

# DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

June 28, 2019

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Hosted by District 91

## Attended by:

14 District 91 members attended - 4 Officers, 6 Chair, 3 GSR, 1 Visitor

If you attended and were not included above please email Secretary 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 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 06 -
- Next Month Concept 07- Review Volunteer -
- Next District meeting Host group-
  - New Hope Group
  - 445 South Main #209, Kalispell, MT
  - 3 PM, July 26, 2020
- Review & approval for current May 31, 2020 minutes: Approved
- 7th Tradition

NOTE: DCM spoke up to say how he appreciates everyone attending today & thank you all for your patience in this transition!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- [DISTRICT 91 GUIDELINES 2018](#)
- [DISTRICT 91 AGENDA PROPOSAL FORM](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- [HAVRE MINI CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2020](#)
- [FALL ROUND UP BILLINGS MT OCT 2-4, 2020](#)

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## COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

### **Archives -**

I apologize that I am unable to attend the District 91 meeting today. I have nothing new to report.

., Archivist

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -**

There is nothing to report.

., CPC

### **Corrections-**

Greetings District,

As I said in my email earlier this month: WE'RE BACK. As of June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Flathead County Detention Center has allowed us to bring meetings in again. There has been a slight scramble to get the meetings filled over the past few weeks, but everything has worked out perfectly. I am currently in the process of signing volunteers up for the next three months. I am dismayed to report that I've seen a large number of my volunteers "go dark" and not communicate back to fill meetings. I estimate that I am currently working with less than half the number of volunteers that I had before. Naturally, that means some people are getting more meetings. One of my female volunteers has signed up for 6 meetings, and I still have open spots on my schedule.

I've received a few emails regarding orientation for jail meetings, and about any restrictions the jail has put on volunteers for bringing meetings in. I'll sum it up:

1. The jail is not putting any requirements on volunteers wearing masks or anything else. They will be taking your temperature upon entry and asking you if you feel sick. You are free to wear a mask if you wish.
2. The jail has changed meetings to be only one housing unit per week. This means smaller meetings (some of the men will be relieved to hear this). They will continue this practice until the state moves into phase 3.
3. All volunteers that were active previous to the 'Rona will be allowed to continue bringing meetings in. The jail only asks that you sign a PREA form.
4. There has not been a date set for a new orientation. The jail is waiting for phase 3 on this as well. It will be a very involved process, as it seems it is going to be a large orientation.

I will continue to keep my list of volunteers updated as information makes its way to me. I will also begin the process of doing my presentation on the Corrections Correspondence program as groups reopen and have business meetings. Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve.

Yours in service,

\*

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### Grapevine-

I received this email from AA grapevine this past month:

*January, February, March, April and May Grapevine and Jan/Feb-May/June La Viña issues will remain available and free for all to access until July 1, 2020.*

*There is a new edition of the Daily Quote available!*

I will check my email for other Grapevine news that I may have missed. Other than this I have nothing new to report.

### [e-PUB GRAPEVINE ONE MONTH SUBSCRIPTION](#)

### [New edition DAILY QUOTE / GRAPEVINE](#)

Sincerely,

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### Literature-

Literature Sales were sluggish in June. We had two orders from the New Hope Group for Big Books, Daily Reflections and Living Sober.

Current balance in the Literature account is \$887.50 as I purchased Big Books for Literature Inventory.

\*, Literature

### Public Information (PI)-

District 91 PI report for June

There is not much to report. I consulted with DCM and we decided it didn't do much good to put out more schedules because they are inaccurate with all the virus changes going on.

There has been very little traffic at the flyer distribution points. The schedules that are out do have the hot line # on them & someone would have access to current meeting information that way.

Fun to serve,

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*Shared by Mike P., DCM-*

### **Area 40 Hotline MAY 2020**

*District 11: 24 calls - 1 missed, 23 answered*

*District 21: 1 call - 1 answered*

*District 31: 0 calls*

*District 42: 2 calls - 2 missed*

*District 61: 2 calls - 2 answered*

*District 72: 22 calls - 8 missed, 14 answered*

*District 91: 7 calls - 3 missed, 4 answered*

*Yours in service...*

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*District 12: 0 calls*

*District 23: 0 calls*

*District 41: 10 calls - 5 missed, 5 answered*

*District 51: 0 calls*

*District 71: 5 calls - 1 missed, 4 answered*

*District 81: 20 calls - 4 missed, 16 answered*

*District 93: 2 calls - 2 answered*

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## **Treatment-**

There is not much new to report, I called Pathways on June 19<sup>th</sup> and they are still not accepting meetings from Alcoholics Anonymous. I will keep in touch weekly to stay updated on covid-19 restrictions. I appreciate being of service.

I have no news from Wilderness at this time.

Thank you,

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## **District Intergroup Liaison - \*\*.**

### **Intergroup Liaison -**

You may send an email stating meetings that are available on Zoom to [joshlewisdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:joshlewisdesigns@gmail.com)

\*, Intergroup Liaison

### **Bridging the Gap -**

Nothing new to report for BTG.

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## **STANDING COMMITTEES-**

### **Into Action - \*\*.**

### **Christmas Alcathon -**

**Round Up 2022** - I got the extra supplies from \*, however, I don't think I can be the Round Up Chair as I am going to school now. I will be able to help, I just cannot be the chair.

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\*Alt. DCM. - Chair position is open for the Fall Round Up 2022.

We need time to get organized. There are lots of willing people in the District to help. I encourage GSR's to ask their groups for anyone interested in being involved.

Contact \*\* with any questions. About one year out we begin monthly planning meetings. Also announce the invitation at the Intergroup meetings.

**Miscellaneous Reports-** none.

## **GROUP REPORTS**

### **Baffled Lot Group**

Just wanted to update you about AA in Whitefish. The Baffled Lot Group currently meets at 207 Vista Drive across the highway from Don K Chevrolet. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7am, and Sundays at 9am. We are in the process of chatting with a church in Whitefish so that we can move out of the home we are currently meeting in. Once the new

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address is solidified, we will update you. This meeting has been going with fairly significant attendance since early on in the Coronavirus Quarantine. Once we hit the 6 month mark, we will get our name on the schedule and on the website. Thanks!

In service,

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### **Band of Brothers**

\*\*., GSR

### **Bigfork by the Bay Group-**

We cancelled the summer picnic that was to be in July 2020 at Lone Pine.

*We started a new Zoom meeting on Saturday mornings 8:00 am. This is a Closed & meeting and is locked at 8:15 for security reasons. Please don't be late. An email with the link has been sent to all GSR's & District Chairpersons.*

*Our Treasurer resigned & \*\* will fill in until another group member will take the next two year term.*

*\*. reported for the GSR.*

### **By the Book Group-**

Hello Everyone:

I will be working till 3pm on Sunday so I will be attending District once I am off. As of right now By the Book has had steady attendance. Our regular speaker/business meeting would take place on July 4th. However I have not had a discussion with group members as of yet about canceling the speaker meeting or rescheduling it or announcing a speaker at the last minute. To be continued...

We did have a business meeting last month and we made some splits and will be in the process of making more splits in the future.

Grateful to be of service.

\*. GSR

### **Canyon Group-**

\*\*., GSR

### **Chief Cliff AA-**

Chief Cliff AA meetings are still on lock-down status.

Thank you,

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\*\* is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Chief Cliff Meeting

Time: 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wednesday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/273665786>

Meeting ID: 273 665 786

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One tap mobile

+13462487799,,273665786# US (Houston)

+16699006833,,273665786# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 273 665 786

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91273665786>

### **Circle of Sisters-**

We continue to have a face to face meeting as well as a Zoom meeting. May consider separate zoom & face to face. Nothing else to report.

Thank you

\*, GSR

### **Columbia Falls Group-**

\*\*, GSR

### **Flathead Valley Serenity Group-**

All our meetings have resumed in person in addition to the Monday Friday Zoom meetings.

Nothing else to report

\*, GSR

### **Fresh Start Group-**

Sheila: Marlys just sent me a note to say she is no longer GSR of Fresh Start group, it's an open position.

\*\*, GSR

### **Going to the Sun Group-**

\*\*, GSR

### **Lunch Bunch Group**

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### **New Hope Group -**

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Nothing new to report. We are still having meetings everyday. Attendance doubled monthly during the Corona virus quarantine. Attendance is about 12-14 and dropping as other meetings reopen. Thank you!

\*, GSR

### Somers/Lakeside Group-

Update from the Somers-Lakeside Group:

We are back to our regular meeting on Monday nights at 8:00 PM at the Eidsvold church in Somers. The staff at the church has asked us to wear masks and maintain social distancing. People are glad to be back in meetings. \* is still broadcasting the meeting on zoom from the in-person meeting also.

We are also continuing to do our Big Book study on Thursday nights at 8:00 PM. This is exclusively on Zoom. If anyone is interested in joining us for either zoom meeting please email me and I will get you the meeting I.D.--

Tomorrow is our catch up birthday meeting.

**Subject:** Accepted: Updated invitation: somerslakeside @ Weekly from 8pm to 9:45pm on Thursday from Thu May 7 to Wed May 13 (MDT) ([collinorton@hotmail.com](mailto:collinorton@hotmail.com))

**When:** Occurs every Thursday from 8:00 PM to 9:45 PM effective 5/7/2020 until 5/13/2020. America/Boise

**Where:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/261718610?pwd=SktZdnJjVjc3cFlmUkM1M2JCdC82dz09>

\*, GSR

**Sunrise Group-**

\*, GSR.

**Swan River AA Group-**

\*\*., GSR

**Tobacco Valley Group -**

\*\*., GSR

### Whitefish Group-

Greetings,

This past month, the Whitefish Group has resumed many of its pre-Rona meetings. It was a lengthy process and took the group a total of three group conscience meetings to determine the details and ensure all perspectives were heard.

As of now, the in-person meetings are as follows:

7:00 AM – Being held at Nancy Cawdrey Gallery. Bring your own chair and coffee.

Social

distancing observed, but masks are not required.

12:30 PM – Being held at the regular location (First Presbyterian Church). Masks and social distancing required.

8:00 PM – Being held at the regular location. No masks or social distancing required.

The next group conscience meeting will be held on July 6 th at 6:30 PM. It is entirely possible that the meeting schedule or conditions could change at that time.

Unfortunately, this is my last report as GSR for the Whitefish Group. I have resigned my position

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effective as of June 16 th . At the time of my resignation, the group had not elected an Alternate GSR or Secretary, so I do not know who to contact regarding group issues or who will be replacing me as GSR for the remainder of the rotation.

Yours in service,

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### **Women in Sobriety-**

We are meeting on Monday and Thursday at the Alano club.

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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) -**

We will start voting in July with voting on new DCM & Alternate DCM. District will send them to Fall Assembly. Anyone interested should come to the meeting. Following that meeting we will have nominations for other rotation positions.

Area Assembly will prepare for zoom/live meetings as it gets closer to the date.

\* will repost ID for the Serenity meeting in [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org) and [www.aanwmt.org](http://www.aanwmt.org)

\*, DCM

*NOTE: Thanks to all individuals and groups who have generously contributed to the Area!*

*We are in the black a bit above the prudent reserve.*

*Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.*

*Hope you can all get outside and enjoy the summer!*

*In service, \*, Area 40 Treasurer*

#### **Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -**

Glad to see you all here - I have no report at this time.

\*, Alt. DCM

#### **Treasurer-**

Statement Balance \$4,359.77; Pink Can \$1,452.75; Prudent Reserve \$1,497.52;

Available Checking \$1,409.50

#### **Treasurer's Report June 28, 2020**

Nicole By the book. asked Is district balance lower.? No.

\*, Treasurer



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### **Secretary-**

Please announce at your groups that District 91 will be electing a Secretary for 2021-2023 term in October 2020. This is a great service position that requires being familiar with Google Suite which most of you know already!!

Thankful to be in service,

\*, 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-**

Serenity Group having Open and Zoom meetings

All of their regularly scheduled meetings are in person at the Alano Club effective Friday, June 5th. The Monday, Friday Zoom meetings will continue until further notice

Alano Club is open.

Band of Brothers having both Zoom and Open meetings

Circle of Sisters having both Zoom and Open meeting

Tobacco Valley all meetings Open.

Whitefish Group meetings are Open

Bigfork By The Bay Group starting a weekly closed ZOOM meeting on Saturday mornings & not meeting in person yet.

### **NEW BUSINESS -**

**DCM** - \* gave talk at Into Action and he would like District & Intergroup to work together as a whole and proposed a plan for that. \* proposed at Intergroup having a meeting as follows in his Agenda Item. There was a lot of discussion and questions. Generally we need clarification of the proposal before any decision could be made. A showing of hands to further discuss the proposal before making a decision to form a committee was 6 in favor of more discussion to clarify at a future District meeting and 2 in favor of dropping the idea altogether.

### ***Agenda Item from Intergroup-***

*Gentlemen and Fellows,*

*As you have also recognized our need and offered a willingness to participate I offer the following "preliminary" proposal. As a Trustee of Flathead Valley Intergroup I will submit this proposal tonight to see if the group conscience would support such an activity. I will report back to you of that conscience.*

**District 91 Service Group Inventory Proposal by \*\*. 6.27.2020**

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Mission: To have a fearless and searching inventory of District 91 and Flathead Valley Intergroup, reviewing where we came from, where we are going, what are we like now, and where can we be a year from now in our service to AA and our fellows in NW Montana.

Goal: To improve our service structures, working in unity, to best carry our message and to assist those entering our Districts Group Service with clear direction and accessible information.

A Proposed Plan:

- 1) Create an Adhoc Committee of 6 which would be comprised of a fair balance of past District 91 DCM's and Flathead Valley Intergroup Chairpersons.
- 2) Conduct Zoom meetings bi-monthly or monthly.
- 3) Start with a District Guidelines and Intergroup Bylaw review, working together to inventory/recognize strengths and shortcomings of both, and propose suggestions for revisions and or changes to the documents and potentially meeting structures as well.
- 4) List and review all service positions held in both groups. Identify strengths, weaknesses, areas in need of improvement, duplication of tasks, and the potential need for ad hoc sub committees in reorganization and improvement of certain positions and functions.
- 5) Ultimately reporting and advising to our Fellowship at one of the annual assemblies the results of our findings and work.

In service, \*.

**\*. made a motion to close the meeting and all agreed.**

**MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT 4:30 p.m.**

**Minutes submitted by: \*Secretary.**