

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

August 25, 2019

Hosted by Whitefish Group

Attended by:

24 District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 8 Chair, 6 GSR, 6 Visitors

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 - *
- Concept of the Month - Concept 08 - *
- Next Month Concept **- Review Volunteer - *
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - Canyon Group
 - Circle Plaza, 110 Nucleus Avenue, Columbia Falls, MT
 - 3 PM September 29, 2019
- Review & approval for current July 28, 2019 minutes: Approved
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [AREA 40 Agenda Item Proposal Form](#)
- [DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- [FALL ASSEMBLY AGENDA REVISED](#)
- [REG TRUSTEE RESUME FORM](#)
- [TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS PROCEDURE](#)

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COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

I am storing all the District 91 Archives material safely. I will be contacting interviewees this coming month. Thank you for letting me be of service,

* Archives Chair, District 91

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Invites for upcoming Trustee visit have been sent out.

Email Data: We sent out 4487 emails. We had a 29.9 % open rate after the first 24 hours. National average for opens is 12-25% so we have exceeded that.

3 Radio Interview requests have come in.

We have people registered in every area:

Billings 21; Helena 6; Kalispell 6; Missoula 3; Butte 7; Bozeman 4.

Please remember this is only after 24 hours so we are all super excited about how fabulous these results are.

TRUSTEE VISIT

Please feel free to send to any professionals you know via email or hand delivery.

I appreciate the blessing to serve A.A. as your District 91 CPC Chairperson and be a part of this upcoming event.

I will be sending out a revised invite tomorrow.

*, CPC Chair, District 91

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Corrections-

Everything is running smoothly. There has been a small problem with the jail not giving notice in advance when a meeting will not be allowed for whatever reason. The sign up sheet will be revised a little.

*. Corrections Chair, District 91

Grapevine-

I am unable to attend the August District 91 meeting because I have family visiting this month! Also I am unable to attend Area Assembly in September. As far as Grapevine report, I have nothing new to report.

Sincerely,

*. Grapevine Chair, District 91

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Literature-

Literature sales continue to be brisk! Big Books in all sizes continue to be the most popular item ordered by groups and individuals. Current balance for Literature account is \$348. Please make sure your groups have my contact information:

Your trusted servant,

*, Literature Chair, District 91

*. reported in her absence. Contact * with any Literature orders.

* *will not be able to attend the Fall Round Up. Are there any volunteers that would be willing to help represent her at the Literature table for the Fall 2019 Round Up in October? Contact * or * if you are willing to help.*

Public Information (PI)-

Everything is going well, we are going through schedules and just got another 300 copies.

I have asked for a one time increase in the PI budget. [PI BUDGET INCREASE](#)

Sept 12 is the United Way Community Action Partnership of NW MT@ Gateway Mall from 10-5 pm. AA PI will be there and I now have a sign up sheet for 2 hour shifts for those willing to help answer questions the attendees may have.

*, PI Chair, District 91

* *shared with past experience a good thing to give out are miniature Big Books if that would be in the budget. They cost about \$6.00 each.*

* agreed that It would be nice to get 10 for handouts.

Treatment-

The meetings at Pathways and Wilderness Treatment Center are going well. I will be ordering schedules to fill the racks from Insty Prints on Monday. Thanks for letting me be of service.

*, Treatment Chair, District 91

District Intergroup Liaison -

Intergroup has not met this week and will be meeting next weekend August 31.

I have no report yet.

*, Intergroup Liaison, District 91

Intergroup Liaison -

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Bridging the Gap -

We continue to receive a steady trickle of temporary contact request cards from both Deer Lodge and Flathead County Detention Center. I received a list of 6 temporary contact requests for people returning to the Flathead Valley from our Helena BTG chair this month as well. All of those Gaps have at least been attempted to be Bridged. Unfortunately, more often than not, we are given a bad number or we don't get a response. However, we still continue to attempt to

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Bridge all requested Gaps. This month's issue of the Area 40 Triangle Newsletter is focused on BTG. I have attached it to my report for anyone that would like to take a peek at it.

In service,

[TRIANGLE - BTG](#)

*. Bridging the Gap Chair, District 91

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action -

Christmas Alcathon - We have only three district meetings until the Alcathon in December.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS-

SYMPOSIUM ON ALCOHOLISM & AA

Hello All,

As some of you may know I am the District CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Chair. I have the honor of helping to spread the word for an important upcoming event: SYMPOSIUM ON ALCOHOLISM AND AA - Training the Professionals who have interaction with Alcoholics.

[TRUSTEE VISIT](#)

So if you have received this email it is because I feel that you may be interested in or able to share this information with Professionals in YOUR circle. Below is a small list of Professionals we are interested in targeting. Please pass this information on to them and ask them to pass it on to their colleagues. CEU Credits ARE available!

If you don't feel comfortable passing the info on yourself please feel free to send me their contact info and I will be happy to send it out on behalf of CPC.

Thank you for helping to spread the word for this important event!

Professionals we would like to reach:

- Armed Forces Officers
- Athletic Coaches
- Clergy
- Corrections Officers
- Court officials
- Educators
- Employee Assistance Professionals
- Employers
- Health Care Professionals (doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, etc.)

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- Judges
- Juvenile Services Professionals
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Lawyers (Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys)
- Military Chaplains
- Probation or Parole Professionals
- Professional Students
- Public Health Officials
- Senior Services Professionals
- Social Workers
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Union Officials
- Unit Commanders

Invite Info (also attached as a .pdf):

My apologies in advance for anyone who receives this multiple times as I am sending to my Personal contacts, District, Round Up & Whitefish List of contacts. ;)

If it is not an imposition we would truly appreciate it if you could spread this info to your local meetings! Thank you so much!

Reminder: This event is for our Professional Community! If you are interested in volunteering at the event please let me know but this is NOT an A.A. event.

* CPC, & Symposium Committee

GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers-

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Big Book Group-

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Bigfork by the Bay Group-

Nothing new to report.

*, GSR

By the Book Group-

Attendance is steady. Our next speaker will be Tim J. from the Sunrise group! He speaks at 5 30 on Sept 7th! We will have a business meeting after. Come join us.

Grateful to be of service, * GSR

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Canyon Group-

Happy to report the Swan Lake campout hosted by the Canyon Group was a huge success thanks to Renee J. and all who pitched in! Next year's camp out at Swan Lake is scheduled for July 16th through the 19th, 2020.

Attendance at the meetings has been good. Canyon Group business meeting will be held September 2nd. First Friday speaker on September 6th will be * Also would like to report it's good to have * back in action!

In Service, *, Alternate GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

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Circle of Sisters-

Everything is going well. I am the GSR for the group. I will check with Danna to see if she would like to be the Alternate GSR.

*, GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

We have a new GSR *. & * is our Intergroup Rep for Columbia Falls Group.

*, Group Contact

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Meetings going well. Pathways is slow & could use help. The *Fall Refresher is coming up October 5th & 6th at the Restart Church Gymnasium in Evergreen.* We are looking to increase attendance this year. The speaker is * We will also be doing a workshop with * [FALL REFRESHER OCT 2019](#)

*, GSR

Fresh Start Group-

The Fresh Start Group that meets daily at the Alano Club at 6:30 am is hosting their first event.

We are having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday September 29th from 9 - 11 am.

Please attend - this is open to all groups!

*, Contact for Fresh Start Group

Going to the Sun Group-

*, GSR

Lunch Bunch

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New Hope Group -

Nothing new to report.

Vaughn H., GSR

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- Somers/Lakeside Group-** *
- Sunrise Group-** ?, GSR.
- Swan River AA Group-** *, GSR
- Tobacco Valley Group -** *, GSR

Whitefish Group-

* reports we continue to have three meetings a day. Nothing new except working through the issue of non conference approved literature being shared in meetings.

*, Alt GSR

Women in Sobriety-

Nothing new to report. Meetings on Monday & Thursday at 1:15.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

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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) -

Fall Assembly September 13 14 15 encourage all to come also visitors are welcome to attend.

*, DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

My full report follows however comments during discussion about "Change" was a hot topic. In AA changes are always slow; In AA Speed kills things that could be for the good of AA; AA moves at the speed of Trust! .

I would like to thank District 91 for allowing me to attend the bi-annual West Central Regional Forum in Grand Forks, ND on August 16 -18. It was a very well organized and professional event with 357 total attendees. It was wonderful to get to meet so many General Service Office workers, Class A and B Trustees and past and present Delegates. The weekend began with a brief orientation for first-time attendees followed by a welcome by West Central Trustee, *. and opening remarks by General Service Board Chair, *.

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Throughout the weekend there were many presentations from the General Service Board, Corporate Board, Grapevine and G.S.O. Saturday morning began with current Delegates presentations on 5 different topics. Our own Area 40 Delegate, *, did a great presentation on "Communicating Up & Down the Triangle". My take-away on his presentation was the way to improve communication is through action, communication is a two-way street and poor communication leads to an "us vs. them" mentality. Throughout the Forum there were several general sharing, and topic specific sharing sessions where anyone could come to the microphone to speak/ask questions for 2 minutes. This is a great way to really hear the voice of AA.

Saturday evening was dedicated to 10 different workshops on a wide assortment of topics, from Supporting Grapevine, Young People in AA, Joining the Digital Age and District Inventories. I was privileged to assist *, Area 40 DCM, with the District Inventory Workshop which went very well. I was also very pleased to have shared a lunch and dinner with two different Trustees, Class A * and Class B *. It was very nice to spend some casual time with these Trustees and was very informative. Saturday evening ended with a popular ice cream social.

Sunday allowed special time for first-time attendee sharing, followed by more general sharing. Many thanks were given to all the staff and presenters for the wonderful weekend. Several past Trustees shared some of their thoughts and * closed the weekend with her inspiring remarks.

The entire Forum was an amazing experience, energizing my program and commitment to service. Again, I am so thankful to have been able to represent District 91 and grateful for the opportunity to serve in AA.

*, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

My report last month was off by \$300.00 and the report has been corrected.

August Checkbook Balance of \$4369.15 includes - Pink Can \$1314.73; Prudent Reserve \$1497.52; Operating Balance \$1556.90.

[TREASURER REPORT AUG 2019](#)

*, Treasurer, District 91

Secretary-

Thank you for submitting reports either by gmail or hand written.

*, Secretary, District 91

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 *. (DCM) know.*

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OLD BUSINESS-

West Central Regional Forum was held August 16th in Grand Forks, ND. Please see *. for additional information and also review her report.

Fall Assembly is coming up (Sept 13, 14, and 15) in Great Falls. Hope to see everyone there. See *Revised Agenda under Announcements*.

Please review the CPC's report on the Trustee visit coming September 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS -

Agenda Proposals -

Agenda Item by Brendan G.: Reinstate the 12 Concepts into District 91 Business meeting readings. Read the 12 Concepts at business meetings as well as review the Concept of the month.

District is the only meeting where we review the 12 Concepts. We tried to shorten meetings to end on time by eliminating the reading. The meetings have been ending on time and sometimes early.

Considering that we learn about General Service structure it is important to learn about the 12 Concepts.

All Chair & GSR's present agreed that reading the 12 Concepts is important.

*. called for question to reinstate reading the 12 Concepts. Motion Passed unanimously!

This is a good example of how changes made can always be changed again with enough information presented to do so.

Agenda Item by *: Increase PI budget with an additional \$250.00.

We have used up all the budgeted money & need an increase to continue through the year. Asking for \$250.00 to continue through the year. We have 70 locations in the valley to distribute schedules and some literature and display racks and have more locations to expand to. The PI Committee quickly used up its \$100.00 budget and needs more literature and plastic display racks. Often the first contact with AA is a piece of literature.

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* says this is a one time request. We are very busy and continue to spread the message through literature/schedules, etc.

Motion Passed unanimously adding to the current annual budget.

* will keep track of expenses to see if we need to increase the budget for the next years rotation.

* **is submitting a new agenda item** to increase the BTG budget by \$30.00 for brochures. He will report next month on status of various locations storing brochures. .

*went to WCRF reporting it was a great experience meeting with many people. The next one will be in MT.

Question was brought up if individuals could donate money to purchase literature to hand out at the United Way CAP in September. Mike says this probably should go through the District Treasury.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT 4:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: * District Secretary.