes and other material on google docs but will no longer be able to download to thumb drive as my computer is toast. I downloaded all material from my service term to a thumb drive. I would suggest that district 91 consider reviewing the archives and secretary positions and determining how to proceed based on technological advancements and how not to duplicate efforts between those positions.

Potentially investing in Google Workspace. I spoke with ** at length about this and will be emailing Alex Mareno to get suggestions. The following was texted to me from ** (former district 91 secretary):

I think it's a great idea. It would give the District more tools to work with. Especially spreadsheets (treasurer) Google Meet (Remote District meetings), YouTube (PIR chair / grapevine) .

Google sites, archives / district and web presence) I think there is a lot of potential here. Not to mention with each rotation there is only one email address for each service position When rotating out the next person would just change the password to the particular service position email address.

For example:

archives@aa-montana.org ; literature@aa-montana.org

Or whatever domain the district decides to go with. I hope this helps! I think it's a positive step in the right direction!

Bridging the Gap: (vacant position)

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): (vacant position)

Corrections – (vacant position)

Grapevine – **

No report for the month

Literature – **

My report is that I ordered 10 Big Books for month of January, book sales went up a little bit this last month.

Public Information (PI) – temporarily being covered by ** Nothing to report for this month

Treatment – **

There has been no change with Pathways reopening for AA meetings. Will keep in touch as long as I remain Treatment Chair for District 91.

District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting) – ** No report for this meeting

Standing Committees/Reports

Into Action – Cancelled for 2021

Christmas Alcathon handled in 2020 by Intergroup

Group Reports

Baffled Lot Group – **

Our home group Baffled Lot continues to meet every Monday, Wednesday and [Friday at 7:00](#) am and also on Tuesday and [Thursday at 7:00 pm](#). We meet at the Assembly of God church on Karrow in Whitefish. The church is handicap accessible. We have an inductive Big Book study every Friday. We're starting to see more folks joining us at both our morning and evening meetings.

Band of Brothers – Inactive at District for now

Big Book Group – no representation

Bigfork by the Bay Group – **

Bigfork by the Bay Group is meeting 3 times a week currently. Saturday mornings 8 am on Zoom with the Hosting duties rotated monthly. Sunday evenings 7 pm in person meeting at the Methodist Church in Bigfork and a New 12 and 12 Book study Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm on Zoom. This new book study meeting is casual, fun, informative and well attended. It is a wonderful addition to our group, and we are enjoying “drop ins” from outside our areas since it is posted. We currently have opportunities available to fill vacant service positions.

By the Book – no representation this month

Canyon Group – **

The Canyon Group meets daily per schedule. Added 6:30 AM meeting, so now Tuesday., Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday early meetings. Holly B. elected Canyon Group Intergroup rep at last business/meeting. Next business meeting will be held February 1st. Will elect new GSR and do splits.

Chief Cliff AA – ** No report this month

Circle of Sisters – **

I am the new GSR for Circle of Sisters. We meet weekly at 6:30 PM. We require masks if in person. We have a hybrid meeting with a computer in the room however, due to little attendance in the room, we are considering online only for the time being until the pandemic numbers improve. We have a monthly speaker meeting with a speaker on zoom. We usually have 15 - 25 in attendance on Zoom each week with around 15 active home group members. I will review the GSR info when I receive them to be sure I am informed on how to do this.

Columbia Falls Group – **

The Columbia Falls Group meets Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at Chapel at Veterans' Home. Attendance has been good mask are required did splits the last business meeting.

Flathead Valley Serenity Group – **

Serenity Group is holding meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. Monday and Friday meetings are also held on Zoom at the same times as live meetings. This month Serenity group decided to suspend its weekly Saturday night meetings due to low attendance and lack of members willing to chair as a result of Covid-19. This suspension will be lifted at a later date to be determined by the group.

Attendance to each of the live meetings is small but steady, averaging 2-10 people per meeting. Zoom attendance is larger, averaging 20-40 people per meeting.

Serenity currently has several service positions open. Notable chairs include Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Fresh Start –

Going to the Sun Group –

Lunch Bunch – ** No report for this month

New Hope Group – **

Somers/Lakeside Group – **

Sunrise Group –

Swan River AA Group

Tobacco Valley Group – **

My name is ** in the gsr for the tobacco valley group this months report is pretty much the same meetings are all still going. Attendance is definitely picking up this month compared to the last several months. But that happens in Jan every year. Hopefully attendance will stay strong. Other than that nothing has changed. We do need some new pamphlets saying when and where our meetings are some of them are wrong on the old pamphlets and we may be changing Friday meeting time to 7 pm instead of 8pm depending on the christliss girls if they are coming back or not we tabled the discussion until next month so we can so we can find out for sure if they plan to attend again or not. Also the district 91 web site has some of our meetings times and places wrong as well and we would like that changed. It has been discussed before but it still hasn't changed.. that's about it. As always district is welcome to come up and have the meeting in eureka anytime and anyone who would like is welcome to come up as well anytime.. thankyou have a nice day..

Whitefish Group – ** no report this month

Women in Sobriety –

Officer Reports

- **District Committee Member (DCM) – ****

DCM Report- Jan 2021

1. Welcome to all District 91 new chairs and GSR's and thank you for your service. Also, thanks to all our past rotation. We have several chair positions to fill, as we will address in old business. GSR's- this may be your first adventure into District level service and you probably have many questions and concerns. In new business, past Area 40 Delegate, **, will be presenting info on an upcoming, 2-hour, GSR workshop, Sat., Feb. 13th. I highly recommend attending for valuable info and many questions will be answered. GSR'S, your groups should provide you with GSR workbooks, Committee Chairs, your predecessor may have a Committee workbook to pass on, if not, we can order one through **, Lit Chair. However, I checked AA.org lit website and currently it appears

they are all sold out. GSR's, as well as committee chairs, are expected to have a brief report each month, emailed to secretary, **, prior to the meeting. We try to keep our in-meeting reports brief, with more specific details, etc. highlighted in the written report. Don't worry if you really don't have anything new, or exciting, to report. I would suggest reading the District 91 Guidelines, updated on 12/20/2020. They are linked to all 2020 minutes (thank you, **), which are available on Area 40 District 91 mini-site @ aa-montana.org. We are all just beginning our new positions in this new rotation, it's a learning process, progress, not perfection is the key!

2. On Jan. 16, I participated in an Area 40 Kick-Off Zoom meeting, attended by 26 Area Chairs, DCM's, Delegate and Advisor. We reviewed submitting agenda items, Area 40 Dashboard, where Area 40 background info for GSC, Assemblies, etc. is stored for access by authorized members, WCRAASR, Pre-Assemblies and Spring Assembly.
 - a. WCRAASR- Virtual, March 5 to 7, flyer was emailed. Zoom info pending.
 - b. Virtual Pre-Assemblies are being planned, most likely 2 sessions, more info to follow. GSC info will be covered at WCRAASC, which everyone can attend, so pre-assemblies will try to focus on Area 40 business. We highly recommend attending a pre-assembly as it will provide great insight into Assembly agenda items.
 - c. Area Assembly is also virtual (generally held in Great Falls Fri eve thru Sun morning), tentatively scheduled for March 26-28 with basically the same structure as in-person assemblies. There was much discussion on possible changes to format. District feedback is requested. Possible suggestions: limit workshops, eliminate Friday night orientations, have reports submitted electronic only. Also discussed, possible changes in schedule: keep it similar to live assembly, shorten Sat and lengthen Fri night and Sunday, No Friday with one long Saturday, No Friday with Sat 9 to 9 and Sun until we're done.
3. I am in the process of collecting and updating contacts, passing around sheets to correct, or add, your info or please contact me with data.
4. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and work on improving an already stellar District in order to carry the message, our primary purpose. Hopefully, your encouragement and example will inspire others to step up to District service.

In Service,

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District 91 DCM

In the meeting, Sheila answered a question from Dan L. about correcting group information on the Intergroup Website: corrections should be sent to Area 40 and to Sheila.

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) – **: Nothing to report this month.

Treasurer – **

01/31/21

Treasurer Report

Beginning Checking Balance **\$4,611.77**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction Transcription</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
12/20/20	Alano Club Rent	\$15.00	
01/19/21	Columbia Falls Group split		\$200.00
01/31/21	Balance This Statement		\$4,796.77
01/31/21	Pink Can Beginning Balance		\$1,258.35
01/31/21	Prudent Reserve Balance		\$1,497.52
01/31/21	Available Checking Balance		\$2,040.90

Secretary – **. Nothing to report

Old Business

- District 91 Elections – ** asked that we pass along to all our affiliated groups that there are open positions at the District that need to be filled. And that the Literature and CPC positions are funded to go to Assembly, as a selling point for people who might be willing to stand for them.
- Roundup Chair position is still open for the 2022 Roundup to be held in Kalispell.

New Business

- Upcoming events were announced including a new online, interactive workshop consisting of a fun trivia game for anyone new to the position of GSR or to anyone interested in learning about what the role and responsibilities of a GSR are. This fun workshop, a GSR training created and developed by ** will also be offered to the Area at large. It will take place on February 13, 2021 on Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Bring the Service Manual, 14 sheets of blank paper, a marker and a box of chocolates! No prior knowledge necessary. A flyer is available at www.aanwmt.org or at www.aa-montana.org.
- The West Central Regional AA Service Conference will be held virtually on March 5-7, 2021. Flyer available at Websites above.
- Northern Rockies Pockets of Enthusiasm Conference will be virtual this year on March 19-20. Also, flyer available at Area 40 Website above.

Closing

** moved to close the meeting and it was seconded by ** Meeting closed at 4:30 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Statement by all in attendance.

Minutes submitted by ** District 91 Secretary

DISTRICT 91 GUIDELINES

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bagRWUFLzMQhzdd5VV0QWKAjkYPAGK08C8qPzD53vog/edit#heading=h.px11p82xkmpp>

GSR SCHOOL TRIVIA, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2021-02GSRTriviaDist91.pdf>

WEST REGIONAL AA SERVICE CONFERENCE, MARCH 5-7, 2021

<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2020-03WCRAA.pdf>

NORTHERN ROCKIES POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM CONFERENCE, MARCH 19-20, 2021

<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2021-03Pockets.pdf>

DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM

<https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist91/docs/district-91-agenda-proposal-dec-20-2020.pdf>