

District 91 Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2026

Attendees	<u>In Person:</u> Steve S., Sandy K., Nancy S., Susan H., Tazarae C., Deborah R., Dave P., Lois L., Patrick C., Vince T., Kathryn L. , Eli S., Joe W., Danielle K., Antoinette M., Allyson B. <u>Zoom:</u> Billie T., Katie V.	
Opened	Serenity Prayer: All Preamble: Patrick C. Traditions: Sandy K. Twelve Concepts: Taz C. Concept of the Month (Concept 4) Presented by: Eli S. Concept of the Month (Concept 5) May: Nancy S. Review and approval of minutes: Susan H. made a correction that she not listed as present. Requested she be added to those present and motioned to approved as corrected. Lois seconded. Minutes approved. Introductions by all NEXT MEETING: May 31, 2026 at 3 PM at the Alano Club. District Inventory to start at noon (pending verification of availability of space. (Hybrid meeting)	
Committee Chair Reports		
	Archives: None	Chris M.
	Bridging the Gap: I had a few connections made this month. Mostly in Whitefish. Also, I did speak with Sean, area 40 BTG chair, and he informed me that there is not a workshop this year. The hope is to get it going yearly, but obviously has not happened just yet, but again, hopefully get it annually soon!	Rhianna G.
	CPC: Went to Spring Assembly. Went to breakout room for CPC. Turnout was awesome. Discussed shortening the video. Talked about cards being available with QR code with information for AA. Ant. has an appointment with Brea.	Antoinette

	Corrections: I will be unable to send a district report this month as I will be out of the state without my laptop from April 17th- May 1st. However, I do want to mention that all is going surprisingly well as far as the calendar is going, it is full on both the men's & women's side until the first week of May, which is when I will be home. I have put the volunteers for each Friday in my phone and will be sending the reminder texts. I am hoping it will be smooth sailing, and all goes well. I can report back when I get home.	Stacey W.
	Grapevine: Hello everybody. My apologies, I'm at Granite Mountain Lookout with no reception. Big stuff happening with the Grapevine. Jake B of the Canyon Group and I will be doing a podcast style interview at the spring round up. There will also be an article writing workshop hosted by Jake H, former editor for Grapevine publication. Jake B and I have also organized a follow up article writing workshop in Columbia Falls on Sunday, May 10 at Circle Plaza running from 7 PM to 9 PM. I will be distributing flyers next week. Also, keep your ear to the ground for news of discussion in regard to allowing the Grapevine to accept contributions. It's in the general service conference agenda.	Abe M.
	Hotline: Everything is going good only had two calls for men and I took care of them. Just wanted to know about meetings.	Brad B.
	Literature: I am very happy to report that the pamphlet racks in several groups have been thoroughly gone through and updated to current literature. Those groups are Bigfork by the Bay, Fresh Start, Sunrise and Whitefish groups. Girls' night out also reported that their racks are good. We are excited to be displaying Literature at the Roundup and will have 2 full tables set up Friday through Sunday. A big thank you in advance, to those on the Literature committee who volunteered to take 1 1/2-hour shifts at the event: Kelly, Noni, Danny, Billie and Tim. We will not only be displaying but offering books for sale at the event. Come by and check out our display and we can chat about what's new and happening with AA Literature.	Susan H.

Assembly report: I attended the Area Assembly in Great Falls as a voting member on the Literature Committee representing D91. We had several agenda items including an annual review of the recovery literature matrix. Here we saw all the breakdowns of what books and pamphlets sold in numbers, what was changed or updated and what's been discontinued and those dates. It's a great measurement of Literature and what is being consumed. We reviewed the progress on the 4th Ed of the Spanish version of the Big Book (that is still in the Trustees Lit Committee we will hear more later in 2026) and reviewed the draft of the fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. If this draft is approved at the GSC we could see these 5th editions out by FALL. This draft includes update stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action states that the "first 164 pgs. of the Big Book, the preface, the forwards, the doctors Opinion, Dr Bob's Nightmare and the appendices all remain as is. The new draft will have an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V. The subcommittee recommended that of the 42 personal stories in the 5th Edition, 12 should be included in the 5th Ed. 30 Stories were removed. We reviewed the progress on the update to the Living Sober book and reviewed progress on the development of the Plain Language Big Book amendment process. We discussed the progress report of the subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish speaking members for tools to access the Big Book. Lastly, we considered the publishing of the 30 personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft of the 5th Edition of Big Book. Similar to the Experience, Strength and Hope book that currently contains the stories removed from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Editions of the big book. There are no plans in place for this currently and an Advisory Action would have to come out of the GSC in order for this to occur. This was very interesting conversation. And I changed my vote from where I originally stood on the matter after getting more information. The D91 Current Pamphlet Flip book was a big hit, and 2 other districts are already planning to produce similar ones for their members. There is so much information I cannot include in this report, but I am available to answer all

	questions directed to me on any agenda items at a later time. Discussion: Antoinette asked about a Haitian translation. It is in progress. Patrick asked if they are going to replace the 30 stories. Yes.	
	Treatment: Has 18 approved names. Get from Eli. Meeting is held at 8pm on Saturdays	Tazarae
	District Intergroup Liaison: The Intergroup meeting was held April 25 of 2026. Several things were discussed, including the need for an Entertainment chair and Co-chair to cover the Emery Bay camp out being held July 23-26, and other future events. Our web chair, Josh L, also created an itemized sign-up sheet on the website for the many jobs necessary to make Emery Bay a fantastic camp out. Check out the QR code on the flyer to attain the sign-up sheet. The next event is the Spring Fling on May 9, from 11-3:00, with the potluck scheduled for 12:15 & Speaker at 1:30. This event is being held at Marinette Park in Columbia Falls. Flyers for this event are posted on the new website at FVIG.org. There is also a sign-up sheet on the website to enter what you'll bring to the potluck. Check out the QR code on the flyer. Intergroup needs chair people or groups to host the Intergroup birthday meeting on the last Saturday of every month. This sign-up sheet is also on our new website. The Archives position is still open. Because the Emery camp out includes the last Saturday of the month, Intergroup will have the July meeting on August 1. Venue to be determined. The Ezy Duz It golf event will be June 6 & 7th. Intergroup encourages all GSR's and members of alcoholics anonymous to come to the Intergroup business meeting so that you may have input in their decisions. At the upcoming May 30th Intergroup meeting, ideas will be discussed as to what exactly should go on the Intergroup website as far as individual group interests. There will be a section for flyers so that groups in the valley may have their information put on Intergroup's website. There will be discussions about how detailed the information will be. Intergroup is funded by the groups in our area by the splits that the	Sandy K.

	groups provide to Intergroup.	
	Public Information: Danielle announced she is stepping down from the position. She has resources to pass onto the next person.	Danielle K.
	Zoom: None	Open
Standing Committees/ Reports	Spring Roundup 2026: Well, looks like it's showtime! All is well on the 2026 Spring Round Up Front. Things are looking awesome! Committees are ready. Things are getting pretty exciting! Please be sure and register and continue drive it home at all your meetings this week. There's nothing really new to report, other than we could really use some help with volunteer roamers. We have been continuing to make announcements every chance we get but have had little to no response. If anyone can help out please reach out to us if you can serve during the roundup.	Nino & Victoria
Group Reports	Bigfork By the Bay: No changes to meeting schedules, attendance has been increasing due to summer residents returning. At our Monday morning Women's meeting we are reading "Living Sober" We donated \$50.00 to Round Up in lieu of making a basket. I attended the Spring Assembly and will report to our group about what I learned at our next business meeting in May. We will revisit opening a Venmo account for the 7 the tradition. Our pamphlets have been updated and literature has a good assortment of books to purchase. At this time all our positions are filled. PI Assembly report: Mark H. Chairperson Web site had more hits than last year at this time. 6300 District 11 has 2 new flyers, and a Safety video from California Local radio stations won't play national spots from GSO Great Falls does do radio spots Health and wellness Fairs in Missoula at the University and	Lois L.

	Kalispell at the Fairgrounds. Idea brought up to have AA represented. Dates to be determined. Plan for videos to be translated in French and Spanish. Anonymity a concern on social media, no plan in place for security yet. How to collect 7th tradition from zoom, nothing in place. Reaching out to all groups to get correct numbers of members. GSO can update info. How to get workbooks from g son not available due to GSO's lack of finances. Workbooks can be downloaded from GSO PDF files. Google has given AA a grant to pay for the \$10,000 A month fee. AA has declined because they appear as ads. MT hotline misses more than half of the calls newcomers make to ineffective service that they use.	
	Canyon Group: None	Tyrone S.
	Chief Cliff Group:	Open
	Columbia Falls Group: We hold business meetings quarterly and we last met on Thursday April 17th at 7:15pm. I am currently serving as our intergroup representative. Our next business meeting will take place Thursday May 14th at 7:15 pm where I will be presenting my report from area assembly. Meetings are weekly on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 8pm in the Chapel at the Vets Home in Columbia Falls.	Katie V.
	Flathead Valley Serenity Group: The Serenity Group offers four meetings per week: MTF at 7 pm at the Alano Club, and Monday at 7pm on Zoom. Please check the Area 40 virtual meeting list or the meetings guide app for sign-in information. We have just started reading from Living Sober on Tuesday nights, and it's a closed meeting, great for newcomers and old timers alike to share from the heart. We hosted our final Friday potluck and Kelly from Girl's Night Out was our speaker. Not sure who the May speaker will be yet. Our Founder's Day Campout at Tally Lake, June 12-14, is going to be exciting, with Abe M. and Victoria G. set to be	Allyson B.

	the Saturday night and Sunday morning speakers. Pot luck dinner and a big ol' breakfast will be served. Bring your kayak, hammock, and kick the summer off in the woods. Our group has not yet decided whether to keep the new Monday beginner's meeting format or to go back to the original. The votes are evenly split and the group will discuss the ad hoc committee's recommendations at our next business meeting. It's likely that substantial unanimity will be required for any vote to pass. I will keep you posted.	
	Fresh Start Group: Meets Monday through Sunday @ 6:30. Going to do some splits. Having event at Lawrence in July.	Dave P.
	Girls Night Out Girls Night Out Book Study Group Report – We meet every Wednesday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2200 US Hwy 2 E. in Evergreen. We open the doors at 5:30 pm for fellowship. We are currently reading "Voices of Women in AA: Stories of Experience, Strength & Hope. Our next business meeting is on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, after our regular meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Assembly report: Went through Area finances. Contributions are up from last year. Budget went from 55,000 to 60,000 thousand. Discussed creation of 12 step study guide or workbook. Concern is for jail in Oregon that only allows Also discussed change for location of General Service Conference. Not in favor. No significant cost savings and would interrupt the work flow.	Nancy S.
	Going to the Sun Group: None	Chris M.
	Happy Hour Group – We are going strong with attendance at meetings. We have 4 strong home group members who continuously show up for the business meeting to keep the group alive, which is more than enough and we are truly grateful to have this opportunity to learn and grow together.	Rhianna G.
	New Hope Group	Sandy K.
	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	Open

	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 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. Antoinette reported the snowbirds are coming back. 10-12 in attendance. Donated basket to Roundup.	
	Tobacco Valley Group: None	
	Whitefish Groups: None	Denise S.
	Sunrise Group: None	Tim L.
	The Connection The connection meets Tuesday 8pm at big Sky treatment center. We had a business meeting at the beginning of the month but did not have a quorum. Thank you, Deborah GSR the connection	Deborah R.
District Reports		
	DCM: This month was pre-assembly, so of course it was pretty crazy. I was honored to have represented District 91 in my last Spring Assembly as DCM. I was also very touched by the number of members who showed up to represent our district. We had no less than seven GSR's (and one Alt-GSR) make the drive to Great Falls, as well as several of our district members, as well as other District 91 members who hold service positions in home groups. We were very fortunate to host our West Regional Trustee, Charlie H., as well as our new Class A Trustee, Kelly P., both of whom provided a wealth of information throughout the assembly. I attended the Corrections committee on Saturday and learned more about what other districts are doing in Corrections. Havre will be planning a workshop with Area chair Daniel L. The pink can is still very flush, and it is highly recommended that groups still use their pink can money at their district level rather than send it to the area. The big discussion was on prisons and jails switching to digital tablets and how we can send literature	Eli S.

into facilities when most of it will become paperless going forward. We also discussed revising the pamphlet A.A. and other medications, which is largely outdated. A proposed agenda item would look into revising the pamphlet, and the corrections committee agreed that it would be best to go forward with that agenda item. There was also a discussion on how to get more people interested in regional forums, per another agenda item. It was suggested that word-of-mouth would be best, and arranging carpools to the forums could help as well. Daniel ended by announcing that the 2026 Corrections Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, November 13 - 15.

For the agenda this year, one of the big topics that came up was from our Area Hotline chair, Lance W. To date, since last fall, Area 40 has missed 85 hotline calls. District 91 is missing one call per month on average, and even as I returned home, I received a text from Lance about a missed call. This is something Area 40 can and must be better about. The hotline is an important first connection that should be maintained.

While there were no formal votes this year, our Area delegate Lisa C-D asked for a sense of the area on several proposed agenda items. On a quote by Dr. Bob that's found in the Service Manual and was requested to be taken out, our Area agreed to keep it in the manual. A Twelve-Step Workbook that could aid new alcoholics in using the Big Book before they can find a sponsor was also found mostly favorable by the area. Importantly, a Grapevine agenda item that would open the Grapevine to accepting contributions in addition to subscriptions was found favorable as well. Finally, an item that would create a book of personal stories removed from the 4th Ed. Of the Big Book going into the 5th Ed., essentially 'Experience Strength and Hope Volume II' was also found by the area to be a good idea going forward.

There was more discussion on items as well, and for the sake of brevity, I would be happy to go over anything that anyone has questions about after the business meeting, either in person, by phone, or by email. Our next assembly

will be on Sept. 25 – 27, once again at the Great Falls Holiday Inn. I encourage everyone to attend if able.

One final note on assembly. Our Area secretary, Jess S., is trying to get an accurate count on membership per group in our district. DCM's have a tool called Fellowship Connection, which gives a general membership total by group, but it is very outdated. If you could give me a rough idea of what your current membership is (including regular attendees in addition to home group members), this could really help our area as well as AA in general.

Leading into that, we will be having district elections for DCM and Alt DCM at our August business meeting. This is done so we have time to take our newly elected officials to the assembly to learn what it's all about. I want everyone who has had experience at the district level, or even at the home group level, as GSRs to consider standing for these positions. District 91 has an incredible wealth of service in its members and a lot of people eager to help the next alcoholic in any way they can. Being DCM or Alt-DCM is a great way to be connected to A.A. as a whole and to help out your fellow alcoholics. Please step up!

Lastly, as we discussed briefly last week, I would like to start District Inventories back up. Talking with members of the district, I get the sense that sooner is better than later, but I go into this knowing that summer is usually a busy time for us all. I would like to get an idea of when a good date would be for having an inventory before I make a motion.

Discussion about District inventory

Allyson asked what form would be used. Eli suggested that there are formats available that are used at the group level that could be adapted for District level. Antoinette asked who would attend. The consensus was anyone in District. Allyson asked if this would be done at a different time from District meeting. Yes. Antoinette asked if the questions would be sent out in advance. Yes. Susan talked about the purpose of the inventory and suggested that we would need a facilitator. A suggestion to do it May 31 in conjunction with District meeting was made. Allison will talk to Libbie and Paul L. about facilitation. By-Laws

	indicate it should be done annually, but it hasn't been done for many years. There was a floor action in which Eli moved to have a district inventory on May 31 at 12 noon. Nancy seconded. Motion approved. Steve suggested we get it out to our group and the area 40 website. Eli will put it on the website.	
	Alternate DCM Nothing new to report. He was unable to attend the Area Assembly.	Steve S.
	Treasurer – See attached Financial Report	Vince T.
	Secretary -	Kathryn L. (Filling in)
Old business	Election for Zoom Chair – Announce at groups.	
New Business	Election for Secretary – Announce at groups (position is for through end of year as new elections will be taking place this fall for the next two-year term). Also bring PI position opening to groups. Vince noted he needs to be accountable for getting a budget together before the incoming treasurer.	
Next Meeting	Next meeting May 31, 3 pm @ Kalispell Alano Club. District Inventory will begin at noon pending final notification. Update 4-28-26: District inventory to be held in the Center Room of the Alano Club on May 31 from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m with the District meeting occurring at it's regular time (3:00-4:30)	
Closing	Motion to close by Vince and seconded by Susan at approximately 4:35 pm. Responsibility Statement was read.	
Attachments	March 31, 2026 Financial Report	

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Financial Report
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Bank Statement Ending Balance	\$4,726.26
Outstanding Checks	
None	
Bank Statement Ending Balance	\$4,726.26
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$4,654.90
January Deposits	
Sunrise Group Split	\$231.36
Checks Written March	
#223 Alano Club Rent Mar/Apr	(\$30.00)
#224 Tazarae C. Into Action supplies	(\$130.00)
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$4,726.26
Prudent Reserve	(\$1,500.00)
Pink Can Reserve	(\$1,241.75)
Net Available Funds	\$1,984.51