

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

December 29, 2019

Hosted by Whitefish Group

Attended by:

District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 10 Chair, 7 GSR, 3 Visitors

If you attended and were not included above please email secretary at carjean48@gmail.com

Thank you.

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 at carjean48@gmail.com so that corrections can be made promptly. Thank you!*

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer
- Preamble - *
- 12 Traditions - *
- 12 Concepts - *
- Concept of the Month - Concept 12 - *
- Next Month Concept 01- Review Volunteer - *
- Next District meeting Host group-
 - Serenity Group
 - Alano Club 153 N. Meridian
 - Kalispell, MT
 - 3 PM January 26, 2020
- Review & approval for current November 24, 2019 minutes: Approved
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [AREA 40 Agenda Item Proposal Form](#)
- [DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2020](#)

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

All District 91 Archives material is being safely stored in a room in my home.

Happy to be of service.

**, District 91 Archives Chair

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Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

There is nothing to report for CPC this month!

** CPC Chair

Corrections-

Greetings!

It has been a quiet month for corrections as I continue to slog my way through the last portion of my bachelors degree. I have nothing of real importance to report.

I did complete the scheduling for jail meetings for the first quarter of 2020. I am pleased and grateful to be serving a community of AA as willing to help as ours. Also, and this is most definitely selfish, it makes my job much easier to do so I can focus on other areas.

In the upcoming months I plan to put together a short presentation on the Corrections Correspondence program that is run/sponsored by our General Service Office. The presentation would be nothing more than a few minutes, and I would like to present this to each group at their business meeting, or at a regular meeting if they prefer. I have devoted much time in meditation toward this idea, and I think it would be helpful to our District to get people working with other alcoholics, even if it is by mail. Also, it helps GSO greatly as this program currently has a large backlog of unanswered requests.

I may also plan on doing a workshop, with a member from our District who is currently involved in correspondence, on the guidelines and "best practices" to follow when writing to inmates. I hope to have more on that at a later time.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve our district and AA as a whole. I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Yours in service, **.

District Intergroup Liaison -

The November Intergroup meeting was held at the Thanksgiving Gala at the Stillwater Grange. Over 150 people attended the Dinner. Elections were held and the following positions were filled: *Chair - *. , Co-Chair - *. , Treasurer - *. , Secretary - *. , Intergroup Liaison - *. , Entertainment - *. (chair) & *.L. (co-chair), Alt Co-chair - *. , Web Chair - *. , Schedules - *. , Hotline - *. , Archives - *. .*

The December 28th Intergroup meeting was held in Columbia Falls. Intergroup is looking for new venues to hold events - Stillwater Grange is no longer available. The Alcatraz is on tap so to speak.

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New schedules will be out this week. Hence forth, District 91 will order and pay for schedules. Intergroups will continue to be responsible for content. O'Neil Printers is the new vendor, and ** is the New Intergroup schedule chair.

New Hope group is sponsoring a service workshop January 25th, Sunrise Group is having a Superbowl fish fry on February 2, and Band of Brothers is having a men's retreat in April. In Service, **.

Grapevine-

Give a gift of Grapevine!!! I could not locate a deadline for this discount offer it just says available for a limited time. With a single one year gift subscription for \$28.97 the second gift subscription is only \$13.00.

See STORE at www.aagrapevine.org/ for a complete list of Grapevine books available.

**Grapevine Chair.

Literature-

Greetings!

Big Books continue to be the #1 seller for literature sales in December.

Currently in stock we have Big Books of all sizes. I have an overabundance of mini/pocket size Big Books in stock which are left over from the Trustees workshop. These are for sale at \$5.00 each.

In December, I received literature orders from: New Hope, Whitefish Group, Canyon Group, Big Fork Group, Going to the Sun Group and assorted individuals.

I plan to do a literature inventory in the comings week so I may better serve the Groups and individuals in District 91.

Our Great Responsibility is a great read and only \$10.00.

Happy New Year!

In Service, **Literature Chair.

Public Information (PI)-

December 10, 2019

The Area 40 hotline number has changed.

*The new Area 40 hotline number is **833-800-8553**. Existing volunteers signed up to receive the calls will continue to get them without having to do anything different.*

*When someone gets a call, **the Caller ID will show a new number as well. The number is 406-540-5131. It is a good idea to put this number in your phone contacts under something like, "AA hotline"** so that shows up on your caller ID and you don't refuse the strange number because you think it is a robocall.*

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*If you are in District 91 and have signed up to answer and no longer can, or if the times you signed up to answer have changed, please call or text ** immediately and let me know of the change so I can forward it to the hotline. We want 100% of the calls answered promptly. As we all know, lives may depend on it.*

*If your group has the old hotline number written anywhere, please change it.
In service,*

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Two things of importance have come up this month regarding the PI committee.

First, we will be discussing an agenda item at this District meeting requesting a change in the Area 40 hotline volunteer sign up procedure so the volunteer list can be easily managed for accuracy and kept up to date.

Second, one of the PI committee members can no longer cover her AA meeting schedule distribution area and we need a new volunteer. The other three Flathead Valley areas (and Eureka) are being covered well. The area that needs a volunteer is as follows:

Bigfork

- Library (525 Electric Ave)
- Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

Lakeside

- Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

South Kalispell

- Justice Center (920 S Main) - main floor and 2nd floor)
- Library (247 1 st Ave E) - all the way in back and bulletin board – schedules & brochures
- Public Health Dept. (1035 1 st Ave W) - schedules only
- Family Court Services – basement of “Blue Building” by courthouse
- South Kalispell Motels/Laundromats (your choice – schedules only)

Thank you for letting me be of service.

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Treatment-

I will contact Wilderness Treatment Center after the end of December to see whether they are going to reopen or will be closing.

** Treatment Chair.

Intergroup Liaison -

** .,

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action -

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Christmas Alcathon -

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. The Christmas Alcathon ran smoothly with only a couple of meetings unattended in the middle of the night. Two people were unable to chair at the last minute but their meetings were covered by volunteers.

We collected \$145.66 for the 7th tradition of which 2/3 will be given to the Alano club, which is \$97.11 leaving a 7th tradition profit of \$48.56. The beginning budget was \$200.00 and I spent approximately \$85.00 on supplies from Costco and the UPS print store for the flyers. I have the receipts to turn in. There are plenty of supplies left over for next year's Alcathon.

I look forward to helping the next chairperson on this event.

Sincerely, ** Alcathon Chair.

GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers- *

Big Book Group- *

Bigfork by the Bay Group-

Group felt that non-voting rights is appropriate for the non-rotating BTG position and that the non-rotating Webmaster position should be a non-voting and possibly a paid position as it requires a lot of tech knowledge & expertise.

Group felt that the Assembly should stay in Great Falls as a central location that is prepared to accomodate the meeting size and special needs of all attendees.Changing locations by rotation could get confusing.

Our meeting attendance has been good.

In Service,

**. reporting for **, GSR who is on vacation.

By the Book Group-

I am scheduled to work till 3 on Sunday 12.29.19. I will arrive to District as soon as I can be there. ** from the Fresh Start Group will be our next speaker for the By The Book Group.

January 4th at 5 30 pm is when this exciting event will take place. Attendance at our meeting has been steady. Our group discussed holding District in February. **We approved holding it. So may we please host District in February!!!!**

Grateful to be of service, **GSR.

Canyon Group-

Canyon Group attendance has been good. First Friday night speaker January 3rd will be **. Business meeting on January 6th, we need to fill two positions GSR and PI/CPC Chairs.

**, Alt GSR

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Chief Cliff AA-

Meets at the Elmo Health Clinic Building every Wednesday from 7pm to 8 pm.

**., Group Contact

Circle of Sisters-

My apology for not being able to attend today – I am working and will be thinking of all of you and your food treats, lol.

The Circle of Sisters would like to thank District for the opportunity to host the meeting last month.

Our women's meeting continues to grow and have a great attendance. Our speaker meeting is the first Wednesday of every month followed by our business meeting.

We have voted on the following:

Continue to have the Assembly meeting in Great Falls - yes

Give voting rights to WebMaster / Bridging the Gap representative/Area Advisor /Archivist.

Thank you for letting me be of service

** GSR for Circle of Sisters

Columbia Falls Group-

No new business from Columbia falls group. Great attendance!

**., GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

We held group inventory at the Mennonite Church as a potluck with good attendance and great discussions. Inventory led to several motions to be discussed at our monthly business meeting.

We will be holding elections until all service positions are filled for the new year. Most positions are filled but we are still looking for volunteers to step into PI and CPC roles and chair Founders Day Campout.

Yours in Service, **., GSR

Fresh Start Group-

We meet daily at 6:30 am in the Lily room at the Alano Club. We have great attendance.

**., GSR

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Going to the Sun Group-

Things are going pretty well. We continue to meet for dinner at 5:30 at the Glacier Grill. We are going to chair the District meeting in April 2020. Our Sunday night summer meeting starts May 3rd and runs until Labor Day - probably!

** , GSR

Lunch Bunch

We meet seven days a week at noon Our birthday meeting is the last Friday of the month with coins and birthday cake.

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New Hope Group -

Nothing to report this month. We have discontinued our speaker meeting. We are having a Service Workshop January 25th and there are fliers available.

** ., GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group-

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Sunrise Group-

We meet daily at 8am at the Alano club. Each day we have designated topics unless someone requests a topic. We sponsor a speaker meeting at Pathways the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 am

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Swan River AA Group-

*., GSR

Tobacco Valley Group -

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Whitefish Group-

The Whitefish Group is alive and well. Meeting attendance is increased due to seasonal visitors.

The WFG is addressing the "vote" items from the Area Assembly in our business meetings. ** . will be giving the group a review of the items at our next business meeting January 6, 2020.

The WFG is also addressing a significant Tradition One issue. The issue involves Tradition One and safety in the rooms. The group will discuss and vote on the issue at the next business meeting. I will report the progress at the next District meeting.

The WFG is addressing the group inventory process. We are planning to move forward with the group inventory.

Our group continues to provide 3 meetings a day with an Inductive Big Book study on Thursdays at 6 pm.

In Service, **., GSR

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Women in Sobriety-

Nothing new to report. We meet Monday & Thursday from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm. We had a potluck last week that was well attended,

Thanks for letting me be of service,

**GSR

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) -

Thank you for being here.

GSR's please send input from the groups about the Area 40 Assembly location. Send to **. DMC by email.

Pre-Assembly will be in Somers-Lakeside 5935 Hwy 93 South. There will be a potluck and I need a volunteer to coordinate that. Who will volunteer to chair the potluck? We will need to know of someone by next month at the District business meeting.

Please read the **General Service Board - Strategic Plan**. I sent out the Central New York 8 page document by email to everyone. It is available with lots of valuable information.

Click the link below and then click VIEW THE PLAN!!

[GSB Strategic Plan Nov 2019](#)

We need to look at how we are carrying the message.

**, DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

nothing to report

**, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

Proposed District 91 Budget 2020 [2020 proposed budget](#)

December Report:

Statement Balance \$4,746.09

Pink Can Balance \$1,069.40

Prudent Reserve \$1,497.52

Available Checking Balance \$2,179.17

[Treasurer Report](#)

**, Treasurer

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Secretary-

Nothing to report. Thank you for submitting your written reports to me in a timely manner..

**., District 91 Secretary

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.*

OLD BUSINESS-

- GSR input for location of future assemblies.
- GSR input on voting rights for webmaster & BTG.

Please email your group response to **, DCM

So far we have heard back from Circle of Sisters, New Hope, Bigfork By the Bay Group.

NEW BUSINESS -

1- ** discussed the speaker meetings in the valley as related to New Hope cancelling their speaker meeting due to lack of attendance.

The first & second & fourth Fridays have speaker meetings in the valley and the third Friday speaker meeting is in Eureka. The first Saturday of each month has a speaker meeting at By the Book. The first Wednesday of each month is a speaker meeting at Circle of Sisters. ** stated New Hope is taking a break for now as no one has been showing up for the first Sunday speaker meeting.

** shared he thinks so far the schedule is working and thinks making announcements for speaker meetings dates & times would help.

**DCM feels strongly about speaker meetings - as it is a good way to carry message. Speaker meetings are necessary. The more speaker meetings we have the better off we are. Maybe we should have someone spearhead speakers for the meetings.

** asked GSR's to go to groups & encourage Friday night speaker night.

3- ** presented an agenda item to revise the volunteer procedure for hotline calling list to 12 hour time & 2 years of sobriety required. See the agenda item -

[Agenda Item Hotline](#)

According to the new hotline activity the PI chair says all calls were not getting answered. We may need to get one person to monitor the hotline.

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Positions should be filled by someone so that it will benefit AA as a whole.

By limiting the volunteer list to 2 years sobriety & being available 12 hours per day 7 days a week a lot of people willing to take calls would be eliminated.

Some Districts have 4-5 dedicated people to answer calls .

The fact is, calls are not being picked up. In the past the hotline chair took calls and it seemed to work fine. Let's fix phone problems now & not list at this time.

This is a state wide answering service that has a phone list & connects the caller to an AA person in the appropriate area.

Motion made with a second and passed to continue the discussion for 15 minutes.

Discussion continued for 5 min & * stated that the proposed 12 hour schedule was not possible for most. The current system is good but calls are not being answered. * - shared that practical experience shows me ... new people need to be reached.

Delegate the follow up calling to the listed AA's.

The Agenda item failed with 4 voted in favor & the majority against.

The minority understands ** frustration that no one answers calls.

Area 40 has new & better service that can work out the problems.

4- Pre Assembly is hosted by District 91 on March 14, 2020. A chairperson for the potluck is needed. This is covered in the DCM's report.

** moved to close with a second & approved by all.

Meeting Closed with the Responsibility Statement at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: ** Secretary.