

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING Anonymity Protected

October 27, 2019

Hosted by New Hope Group

Attended by:

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

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.*

Thank you!

OPENING 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer
- Preamble - *
- 12 Traditions - *
- 12 Concepts - *
- Concept of the Month - Concept 10 - *
- Next Month Concept 11- Review Volunteer - *I
- Next District meeting Host group- Circle of Sisters
 - Alano Club
 - 153 N Meridian
 - Kalispell, MT
 - 3 PM November 24, 2019
- Review & approval for current September 29, 2019 minutes: Motion by * & a second to approve the minutes with 3 corrections. Approved as corrected.
- 7th Tradition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Archives -

I'm sorry to have missed the last District meeting-I was out of town for about half the month. I will be taping founding members of the Columbia Falls group this month utilizing the suggested

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format I found in the District 91 Archives material. I received requests to locate archival material for a group and was unable to find that material and under the impression that the responsibility of that material would be said group's? I am still learning what my responsibilities are and how I can cover my bases as well as not duplicate efforts especially since we are operating in a digital age. I will contact Area archivist for my kit.

Thank you for letting me serve. *, Archivist

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) -

There is nothing to report for CPC this month!

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Corrections-

Greetings in service!

All is well with the corrections committee. To my knowledge, there have been no issues regarding meetings in the jail. As always, however, I may be wrong.

Earlier this month was the semi-annual orientation to bring meetings into the jail. We had 7 new volunteers. I expected our numbers to be lower this time, as the spring orientation was very full, almost overflowing. I do not expect any shortage of volunteers in the second year of my rotation. I should be hearing from this group of volunteers soon, and I expect every one of them to be approved.

I ordered and subsequently delivered a box of books to the jail, 25 Big Books in all. Barring some sort of catastrophe, I expect the jail will not need more Big Books for at least a year, quite possibly longer. I depleted the District Pink Can fund to accomplish this, and sent the remainder of the funds to our Area level Corrections Chair, *. Our District Pink Can should now have a minimal amount of money left in it. My plan is to let it build over the next year, then deplete it again near the end of my rotation to give the next Corrections Chair an easier time of transitioning in. Thank you to * for helping me accomplish these tasks! * was available and helpful with cutting the checks, and * took time out of her weeknight to deliver the box of books to me in Whitefish.

Jail meetings are all filled up for the remainder of this calendar year. I will be sending a new sign up out at the end of November or beginning of December. Keep your eyes open for that. Also, I have (finally) confirmed the new policies set by the Flathead County Detention Center, as I mentioned in reports of months past. The changes are as follows:

1. Orientations now last a maximum of two (2) years, to run concurrently with the PREA mandate from the Federal DOC. This means all volunteers will have to reorient at least once every two years.
2. Volunteers are now required to take two (2) meetings in per calendar year to maintain an active orientation status. The jail recognizes this may pose a problem and has made themselves available to help; you can call the jail during normal business hours and request your current status, using your name, date of birth, and address. They will tell you over the phone if you are current or not.

I only foresee problems arising from the second change. As it stands right now, I only see it

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being a problem for the ladies, as we have quite a bit more lady volunteers than we do gentlemen. I hope to have an impact report and solution by our next meeting in November. Once again, thank you for letting me be of service. It is a great pleasure to be of genuine use to God and to my fellows, after a lifetime of drunkenness and general listlessness.
Yours In Service, *

Grapevine-

I am unable to attend District this October because I'm flying home from Dublin. Shoot. I have not been able to locate the Grapevine board. It is missing in action.
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Literature-

Greetings,
Literature sales continue to be brisk. Big Books continue to lead the way in sales. Whitefish Group, New Hope and Circle of Sisters were the heavy hitters for October.

The holidays are fast approaching. AAWS Literature is always a good idea as gifts. I've attached the pricelist for reference. Don't delay! Get your orders in today!
[PRICE LIST & FLIERS](#)

*, Literature Chair

Public Information (PI)-

The PI committee has been distributing flyers and meeting schedules throughout the valley and is grateful for the opportunity to serve.
*, PI Chair

Treatment-

I have made a trip to Wilderness Treatment Center and have been informed that there isn't a format for the Sunday evening meeting at Wilderness Treatment center. I am currently working with a group to put one together. Also there has been a lapse of volunteers showing up for their assigned meeting. I am also working on that. This also pertains to Pathways meetings.
Thanks for the service. *, Treatment Chair

District Intergroup Liaison -

Intergroup held their monthly meeting at 5:00 pm at the Stillwater Grange just before the big Halloween bash. Sunrise Group hosted the Birthday Meeting - Canyon Group will be the host in November, with Band of Brothers slated for December.
New schedules are out. A new printer has been selected. The Website and the Hotline are both doing well.

The Thanksgiving Event will be November 30th at the Stillwater Grange. Volunteers are needed to help with the food prep - the contact is *.

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There is a "meeting guide app" just out. Groups should check the accuracy of their group information. Changes should go to DCM *.

Elections will be held at the November meeting. Open positions are: Secretary, Treasurer, Liaison, Hotline Chair, Schedules, Entertainment Chair, Entertainment Co-Chair, Web Chair. In Service, *, District Intergroup Liaison

Intergroup Liaison - *,

Bridging the Gap -

I am finally starting to get temporary contact requests ahead of time, rather than after people are released. There has been a steady increase in the amount of gaps that are being bridged in the last few months.

We have our next Bridging the Gap conference call coming up Sunday, November 10th. I will report next month on the outcome of that call.

In service, *

STANDING COMMITTEES-

Into Action - Coming up in February 2020.

Christmas Alcahthon - * volunteered to chair this.

GROUP REPORTS

Band of Brothers- *

This group is not willing to be involved at District level.

Big Book Group- ? GSR

Bigfork by the Bay Group-

Good elections done at the last meeting.

*. GSR

By the Book Group-

I am unable to attend District this October because I'm flying home from Dublin.

* will be the speaker for By The Book in November. Our Sloppy Joe Party was a huge success!!

Thanks to *.

In service, *. GSR

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Canyon Group-

Canyon Group Speaker Meetings are held 1st Friday of each month-speaker for November: Is*. on 11/1.

Canyon Group hosts Pathways speaker 3rd and 5th Saturdays of each month-Have been well attended.

Positions open at both Intergroup and District levels for upcoming elections.

*, GSR

Chief Cliff AA-

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Circle of Sisters-

Continues to grow. * is the speaker in November. Elections are taking place as we have open positions coming up.

** . GSR

Columbia Falls Group-

Our new GSR is *. We have good attendance. The Treasurer position is open

*, GSR

Flathead Valley Serenity Group-

Flathead Valley Serenity Group had good attendance and participation at this years Fall Refresher. Thank you to all those who came and made it a fun and informative event. Nothing else to report.

*, GSR

Fresh Start Group-

We meet at 630 am 7days a week. Our Pancake Breakfast was good.

*, GSR

Going to the Sun Group-

Meetings are held Sunday & Thursday at 7pm. We also meet prior to the meeting at 5:30 pm at the Glacier Grill. Our coffee is the best in the valley.

*, GSR

Lunch Bunch

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This group is not willing to be involved at District level.

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New Hope Group -

Nothing new to report. Coffee is always on. Candy dish is full for the next 2 weeks.
Our next speaker is * 7pm Sunday.
Thank You. *, GSR

Somers/Lakeside Group-

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Sunrise Group-

?, GSR.

Swan River AA Group-

*, GSR

Tobacco Valley Group -

*, GSR

Whitefish Group-

The Whitefish Group is going well. Meeting attendance seems to be stable. Based on our coffee consumption it appears that people are attending in good numbers and the group is sharing the message of Recovery.

The WFG will be addressing the “vote” items from the Area Assembly in our business meetings. The discussion regarding voting rights to area service members will be discussed so the groups conscience can be represented at the Spring Assembly.

The WFG will begin to access the group inventory process. I will reach out to the former GRS for direction. Will be sheila for guidance on inventory.

My apologies for lack of attendance at previous district meetings. Family and work commitments were in play.

Our group continues to provide 3 meetings a day with an inductive big book study on Thursdays at 6 pm.
In service, *, GSR

Women in Sobriety-

Attendance is good. We will be hosting a salad potluck on Thursday, October 31st, during our regular meeting at 1:15 at the Alano club, Lilly Room. All women are welcome.
Thank you for letting me be of service. *, Contact

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.*

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OFFICER REPORTS-

District Committee Member (DCM) -

Thank you for attending all & visitors. Announce at your meetings to encourage others to visit the District meetings. * DCM

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) -

I would just encourage people to attend the business meetings.

*, Alt. DCM

Treasurer-

\$6871.90 Beginning balance.

Pink Can \$611.26 Prudent Reserve \$1,497.52 , available balance \$2,241.58.

See full detailed report* [TREASURER REPORT OCTOBER 2019](#)

*, Treasurer

Secretary-

Thank you all for submitting your reports by email or handwritten at the business meeting.

*, 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-

Christmas Alcathon: * volunteered to coordinate it. ** will be available to share their experience from last year.

Regarding the possibility of having a Concept & Tradition workshop in the spring. Next month there will be an agenda item for this with more information. **. are putting on this workshop.

Did GSR's check with the groups regarding where Spring & Fall Assemblies should be held? It was decided that Great Falls would be the best location due to having wheelchair access.

Did GSR's talk to groups about voting rights for Web Master & BTG service positions. Voting rights were favored with one group not favoring voting rights for the two positions.

I sent out a list of District 91 meetings & GSR's if any are missing let me know. This will be forwarded to Area 40 & Triangle editor.

Webmaster sent out the app for *AA Meetings* throughout the world. * went thru the list to proof & make any corrections.

* asked if GSR's need to contact Intergroup with group changes as well?

* the list is for District, Area and Intergroup. We should work together to keep group information accurate. This is why it is a good idea for groups to have representation at the Intergroup meetings - "communication." It is important to let each District & Intergroup know of any changes.

*, DCM

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Agenda Proposal - The form is available at the top of the minutes with a link under Announcements.

NEW BUSINESS -

* shared that New Hope is putting on a Service Workshop and needs volunteers to share their experience on service. The purpose of the workshop is to encourage everyone on how important service is.

MEETING CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT 4:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: * Secretary.