

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

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May 26, 2019

Hosted by New Hope Group

Attended by:

23 District 91 members attended - 10 GSR's 11 Officers, 2 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 carjean48@gmail.com so that corrections can be made promptly. Thank you!*

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Preamble - *
- 12 Traditions - *
- Concept of the Month - Concept 05- *
- Next Months Concept 6 - *
- Host for Next Months Meeting - Serenity Group
- Next District meeting -
 - Serenity Group hosting
 - Alano Club
 - 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell, MT
 - 3PM, June 30, 2019
- Review & approval for current April 28, 2019 minutes: Approved with motion.
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Revised District Guidelines](#)
- [Blank Agenda Item Form](#)
- [District 91 Budget 2019](#)
- **[FOUNDERS DAY AT TALLY LAKE 2019](#)**

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 Mike P. (DCM) know.*

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GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers- * , Contact

Big Book Group- Contact, *

Bigfork by the Bay Group-

The Snowbirds are back back and our attendance is better.

*, GSR

By the Book Group-

I am excited to announce that **. will be our next speaker on June 1st for By the Book group. Business meeting will follow. Attendance has been steady with quite a few newcomers.

Grateful to be of service,

**, GSR

Canyon Group-

Attendance is good. We have a new meeting on Sunday at 6:30 am. Tuesday & Thursday meetings are going well. Our campout is coming up on August 9,10, & 11. See you there!!

**, GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

Contact, **.

Circle of Sisters-

Nothing new to report this month. Grateful to have gone to the Roundup and see everybody from District and many others. It was really amazing. Thank you for letting me be of service.

** will be our speaker the 1st Wednesday of June.

**, GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

The Columbia Falls group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. at the Chapel of the Montana Veterans' Home. Attendance has been good especially newcomers that are committing to doing service work. Looking forward to having tourists attend meetings now that summer has finally arrived.

**, Group Contact

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Serenity will start their newly revamped Tuesday 7pm book study meeting next week! And of course Founders Day Campout is coming up June 7,8,9 at Tally Lake Campground- flier is on aanwmt.org Intergroup website.

**, GSR

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Going to the Sun Group-

All's well. As the weather warms, attendance grows. We continue to share a meal at Glacier Grill at 5:30pm before the meeting. All are welcome to join up for fellowship and a good meal.

New Meeting: from Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day Weekend the GTTS Group has added a Sunday night Meeting. Same location and Same time (7:00pm). Coffee continues to be the best in the valley!!

** , GSR

New Hope Group - New Hope continues to have meetings at noon and 7pm daily. We are excited to host the district meeting for May.

** . GSR

Lunch Bunch- No contact and no desire to attend District meetings at this time.

Somers/Lakeside Group- Contact, **.

Sunrise Group-

Going well. Nothing new to report.

** ., GSR

Swan River AA Group- Our attendance is up and down but we do have home group members that attend regularly at the following times which are still not correct on some sites:

1) The open discussion meeting of **Swan River AA will meet Friday at 7PM starting May 31st** and continue until the end of Labor Day week with the last regular meeting on Sept. 6th. *Our group is still incorrectly listed as meeting on Sunday at 7PM on the Northwest Montana Alcoholics Anonymous site. This is again an error. Please correct the day and time.*

2) The **Swan River open women's meeting is on Monday at 6:30 PM, not Sunday at 10 AM.** This has just recently been corrected on the Area 40 Statewide site but I could not check to see what it says on the Intergroup site as Mondays page would not open. I got the message - *"Attention: The internal data of table "6" is corrupted!"* I'm crossing my fingers that when it comes back up it will be correct.

I am grateful for the lessons in patience I am getting and for the example set by so many trusted servants who have laughed at my frustrations and shared their growth by the trials and gifts of giving service. Thank you all.

** , GSR

Tobacco Valley Group - ** . , GSR

Whitefish Group-

The Whitefish Group is addressing a tradition one issue. A member physically approached another member and caused much distress in the group. This is serious and the WFG is

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evaluating appropriate remedies to ensure that “Our common welfare comes first...”
The WFG entertainment committee is planning a Labor Day picnic. More to come here.
Our group continues to provide 3 meetings a day with an inductive big book study on Thursdays at 6 pm. Attendance has been good. In Service,
**, GSR

Women in Sobriety- There is nothing new to report. Our meetings are well attended.
Thanks for letting me be of service.
** GSR

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

I have requested \$75-\$100 to purchase a flash drive and a recorder. Once these are purchased I can transfer files to clear up space for the Secretary * and I, and I can begin recording the stories of old timers and folks who either started groups or were present when groups in District 91 were started. Happy to be of service.
District 91 Archives Chair, **

Treasurer commented that Archives has a \$100.00 budget available.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

Good Afternoon, CPC's planned Mock A.A. Meetings, have been put on pause to concentrate on the upcoming September 23 CPC Trustee Visit. I have been working with an ad hoc committee consisting of ****, and myself. We created a Save the Date flyer to hand out at the Round Up and a CPC Sign up sheet for help with spreading the message to professionals in the Flathead Valley area.
Our goal is to host the event at the college but we are still researching locations and cost. If you know of an event space that would work for this gathering please let us know.

I appreciate the blessing to serve A.A. as your District 91 CPC Chairperson.
In Service, **

Corrections-

Greetings in service! Your district corrections committee is running smoothly. All meetings continue to be chaired, and I have no reports of disturbances within them. There is nothing of major consequence for me to report this month. I want to ask all people present today to please announce at your home group for those who have been approved to take meetings into the jail to please contact me. The jail will not give me the names or contact information of those approved. Therefore, I need to have people reach out to me so I can get them on the list. My contact info: Email: trackfanatic@gmail.com Phone: * Or, you can always find me at the Thursday night Inductive Big Book Study in Whitefish at 6 pm. Thank you for my sobriety.
Yours in service, **.

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Grapevine-

I am grateful for the willing and able volunteers ** who were responsible for bringing the Grapevine board to round up. Thank you ** for bringing it back to New hope!!! Grateful to be of service, **.

Literature-

Since our last District meeting sales have been brisk. I was able to fill book and pamphlet requests from: Canyon Group, Band of Brothers and Circle of Sisters. We manned a literature table at the Spring Round up and sold several copies of "Experience Strength and Hope" as well as Big Books especially the pocket size Big Book.

GSRs please make sure your group's Literature person has my contact information. In Service, **.

Public Information (PI)-

The PI Committee is just about done finalizing a list of meeting schedule and pamphlet distribution locations for the entire District, including Eureka. We have divided the area into five parts. ** from the Serenity Group, ** from the Whitefish Group, ** from the Swan River Group, myself, and volunteers in Eureka are all involved in service distributing literature. We are going to add motels and laundromats as locations, thinking we can hit those one time when new schedules come out. The schedules can be tacked to the Laundromat bulletin boards and given to the hotel front desks.

After we get that down reasonably well, we plan on dropping off literature at doctors and mental health professionals offices, probably only when new schedules come out. We will also start researching the placement of PSA's in local media.

We are requesting that Intergroup increase the amount of new schedules printed so we can get around 800 to totally update our locations. I am sure we will also be looking to request enough additional AA pamphlets to exceed our \$100 yearly budget. More on that at the next meeting. I will be handing out the new Hotline sign up sheets to the GSRs at the District meeting Sunday for them to take back to their groups. Shouldn't be long before we can totally update the calling list.

Our goal is to make sure anyone reaching out for help can find literature and reach AA. We also want to be able to hand over to the next rotation an organized system to work with so they can get at it right off the bat.

Service is fun! **.

Treatment-

Greetings from District Treatment Chair. I have acquired new meeting schedules for Treatment centers and will replace the old ones for Pathways, Wilderness and other facilities. Thanks Steve from Intergroup. Nothing else new to report.

Thank you for the service, **.

District Intergroup Liaison -

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Intergroup held their monthly meeting on May 26th in Columbia Falls. Attendance was light due to the holiday. ** was elected as co-chair, still looking for a chairperson. The Spring Fling went well. Emory Bay Campout is up next in August.

In Service, **

Intergroup District Liaison:

See * report.

**, Intergroup District Liaison

Bridging the Gap-

Good afternoon, This last month has been jam packed with BTG activity.

We held our First Annual Area 40 Bridging the Gap Outreach Weekend/Committee Mtg in Wolf Point, MT. It was a major success! District 21 is no longer a "dark" District. There were 13 Committee members in attendance, as well as the Area 40 CPC chair. We were able to share our message with approximately 20 community members, and we now have sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous in our database from Poplar, Glasgow, and Wolf Point!

After the Outreach portion of the event, we had our actual committee meeting. We discussed and approved 2 different agenda item proposals to have submitted to Area.

My total expenses for the trip were \$198.36 (already received reimbursement from Margaret)

After in depth conversation and careful consideration between myself and our Area 40 BTG chair, we decided to have BTG Temporary Contact volunteers be at least a year sober. I brought this idea to her attention after last months discussion at our District 91 meeting about the area 40 hotline sign up sheet. This way we are sure that the person requesting a Temporary Contact gets put in touch with a member of Alcoholics Anonymous that carries a message of depth and weight.

Our 2nd Annual Outreach Weekend/Committee meeting will be held in Shelby-District 42. Time and Place TBD.

So far, I have heard nothing but good things in regards to BTG in the jail. It seems like there has been a really good response from the inmates. My plan is to hopefully meet with the director (or someone high-up enough) at pathways within the next month, to receive permission to have BTG cards available at the Saturday and Sunday meetings.

As always, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve our district in this capacity, it is truly an honor and privilege.

In service, **

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2019 Spring Roundup Committee-

Final report not given yet , in ** absence * DCM said the Round Up was wonderful & response was better than anticipated with about 428 attending.

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 to the Serenity Group for volunteering to host both June & July District 91 business meetings.

Mike P., DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

*DCM reported for * Alt. DCM, that we had an excellent Round Up with about 428 attending!

Treasurer-

At the suggestion of **, I have sent out the treasurer's report in advance for your review. The balance for Pink Can is \$1003.26, Prudent Reserve balance is \$1497.52, current Operating balance is \$666.65.

[TREASURER REPORT MAY 2019](#)

Margaret L., Treasurer

Secretary-

Thank you for sending reports in early. I am working on getting the anonymity protected minutes posted on the Area 40 website and will contact the Area 40 webmaster this week.

**, Secretary

OLD BUSINESS-

Trustee Visit-

*DCM asked if there are any groups against hosting the Trustee visit. All groups support having the Trustee's here. There will be a small cost for food & beverage for the Monday morning presentation. It will probably be a small group. A flier will be coming out soon. ** stated that the planning committee is taking care of all the details for the Trustee visit. Next planning committee will be on the 30th @ 5:30 at Wild Coffee in Whitefish. The venue is not finalized yet. There is a possibility of having Continuing Education credits available for those attending from the professional community.

NEW BUSINESS-

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Delegates Report will be given July 28th at 1:30 pm at the Alano Club. ** will give a report on his week in New York. He said it was awesome to be in NY and encourages all to go if possible. *DCM. asked if anyone would be willing to organize a Delegates Day potluck? **. volunteered to organize the potluck. Following the Delegates report we will have the District Meeting @ 3pm.

Please return the Area 40 Hotline sign up sheets to ** PI Chair as soon as possible.

** suggested getting the app for "meeting guide." ** said it has been approved and we are working on it. We need to get the web sites to communicate properly.

** announced a Mini Conference @ Deer Lodge for the inmates in September 2019.

** in Helena is the contact person for anyone interested in participating.

Meeting closed early with the Responsibility Statement at 4:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: **, District 91 Secretary