

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

March 27, 2022

Hosted at Alano Club of Kalispell and Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees

Sheila J., Tabitha D., Nancy S., Sonya RG, Brian M., Herb C., Margaret L., Eddie W., Bradley W., Darryl, Bandi C., Marlys, Susan H., Darla W. and Sandy K.

Opening 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer – Margaret L.
- Preamble – Bandi C.
- 12 Traditions – Darryl
- 12 Concepts – Bradley W.
- Concept of the Month (March) – Brian M.
- Next Month Concept of the Month (April) – Concept 4 –
- Next month District meeting to be held at Alano Club 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell and on Zoom simultaneously at 3:00 p.m., April 24, 2022.
- Review and approval of January minutes: Motion by Susan H. with second by Darryl that minutes be approved as read, Approved by the vote.
- Seventh Tradition suspended.

Introduction of Attendees

Committee Chair Reports

(Please forward all reports for monthly meeting by the Thursday preceding the meeting to klein_s@sbcglobal.net.

Archives – Darla W.

District 91 Archive Report for March : All is well and intact with the archives that are currently stored at the Windmill Storage in Columbia Falls. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely,

Darla W.

District 91 Archives Chairperson

Bridging the Gap: Bandi C.

Since our last District Meeting, there has been good progress with the BTG program . I had the opportunity to represent our District and attend the Committee meeting for Area 40 BTG via Zoom , held on March 12th 2022, for all Area 40 , District BTG Chairs . I had the opportunity to inform the committee we have welcomed groups from around the Libby “area” (formally from a Washington/Idaho District) the need for volunteers in those “areas“ groups that may be willing to help out in that capacity . Discussed in our

BTG Area committee meeting there has been some updates to the BTG options on our Area 40 website. There is a link there where you will find the form for those in a treatment center and/or institution to fill out and submit for someone (an A.A. Volunteer) to contact them before release (in most cases) to make their transition to “outside” A.A. meetings . As well , there is a committee being formed to help out other districts with the BTG program, and our District will be one of those helping to bring this “workshop” to them. As jail meetings have resumed , please pass the message on to those bringing in meetings, that there is this program available to those that would like a fluid transition into A.A.’s vast resources and meetings . If anyone has any questions feel free to contact me.

In Service,

Bandi C.

District 91 Bridging the Gap Chairperson

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):

Due to lack of participation, this position now will need to be re-elected.

Corrections – Eddie W.

Hello Everyone, I think last we talked jail meetings have been opened back up. Although, we need volunteers to take meetings in the jails. Be sure to announce it at your home groups when you get the chance. I talked a little bit last month about using the pink can money to buy books for the state prison and I wanted to ask Sheila if she had any more information on that. I Sent an email out to the district 91 chair contact list looking for volunteers. I do not have too much else to report on. A flier is attached to the minutes for you to print a few off and post them on bulletin boards and in your announcement folder.

Eddie W.

District 91 Corrections Chairperson

Grapevine – Jerry R.

Nothing new to report for Grapevine this month other than being able to give one subscription to Grapevine as a way of spreading the message.

I will miss this month's meeting as I'm on vacation in Lake Havasu and we'll see you next month.

In Service,

Jerry R

District 91 Grapevine Chair

Literature – Tabitha D.

No report for March.

Tabitha.D,

District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI) – Steve W.

Nothing to report other than waiting to get schedules from Intergroup, and I’m still out of town.

Steve W.

District 91 Public Information Chair

Treatment – Libbie L.

No report for March.

Libbie L

District 91 Treatment Chair

District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting) – busine

No report for March. Need a new chair for this position.

Standing Committees/Reports

Into Action – Chairperson for 2023 needed for this position.

Christmas Alcathon 2022: Chairperson needed for this position.

Fall 2022 Roundup –

We are all getting excited about the round up. I have had zoomies from as far as New York let me know they plan on coming to this Round up.

Theme again is

ANY LENGTH.

I believe we have all chairs filled. At this next meeting we will be finalizing on line registration. New Save the Date flyer has been updated with speakers on it.

The 1st flyer is on both intergroup and area 40 website, that will be updated. Meeting Id for our next zoom meeting April 7th. 630pm to 730pm is:

Id: 869 6201 9208 PW 183069

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sonya R-G.

District 91 Fall Roundup Chairperson

New Year's Alcathon 2022: Need a chairperson.

Group Reports

Bigfork by the Bay Group – Susan H.

Bigfork by the Bay group is thriving and the number of new home group members have increased substantially, even during the winter months. We seemed to be experiencing a "breath of new spirit". We have decided to draft a written format of how we conduct our Birthday meeting so we can have more consistency and more people can have an opportunity to chair. We have decided to have a group picnic in August and are finalizing a date based on other AA group activities previously planned for that month. We are looking to fill the newly formed position of Alt GSR. Our members are very happily active in AA service and we really enjoy sharing the experiences we get out of participating in our various activities. Our group is sending me (their GSR) to Area Assembly in GREAT FALLS and our budgeted GSR travel fund will be covering those

expenses. We are looking forward to our seasonal members returning and joining us in fellowship again. Respectfully submitted,

Susan H, GSR Bigfork by the Bay Group

By the Book – no representation this month

Canyon Group – Sonya R., GSR

Good Afternoon,

I may not be at meeting today so here is my report: Canyon Group is alive and well. 6:30 am morning meeting Tues.Thurs.Sundays could use some

support. Grapevine meeting 2nd Sunday of the month at 8 pm.

Speaker meeting 1st Friday of the month and this month it is a gentleman out of New Hampshire. Women's Saturday morning speaker 1st Saturday of the month is Hallie B.

At our last business meeting we went over certain agenda items that will be addressed at Spring Assembly and got our group conscience. We are still looking for a chair and co-chair for our campout June 10,11,12th at Swan Lake campground.

I will be attending the assembly in person at Great Falls in April.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sonya RG, GSR Canyon Group

Came to Believe Group – Herb C., GSR

Came to Believe group in Libby will celebrate 2 birthdays on the last Sunday of March. Heather L . will have 20 years and Todd S. 6 years. We decided to have group travel at least once a month and visit other groups as a group. This month we went to Serenity Group in Troy . Their meeting is on Wednesday nights. It was a good time with a meeting going to the meeting and another on the way home.

Our group has had two tradition two group conscience meetings this past month. It is our consensus that many of motions this year at the area assembly are full of items that are controversial and begs for a decision to endorse or oppose causes. We believe the amount of material and the content of the material asking to be considered is just silly. Our group will not waste the time or money to attend the area assembly at Great Falls this year.

Herb C., GSR Came to Believe Group

Chief Cliff Wellbriety AA – Francis A., GSR

Every Wednesday 7 - 8 pm. At the Elmo Clinic building. Were in the Tribalano room. Let them other sober people know, thanks.

Francis A., GSR Wellbriety Group

Circle of Sisters – Alison L. GSR

Hello, I won't be able to make this district meeting because I have work. Circle of sisters meets Wednesday's online and in person at 6:30 PM. This past week we had around 13 people and we are holding our first group inventory in May.

Alison L. GSR Circle of Sisters

Columbia Falls Group – Rene J.

No representation this month.

Rene J. GSR Columbia Falls Group

Flathead Valley Serenity Group – Brian McG., GSR

All is good at our group. Big Book meeting on Tuesday at 7 is doing we still would love having new faces at our group. We have dates for our Founder's Day campout at Tally Lake, 17th -20th. Check out time will be Monday morning. Hope to see you there. Stay blessed.

in service,

Brian McG, GSR Serenity Group

Fresh Start – No representation this month but Marlys reported

Group will be having a pancake breakfast on April 24 from 9-11 a.m. at the Club.

Meetings are well attended.

Going to the Sun Group – No representation this month

Lunch Bunch – no representation but Marlys reported

Meetings are struggling but are still being held. The birthday meeting is at the end of each month.

New Hope Group – Christian P.

No representation this month.

Somers/Lakeside Group – The meeting will be moving on April 1 to 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

Sunrise Group –

No representation this month. Marlys reported that there is still a meeting seven days a week at 8 a.m. in the Lily Room at the Alano Club. On Fridays the meeting is a closed meeting on the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The group is waiting for the Pathways Treatment Center to reopen so they can resume taking a meeting on the first Saturday of each month. They are now taking a men's meeting on Friday nights, 6:00 p.m. to RCM.

Tobacco Valley Group – Darryl

New GSR for this group is Darryl who did not know he was supposed to send in a written report from his group but will do so next month.

Whitefish Group – Bradley W.

The Whitefish Group is holding 3 meetings a day with a women's only meeting at 6:30 pm on Tuesday. Please reference the schedule for other meeting times. The Sober Ski was successful. There were many in attendance including a younger crowd from Missoula. Thanks for letting me be of service.
Bradley W. GSR Whitefish Group

Women in Sobriety –

No representation this month.

Officer Reports

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - Sheila J.

Thank you all for the opportunity to attend WCRAASC in Minneapolis. I will read my report today and it will be attached to the minutes.

Pre-Assembly was held virtually on the 20th with good attendance. I was in Houston, but did Zoom in for a little over an hour to listen. Yesterday we had a 2-hour virtual question and answer session regarding GSC agenda items and our Assembly, in general. 17 people attended and it was a very worthwhile couple of hours.

Assembly is coming up in just a few weeks. We are all very excited to have an in-person Assembly again, but also pleased to have the hybrid option that will allow anyone to attend, no excuses. In addition to GSC agenda items, we will also address several Area 40 specific agenda items. Area Assembly is our chance to be heard. This is where the voice of the Groups speak, where the representatives for the Groups are informed. This is the business of AA; without it we would not exist. Assembly is a fascinating, and sometimes frustrating, experience. It is an opportunity to be inspired and motivated, a chance to see real dedication to service, to see the Traditions and Concepts in action and to feel the Divine power of AA in action. Please do not miss it! We need you.

This summer I plan to attend many different meetings around the District, and I am willing to attend your Group's business meetings to help spread the news of District 91. Just give me a shout and I'll get it on my calendar. I will be in Florida for April District meeting; I will set up Zoom and try to attend.

Thanks for your service!

Respectfully,

Sheila J.

DCM District 91

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) – Margaret L:

Nothing new to report.

Secretary – Sandy K.

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer - Nancy S.

3/25/2022 Treasurer Report District 91

2/27/2022 Beginning Balance \$ 6,838.85

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
2/27/2022	Alano Club - Feb District Mtg rent	\$15.00	
3/25/2022	Checking Account Balance		\$6,823.85
3/25/2022	Pink Can Balance		\$1,555.40
3/25/2022	Prudent Reserve Balance		\$1,497.52
3/25/2022	Available Checking Balance		\$3,770.93

Old Business

Brian M. stood for the open position of Intergroup Liaison. Sandy K. moved to elect him by acclimation and Bradley W. seconded the motion. It passed.

Last month the District approved the use of surplus funds from the budget to provide scholarships for GSR's whose groups might not have the finances to send them to Assembly. Groups will need to request these through their GSR's. Also, carpooling may be possible too.

New Business

Susan H. requested the District provide Service Manuals to all new GSR's. Shleila J. said she would follow up on that.

A question arose about what, if any, process there is for how a group shuts down. Sheila J. said she would try to get an answer for next meeting.

Closing

Susan H. moved to close the meeting, and it was seconded by Bradley W. The meeting closed at 4:15 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Statement by all in attendance.

ATTACHMENTS

DISTRICT 91 GUIDELINES

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bagRWUFLzMQhzdd5VV0QWKAjkYPAGK08C8qPzD53vog/edit#heading=h.px11p82xkmpp>

VOLUNTEER PREA FORM FOR CORRECTIONS SIGNUP



Volunteer PREA 2013
(2).pptx

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION (JAILS)



New volunteer
Orientation 2021.ppt

COMBINED FORMS (CORRECTIONS)



Combined
Forms.docx

VOLUNTEER IDENTIFICATION FORM



Volunteer
Identification Form (1)

2021 ORIENTATION EXAM (JAILS)



2021 Orientation
Exam.docx

"The courage to change the things I can."

Jail meetings are open!

We need men and women with a minimum
one year of sobriety who want to volunteer
to take meetings into Flathead County Jail!

Call District 91 Corrections Chair

Eddie W. to fill out the paperwork.

406 465 4554 Easye2525@gmail.com

Alcoholics Anonymous

WCRAASC Report

West Central Regional AA Service Conference was held in Minneapolis on April 4, 5 and 6. This conference is held every spring and rotates among the seven states in the West Central Region, Montana (Area 40), Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. The conference mainly focuses on General Service Conference agenda items, but also includes several breakout sessions, Topic presentations and speakers, as well as Early Bird meetings.

Four 45-minute topic presentations were held, How Do AA's Go to Any Lengths to Recover, Serve & Unify, The Warranties: Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World, Going Beyond Fear and

How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere. Different Areas presented these topics with a few speakers sharing, followed with general sharing. A few personal take-aways from these presentations: we don't lead by mandate, but by example, we went to many lengths to drink, we need to do the same to serve, the 36 Principles/Concepts protect AA as a whole and are a guide for our trusted servants and that going beyond our fears is courageous and requires using our faith in AA and our Higher Power. There were four Breakout Sessions held on Saturday afternoon and I was honored to help facilitate the session titled "Virtual 12th Step work: Is it effective"? It was well attended with great participation. Communication in AA, Anonymity on new technologies and Coming of Age were the other topics for sessions.

GSC agenda review and discussion takes up the bulk of the conference with about 8 hours dedicated to these items. As usual, there were a number of hot button items that generated a great deal of discussion. Most discussed items dealt with any changes to literature, especially Big Book and 12 X 12. Several people mentioned that changes were made hastily during the past GSC, this was countered by several comments about the number of years these items have been under consideration, the number of opportunities for Groups and Individuals to address the items, as well as past and current Delegates stating that the GSC business was done appropriately and thoroughly, despite being done remotely during the last GSC. My general sense of the discussions was that the body was quite divided on many issues regarding any past or current changes to our literature, but that the majority fell on the side of being open to appropriate changes, willing to make changes in order to be inclusive to ALL alcoholics and willing to trust our trusted servants that have researched the background material and have the opportunity to hear varied thoughts on the items. I was quite surprised when there was no discussion on the impact of the Preamble change to AA, none. It was a great reminder that what may seem like a big deal to some, may not even register as an issue to the majority, a good thing for me to remember. Another take away was how important it is to review the background material before going to the mic with a strong opinion.

Saturday night we were gifted with a wonderful share by our current GSO Manager, Bob W. Sunday morning, all present past Trustees briefly shared, followed by an Ask-it-Basket session and general sharing. Total registration for the conference was 458, 361 in-person, 97 on-line. I've attended several WCRAASC's and always come away in awe of those that volunteer for AA service, some for many, many years. The level of dedication, the amount of time and energy that many contribute is an absolute testimony to the willingness of so many to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Ultimately, the awareness that, bottom line, we all, sincerely want to do the best thing for AA, even though we may not all agree on the best way to do that, gives me the opportunity to pause and let God run the show.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sheila J. DCM District 91