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District 91 Monthly Meeting Minutes	January 26, 2025	
Attendees	<u>In person</u> Steve S Nancy S Chris M Paul L Allison B Lois L Denise S Vince T Deborah R Sandy K Jake H Katie V Stacey W Susan H Jose S Aryel M Tazarae C Rhianna G Abe M <u>Zoom</u> Hallie B	
Opened 3:00pm	Preamble: Sandy K Traditions: Jake H Serenity Prayer: All Twelve Concepts: Paul L Concept 12 Review for next month: Nancy S Review and approval minutes: Minutes approved NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2025. 3:00pm Alano Club (Hybrid Meeting) Meeting Host for February: Bigfork	
Committee Chair Reports		
	Archives:	OPEN
	Bridging the Gap: Made two connections for people reaching out to AA. One was from jail and the second was from treatment.	Rhianna G
	PI and CPC:	Antoinette M

	Antoinette received the binder from the previous Rep Kristen. Antoinette will be contacting Taz and Kristen to help with presentation Into Action on Feb 1st. Received a phone call from Karon CPC in Area from Bozeman and she shared a wealth of information. She is willing to share any information on this position and she told me about a Zoom meeting that takes place once a month for people involved in CPC and PI.	
	Corrections: As your new Corrections Chair, I would first and foremost like to thank Susan Hutz for the incredible work she had done as the former Corrections Chair. Her tireless work in this position laid the foundation for a smooth transition and gave me the much-needed confidence in moving forward. On January 6th, a "tech savvy" friend of mine and I, sat down at my computer and we spent the morning separating and simplifying the men's and women's volunteer calendars, dividing emails addresses into two groups (men/women), and organizing the volunteer presentation and certification packet into one accessible format. In the past few weeks, I've met with both Rhianna, our Committee Chair for Bridging the Gap, and Taz our Committee Treatment Chair. We were able to discuss our positions and duties, and how we might work together to make the whole process of reaching out to the "still suffering alcoholic" a little more effective. They were both very receptive, and I look forward to working with them. Our women's calendar is full through March, and there are many dedicated women taking the meetings into the jail. The men's calendar was mostly filled through January, leaving only a few times where I had to specifically text volunteers, asking if they were available to take a meeting in that week. So far this month I've sent an introductory email out to the men and women each with their new calendar, and more recently I've sent a second email to the men in hopes that our February calendar could get filled. It would seem that while we do have several dedicated men volunteers for this service, we need more of them. It is my hope that our "INTO ACTION" workshop will bring "a few good men" into the service of bringing hope to those incarcerated men in Flathead County Jail. All in all, I feel confident and blessed to be in this new position, and very grateful to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.	Stacey W

	Grapevine : AA GRAPEVINE, Inc. A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Subscription Pricing **AA GRAPEVINE,** the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will increase the price of its print magazine for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription is $36.00, effective April 15, 2024. Grapevine has held the print magazine price steady through challenging times over the past four years — with costs for paper, printing and shipping all increasing substantially. The Grapevine Board recognizes that we can no longer sustain the magazine's costs at the current price. Subscribers will receive discounts when ordering over multiple years, or by purchasing the "Complete" option, which includes the print magazine and full access to the website and our new mobile app. Digital subscription prices will stay at the current rates. Active subscribers will stay at their current rate until their term ends. Here are the new prices, effective April 15, 2024: **New Subscription prices** **US and Canada** **Product** **Price** Print one year $36.00 Print two year $68.00 Print three year $90.00 Digital one month $2.99 Digital one year $29.99 Grapevine Complete one month $6.00 Grapevine Complete one year $56.00 Grapevine Complete two years $98.00 Grapevine Complete three years $130.00 **International** **Product** **Price** Print one year $49.00 Print two years $92.00 Print three years $120.00 Digital one month $2.99 Digital one year $29.99 Grapevine Complete one month $7.00 Grapevine Complete one year $69.00 Grapevine Complete two years $112.00 Grapevine Complete three years $160.00 All prices are listed in US dollars and are subject to Canadian or International conversion rates. For additional information visit us at www.aagrapevine.org/announcement	OPEN
	Hotline:	OPEN
	Literature: I ordered 40 Service manuals for District to give to GSR's and for sale at the Into Action event. I have not been made a signer on the back account as of today and there isn't a 2025 budget set, your expenditures. Unfortunately, the plain language books sold out quickly and our district didn't order any before they were sold out and now, we don't even have them currently on order. I need permission for that since I will need to charge them personally. I have already reached out and heard back from the Literature Rep from six	Susan H

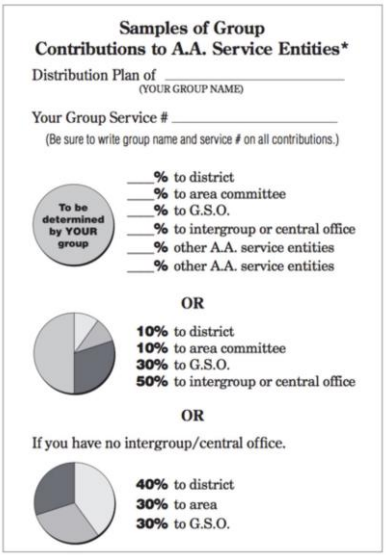
	home groups and we are planning to converge in a Lit breakout session in a couple days at Into Action Event Feb. 1st. Literature was asked by the event chair to have a literature table at the Into Action event and Diana S has volunteered to help "man the table" while I am in a session. Our new formed committee will be working on making a display when funds are settled.	
	Treatment: It is unfortunate to report due to an unrelated incident, we have been removed from any meetings at this time at RCM. I have been in contact with the director of RCM. If they allow us back into the facility, there will be New Rules implemented, as well as training. I will keep you updated as I learn more. That is all I have to report at this time.	Tazarae P
	District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting):	Aryel M
Standing Committees /Reports		
	Into Action 2025	Hallie B
	Christmas Alcathon 2025	Open
	Spring 2026 Roundup	Nino & Victoria
Group Reports		
	Bigfork by the Bay Group - Methodist Church on Electric Ave - meetings in basement Meetings Monday 10am-11am women's open meeting Tuesday 7pm-8 open Discussion group Thursday 7pm-8 closed Big Book Study Saturday 9am-10 closed Discussion group Sunday 7pm-8 open Discussion group Monday and Thursday meetings have lighter attendance during winter months 3rd Saturday of every month is our business meeting after our regular meeting	Lois L

	Last Sunday of every month is our Birthday celebration with cake after December 2024 we had a holiday party before our Birthday meeting. It was well attended in spite of the weather The church is installing a new elevator for easier access to the basement area. I will keep you informed about progress. 2 positions open at Bigfork by the Bay - Literature and alternate GSR	
	Canyon Group	Tyrone S
	Came to Believe Group	Herb C
	Chief Cliff Wellbriety Group	OPEN
	Columbia Falls Group We hold business meetings quarterly and we last met on Thursday January 16th at 7:15. Our next business meeting will meet Thursday April 17th at 7:15 pm. The treasurer and intergroup representative positions have been filled. I am happy to report Ken as our new intergroup representative and Kristina as our new Treasurer. Meetings take place Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 8pm in the Chapel at the Vets Home in Cfalls. We have a speaker meeting every 3rd Saturday at 8pm. It was discussed at our last business meeting to remove the speaker meeting as there has been little interest and the inability to find speakers. Nothing has been decided and will be addressed at our next business meeting. There was no speaker for the month of December.	Katie V
	Fresh Start 6:30am	Marlys
	Girls Night Out Book Study Group – Girls Night Out is a Big Book study group. We meet every Wednesday at the Calvary Lutheran Church 2200 US Hwy 2 E in Evergreen. We open the doors at 5:30 for fellowship. We are currently reading the stories in the second portion of the Big Book.	Nancy S

	Our business meetings are held every other month on the first Wednesday of the month (January, March, May, July, September, November). Most of our service positions are filled, however we do need someone to serve as our Alternate GSR. All women are welcome to attend! Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. - Nancy S.	
	Going to the Sun – Things are well in the Canyon. Our meeting is held every Thursday 7pm at 215 Old School Ln in Coram and is very well attended. We also have a potluck on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm. Our business meetings are now held on the 1st Thursday of the month shortly after 8pm.	Chris M
	Happy Hour – I'm happy to announce our group is meeting everyday of the week Monday thru Friday at 5:30pm. That is all I have to report.	Rhianna G
	New Hope Group –	Aryel M
	Serenity Group – Serenity Group holds four meetings per week: M,T, F at 7 pm at the Alano Club, and M at 7 on Zoom. Please find Zoom details on the Area 40 website. Monday offers rotating Beginner topics, Tuesday is a Big Book Study and Friday is a random call-up meeting celebrating various lengths of sobriety except the final Friday of the month when we celebrate multiple years and have a one hour speaker. Our speaker this Friday, Jan. 31 is Matt E., the Serenity Group Treasurer and fairly recent home group member who moved from Missoula. The new slate of Alt GSR and GSR met with outgoing Alt and GSR to coordinate the positions. Serenity Group has business meetings on the second Monday of the month directly following the meeting at 8:15 pm. Our last business meeting was Jan. 13 when we held elections. As GSR, I will be attending Into Action on Feb 1, and have also reserved room and airline tickets for WCRAASC in Casper.	Allyson B
	Somers/Lakeside Group Permanent report: The Somers/Lakeside Group has open meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. We meet every Monday at 7 pm in the basement of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 Hwy 93 South in Somers. Please use East entrance. Attendance has been growing over the past year with summer months seeing the largest turnout. The first Monday of the month is our 12 Step Meeting, where we read and comment on the corresponding step for that month. Meetings where a newcomer(s) may be	Vikki MB

	present, we usually have a first step meeting, welcoming their presence. The last Monday of the month is our Birthday Meeting, where we acknowledge anyone who had a sobriety birthday that month and celebrate with commemorative coins and refreshments. The other Mondays are open discussion. Meetings usually end by expressions of gratitude and a prayer.	
	Tobacco Valley Group	OPEN
	The Connection – The group is connecting people attending Bug Sky Treatment center to AA meetings. This month, we have had multiple people attending who are enrolled in the treatment program. Two one year chips were earned, one by a graduate of the treatment center and one by a friend who came to support a friend in treatment.	Deborah R (Alt GSR)
	Whitefish Group – New GSR is Denise S Meets at First Presbyterian 301 Central Ave Whitefish, MT 3 meetings a day, 7 days a week: 7am, 12:30pm, 8pm In addition, we have a ladies meeting on Tuesdays @ 6:30pm and a men's meeting on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm We offer an openers support meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm (with Pizza!). This has gained more frequent attendance in the last few months and has been a great resource for our openers! And an opportunity to ask questions about things that may come up in a meeting that may be unusual or unsure how to handle. Currently we have a few time slots in need of a chairperson if anyone is looking to be of service. Our suggested amount of sobriety is 6 months to chair a meeting. Other suggested avenues to chair are discussion with your sponsor and coming to our openers support meeting. We also strongly encourage anyone interested in chairing to come to the openers support meeting to gain help understand our guidelines when chairing. We still have quite a few service positions still open and are looking for members to come to our group conscious business meeting on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm to get more information and volunteer if so inspired! • New GSR – Denise S 406-871-4752 denises@skiwhitefish.com • New Alt. GSR Abe M	Denise S

	• New Treasurer Todd C 201-220-7032 toddrayclear@gmail.com	
District Reports		
	DCM – I am happy to serve as your new District 91 District Committee Member. January saw me jump right into it with a slew of emails from our area committee chairs updating me on all the new information we will have for this rotation. If you have a district position and do not know or have the information for the area chair equivalent of your position (e.g. District 91 Literature chair Susan H. should have the contact information for Rebecca SQ, our Area Literature chair) please contact me so that I can give you that information. I have been in contact with Districts 93 (Hamilton) and 81 (Missoula) to set up a pre-assembly between the three districts. This pre-assembly will likely take place in St. Ignatius on March 15 at 11 A.M. The reason for the St. Ignatius location is that it's a central location for the three districts. We are looking for volunteers and we will be holding our next Zoom meeting on February 2 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to help us plan this event. I will send the Zoom information out via email soon. I have made my plans to attend this year's West Central Regional AA Service Conference to be held in Casper WY on February 28 – March 2. I will be flying down and I will get the expenses to our treasurer next month. I look forward to attending WCRAASC and encourage all GSR's to attend either in person or virtually. Please be aware if you plan to attend in person that the room cutoff rate ($99 per night) is tomorrow. Finally, we have a new address for Area 40 contributions. That address is: Area 40 PO Box 43 Billings, MT 59103 Please send this back to your groups. I will also be emailing a flyer soon with this information. Thank you for letting me be of service, Eli S.	Eli S
	Alternate DCM – Nothing new to report	Steve S
	Treasurer –	Vince T

	Bank Statement Ending Balance $4,045.76 Outstanding Checks None Bank Statement Balance $4,045.76 Beginning Checkbook Balance $3,529.76 December Deposits Whitefish Group $546.00 Checks Written December: #182 Alano Club rent nov/dec ($30.00) Ending Checkbook Balance $4,045.76 Prudent Reserve ($1,500.00) Pink Can ($941.17) Net Available Balance $1,604.59 AA GUIDELINES The AA literature establishes guidelines for groups that have met their Prudent Reserve and how they can contribute to support their group, District and AA as a whole. AA DISTRICT 91 P.O. BOX 10274 KALISPELL, MT 59901 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO) P.O. BOX 2407 JAMES FARLEY STATION NEW YORK, NY 10116-2407  Samples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities* Distribution Plan of _____ (YOUR GROUP NAME) Your Group Service # _____ (Be sure to write group name and service # on all contributions.) To be determined by YOUR group ___% to district ___% to area committee ___% to G.S.O. ___% to intergroup or central office ___% other A.A. service entities ___% other A.A. service entities OR 10% to district 10% to area committee 30% to G.S.O. 50% to intergroup or central office OR If you have no intergroup/central office. 40% to district 30% to area 30% to G.S.O.	
	Secretary – Nancy S took notes – Jose S was out of town	Jose S
Old Business	Elections: Archives – Chris M stood for position - approved by acclamation Grapevine – Abe M stood for position - approved by acclamation Hotline – Open PI – Open Zoom – Open	

New Business		
Next Meeting	**February, 2025 3:00pm Alano Club, Kalispell**	
Closing		
Attachments		
	District Guidelines https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist91/docs/district-guidelines-dec-2022.pdf	
Additional Notes:	**The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm with the Responsibility Statement.**	