

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

April 25, 2021

Hosted by Alano Club of Kalispell and Zoom Online Meeting
Anonymity Protected Version

Attendees

A total of 18 District 91 members were in attendance: 4 officers, 5 committee chairs, 9 GSR's.

- Serenity Prayer – **
- Preamble – **
- 12 Traditions – **
- 12 Concepts – **
- Concept of the Month (April) – **
- Next Month Concept of the Month (May) – **
- Next month District meeting to be held at Alano Club 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell and on Zoom simultaneously at 3:00 p.m. May 23, 2021
- Review and approval of March 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 – (vacant position)

Bridging the Gap: (vacant position)

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

Corrections – **

Hello Everyone, I was able to talk to Commander Grande last week about the jail meetings. She is no longer in charge of those programs at the jail, it is someone else. She gave me his contact information and I spoke with him over email. He knows that we are way behind on certifications, and he anticipates an opportunity to get certifications to volunteers by mid-May.

Grapevine – **

Not much new to report on Grapevine waiting for Covid restrictions to ease up. Trying to make different meetings to promote Grapevine. Would like other groups to follow Canyon Group lead. They have a Grapevine Chair that selects a couple of current Grapevine stories to discuss at the designated 2nd Sunday of every month GRAPEVINE meeting.

In Service,
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District 91
Grapevine
Chair

Literature – **

My literature report is as follows; I had 4 book orders for the month of April. 2 from New Hope Group Kalispell, 1 from Big Fork group and 1 from Whitefish group. I did get my Debit card set up for literature account! Let me know if there's anything else you need, Thank you!

** . District Literature

Public Information (PI) – **

We began making our visits to those who display brochures and schedules. Our reception was very good. We found some vendors which were closed, some permanent, some temporary. The ones that were open welcomed us and most wanted more recent schedules and/or more brochures.

Treatment – Vacant position

Intergroup (non-voting) – **

District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting) – **

There is nothing to report as I did not attend Intergroup. We were not in the area. I also need to resign from my position with Intergroup. I am not sure of my health from day to day so I can't be certain I can be at Intergroup for the meeting. I have enjoyed my time with the group and I will miss being in on the action.

In service, **

Standing Committees/Reports

Into Action – Cancelled for 2021

Christmas Alcathon 2021: Need to get chair. Please tell all groups a chair is needed.

Fall 2022 Roundup -- ** the chair, announced the date will be 9/23-9/25 and will be holding the first committee meeting in the next month.

Group Reports

Baffled Lot Group – **, GSR

There are no updates from A Baffled Lot homegroup.

Thanks,

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Band of Brothers – Inactive at District for now

Big Book Group – no representation

Bigfork by the Bay Group – **, GSR

4/22/21

Bigfork by the Bay Group is meeting 3 times a week currently! Zoom meetings are Saturday mornings 8 am and a fun and casual Book Study of the 12 and 12, followed by the 12 Concepts Thursdays 6:30 pm. Our live Sunday Evenings at the Methodist Church in Bigfork at 7 pm and attendance is growing. Coffee and snacks are now permitted, but masks are still required. Join us anytime for fellowship!

In Service,

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Bigfork at the Bay Group GSR

By the Book – **, GSR

No report

Canyon Group – **, new GSR

Good afternoon,

Canyon group meetings are being well attended. We have 630am meetings on Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sunday that could use support and is a nice alternative with the summer coming up. We had numerous members participate in the intergroup bowling event yesterday at the pin and cue. Our group is very active in intergroup and the birthday meetings on the last Saturday of the month at Senior center in Columbia Falls. Our group is very excited about getting a new coffee pot and getting ready to repaint the room.

Annual CANYON GROUP Swan Lake Campout is Friday, June 25 thru Monday, June 28.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

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Canyon Group

Chief Cliff AA – ** GSR

No report this month

Circle of Sisters – **, GSR

Circle of sisters still meets hybrid weekly on Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM. We recently voted to align our group conscience with the Alano Club and encourage wearing masks but don't require them. We will soon be adding more in-person positions that are needed now that more are back in the room. --- **

Columbia Falls Group – ** GSR (, reporting)**

The Columbia Falls Group meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at the Chapel at the Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls. Masks are required and social distancing is at a premium. Held business meeting on April 22nd. Having better attendance than the past year!

In Service,

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Reporting for **

C. Falls GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group – **, GSR/ Alternate GSR**

Serenity group continues to have live meetings on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays and Zoom meetings on Mondays and Fridays. All meeting times are at 7:00 p.m. Our live meeting attendance is rising slightly as more people feel comfortable returning to live meetings. Our Zoom attendance is steady.

Serenity Group will be hosting the annual Founder's Day Campout from June 11- 13. ** from Whitefish will be speaking on Saturday Night at 7:00 p.m. and ** from Canyon Group will speak on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact **. Flyers will also be posted at the Alano club.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

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Fresh Start – no representation this month

Going to the Sun Group – no representation this month

Lunch Bunch – ** No report for this month

New Hope Group – ** GSR

We meet twice a day, Monday through Friday. We had a great turnout for our Birthday meeting for the month of April. Masks are not required to attend New Hope AA meetings. Thank you. We have nothing new to report.

Thank you,

** GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group – **

Update from the Somers/Lakeside Group: We are continuing to host our weekly in-person meeting on Monday nights at 8 pm at the Eidsvold church in Somers. This meeting is also hosted on Zoom if you would like to attend this way. Please email or text for the meeting ID and password.

We are also continuing to host a Thursday night big book meeting, held exclusively on Zoom. This meeting starts at 8 pm. Please email or text for this meeting's ID and password.

Sunrise Group – no representation this month

Swan River AA Group – no representation this month

Tobacco Valley Group – ** GSR

No report

Whitefish Group – ** GSR

I look forward to attending the district meeting on Sunday in person at the Alano club .
Some new business:

A couple of members of our group decided to form an ad hoc committee to address their Concerns/ issues relating to the country's opening up "post COVID" , putting forth ideas for the future implementation of guidelines regarding masks/ mask wearing / vaccination/ and the rewording of our opening statement reflecting the above items. Unfortunately the committee got voted in, I personally saw/see no reason for any such committee.

Also there is discussion from the aforementioned committee about whether or not to have zoom hybrid meetings anymore, since there has been very little attendance over this last month. To say they have not been attended would be more accurate.

On a lighter note , ** is the new Whitefish group alternate GSR, he will replace ** as our alternate GSR, thanking ** for his service and his continuing service as an Active trustee of the Whitefish group .

Best regards,

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Women in Sobriety – no representation this month

Officer Reports

DCM District Report-April 2020

Our Virtual Area Assembly was held March 26 to 28. District 91 was, once again, well represented with 11 members attending, that is in addition to the many Area Committee Chairs that are also from District 91. While attendance varied over the weekend, we

generally had about 65 to 70 voting members present and a total attendance of appx. 90. Thank you to those that took the time out of your weekend for AA Service!

Following are highlights, entire minutes will be available on Area 40 website when completed.

We elected a new Area Webmaster, ** This is a very important position and ** has been very efficient as temporary webmaster. I'm certain he will be a great asset. All DCM's presented 3 minute District reports. My District 91 report will be included with the minutes.

Area Treasurer, **, reports: Appx 23K working balance (\$26,602 in account with reserve), \$5,557.21 in donations, \$3,085.38 in expenses.

All Committee Chairs gave a report and then covered Area 40 and GSC Agenda items. The Literature Committee had an overwhelming amount of material to cover and certainly garnered the most discussion from the floor. The Literature Committee tended to vote in the negative for most items, while the entire Assembly tended to go the opposite direction on several items. A sense of the Area was taken numerous times, supporting considerations including: Developing a 5th Edition of the Big Book, adding a new Appendix if 5th Edition is developed, removing phrase "opposite sex" pg 117 in 12 & 12, remove "lustful enough to rape" from pg 66 in 12 & 12, address common solution to plain/simplified language & large print versions of BB. The Area supported all these, while the Committee was in the negative. This was a very interesting experience in how AA works and how all opinions are important and listened too. There was discussion about podcasts, committee felt more info was needed to make a decision. Discussions were held on Directories going digital, changing essay on Concept 11 to reflect accurate structure, changing gender specific to gender neutral in certain literature/preamble. It is difficult to briefly summarize an entire weekends worth of activity, again, everything will be available in the minutes. I feel the Assembly was well attended and that our Delegate, **, will be well prepared for The General Service Conference, convening as this is being written.

It is customary to invite our Area Delegate to the District to give a report on the GSC. We will discuss possibilities for having ** come and visit during the meeting. Please continue to encourage AA's to attend the District meeting, better yet, consider standing for an open position. GSR's and Chairs, please get your reports to ** prior to the meeting, even if you have little to report, at least make your presence known. Any business you'd like to bring up at District, fill out an Agenda Proposal Form and/or contact me with your item.

Thanks for being a part of District 91!

In Service,

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- **District 91 DCM Spring Assembly Report**

In 1901, George Bird Grinnell, writer, hunter, explorer, and mapmaker, coined the phrase "Crown of the Continent" in an article extolling the Rocky Mountain Area in

Northwest Montana and Canada. He described pristine lakes, bold mountain peaks, sources of streams flowing into three different seas. Those of us blessed enough to live in District 91 also know that we are fortunate to have many members dedicated to pristinely carrying the message in all directions, boldly embracing change and adaptations, and engaging all our sources of Higher Power to stream the consciousness of AA to those still suffering, always trying to remember our primary purpose.

Welcome to District 91, the “Crown” of Northwest Montana. Our District shares a border with Canada to the North, Idaho to the West, Glacier Park to the East and Flathead Lake to the South. Kalispell, Whitefish, Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Lakeside, Elmo and Coram/West Glacier welcome residents and many seasonal visitors to the rooms of AA. With approximately 111 weekly live meetings and 24 weekly virtual meetings, finding a meeting in District 91 is never a challenge. Some of our regular meetings have been temporarily closed, some replaced with virtual, or hybrid meetings, but most are back to our regular meeting schedule. So, even in this difficult time, the message is still available, in one form or another, to all that need, and want it.

District 91 also is home to the Flathead Intergroup. Flathead Intergroup is a great asset, providing an area Hot-Line Service, printed meeting schedules, monthly Birthday meetings and many opportunities for fellowship at Holiday and social events, including the Emery Bay Campout, August 12-15, a great summer event that is well attended by many District 91 members, friends, and guests.

District 91 is proud to host one of Area 40’s biannual Roundup’s. Our next rotation will be Fall of 2022. We have an enthusiastic Chair and look forward to an inspirational event with motivational speakers, enlightening workshops, fun and fellowship.

We have a highly active District, our monthly meetings are well attended, meeting the last Sunday of each month. GSR’s well represent most of our groups and though we still have a few chair positions open, we are sure they will fill soon, as life slowly gets more like normal. Many of our groups are planning summer events, campouts, and picnics, “we absolutely insist on enjoying life”! Check out Flathead Intergroup or Area 40 website calendars for event flyers and information.

The next time you plan a visit to the “Crown of the Continent”, please join us at a meeting, event, or social function, we look forward to seeing you!

In Service,
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District 91 DCM

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

Treasurer – **

3/28/21 Begin Balance \$4,950.74

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
4/5/21	Alano Club Rent March District Meeting	\$15.00	
4/5/21	Sheila Johnston Zoom Meetings	\$46.65	
4/18/21	USPS Annual P,O, Box Renewal	\$134.00	
4/25/21	Balance this statement		\$4,755.19
4/25/21	Pink Can Balance		\$1,258.35
4/25/21	Prudent Reserve Balance		\$1,497.52
4/25/21	Available Checking Balance		\$1,999.32

Secretary – ** Nothing to report

Old Business

- District 91 Elections –
Still need to fill vacant committee chair positions: Archives, Bridging the Gap, CPC, and Treatment

New Business

1. Newly vacated District Liaison Position is now open.
2. New District Hotline Chair Position brought to floor by **

DISTRICT 91 AGENDA ITEM PROPOSAL

- (1) **Describe the proposal:** Create a District 91 Hotline Chair to be responsible for making sure Area 40 hotline calls are answered in our district. The service position would rotate every two years. The Hotline Chair would have to be able to answer calls himself/herself 24 hours a day if the people chosen by him/her to be the answerers are not available. If the answerers do not pick up, the Area 40 Hotline Chair texts the District Hotline Chair (or PI Chair if there isn't a Hotline Chair) and requests they give the caller a callback. In the absence of a District Hotline Chair, for whatever reason, the District PI Chair would assume the responsibility until a new Hotline Chair is elected.
- (2) **List the proposal benefits:** Having an individual responsible for scheduling one male and one female answerer (for a determined length of rotation) for all the hotline calls would assure they are answered. It is hard to stay on top of the volunteers day-by-day, and the District PI Chair has a lot of other responsibilities and can't always be available for backup in case the calls aren't answered. Without a District Hotline Chair, one of the qualifications for anyone volunteering for District PI Chair would have to be availability to answer calls 24 hours a day 7 days a week throughout their entire term.
- (3) **Cost Estimate:** 50
- (4) **List additional background material(s) included with the proposal:** An email from Area 40 Hotline Chair Sabrina C. asking for Districts to designate a Hotline Chair and explaining how well it works.
- (5) **How the proposal originated:** A request from the Area 40 Hotline Chair and experience from the past District 91 PI Chair (me).
- (6) **Why the proposal should be considered:** (see above)
- (7) **Final comments:** I have been in charge of answering District 91's hotline calls from the Area 40 hotline for over two years. We average about 12 calls a month. No matter how hard we tried with a long list of volunteers, about half the calls were missed. When we went to a few designated answerers, nearly all the calls started to be answered. Area 40 recently added a Hotline Chair as a service position. The Area Hotline Chair facilitated the switch to a less expensive answering service and has requested each District designate one man and one woman as answerers for specific periods of time (a rotation). This saves money as well as makes sure the calls are always answered. The answerers have to be available all the time, night and day. Having a District Hotline Chair in charge of a very short list of answerers would be much more effective than the way we do it now.

Jake H.

This will be further discussed at May Business meeting.

Closing

** moved to close the meeting, and it was seconded by **. Meeting closed at 4:28 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.px11p82xkmp>

DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM

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