

# DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

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September 29, 2019

Hosted by Canyon Group

## Attended by:

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

**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 - .
- Twelve Traditions -
- Twelve Concepts Short Form -
- Concept of the Month - Concept 09 -
- Next month Concept 10 review -
- Next District meeting Host group-
  - New Hope Group
  - Kalispell, MT
  - 3 PM October 27, 2019
- Review & approval for current August 25, 2019 minutes: Approved
- 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 apologize for not being able to be at District today-I am out of town.*

I received a request to look for archival material regarding the Canyon Group and haven't found much. I still have more bins to look through. When I return I plan on meeting with \* about obtaining the right information as requested and will begin recording for this group then move onto others.

In service, \*, Archivist

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

CPC Trustee Event was a SUCCESS!

Final emails and phone calls were made to hype up the event and \* got us into two newspapers: The Daily Interlake and The Beacon.

We had a low attendance but had a few important members of the Professional Community that benefited from the information and are excited to work with CPC in the near future. A link to a video of the event will be online shortly for those members who wish to view it.

We will be having a conference call 9/29/19 at 2:00 pm before District for those who attended the event to provide input on "How you were inspired by the symposiums into action within our respective districts and in Area 40 through the Area committees." I will report next month on any outcome of this call.

I would like to extend a thank you to the CPC Trustee Committee that worked well together in putting on an AMAZING event! \* (Area CPC), \* (CPC Trustee Event Committee Chair), \*& others.

I appreciate the blessing to serve A.A. as your District 91 CPC Chairperson and be a part of this inspiring event.

\*, CPC Chair

**Corrections-**

The corrections committee is running smoothly and effectively. I have no major issues or problems to report.

Over the past few weeks I have been conducting sign-ups for the jail meetings for the last quarter of 2019. I am happy to say that, roughly halfway through my rotation, I have finally "perfected" the sign-up process. My new method has received a fair amount of positive feedback, and almost no negative feedback or constructive criticism. It seems, finally, that I have a process that works well for all our volunteers and keeps us in compliance with the new policies being implemented by the jail. As much as I want to engage in self-deprecation and sulking, I have a feeling that figuring this out now is exactly what is intended by our spirit of

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rotation. It is my sincere hope that our next corrections chair will learn from my experience, but you just never know, especially when alcoholics are involved.

I have printed and have available at our district meeting today flyers for the upcoming jail meeting orientation. For those who are currently volunteers but have lapsed in their orientation status, I will be sending an email sometime this week to remind them of the orientation. GSR's, please take a flyer or two (please not more than that) back to your meetings and begin announcing it.

I will be off work early the day of the orientation and will be present to add contact info to my corrections spreadsheet for all those who are new to taking meetings in. I noticed last orientation that it was quite difficult to contact those who attended after the orientation and determine if they had been approved, get their contact info correct, and then add them to the list.

Other than all that, I have nothing else to report. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and providing me with companions on the "road to happy destiny".

Yours in service,

\*, Corrections Chair

### **Grapevine-**

I have no news to report right now. I think the Grapevine Board is still in Whitefish and needs to be taken to New Hope Group for next months meeting.

In service,

\*, Grapevine Chair

### **Literature-**

September literature sales have been brisk. We filled literature requests for the following groups: Circle of Sisters, Canyon Group, Serenity Group & Whitefish Group.. In addition, \* placed a large order for the Trustee Symposium and \* also placed an order for the United Way Community Connect event.

Hardcover Big Books continue to lead the way in sales. We have lots of soft cover portable Big Books in stock. They are available at a cost of \$9.10 each versus \$9.50 each for the hard covered Big Books.

Please let your groups know that books and literature did increase in price in 2019. Hence GSO did not print new catalogues. The only catalogues available are 2018.

I have 6 copies of the General Service Conference Report available today.

Grateful to be of service,

\*, Literature Chair

**Fall Assembly Literature Committee Report-**

Greetings,

The Literature Committee was tasked with considering an Agenda item on whether or not we consider the Pink Can Fund to be a "Money Charity" and therefore in violation of Warranty 2 in Concept 12. Simply stated we are saying one thing and doing another. The Committee voted unanimously to consider the relevance and applicability of the passage in Concept 12, Warranty 2 which states that neither the groups nor AA as a whole should function as a "money charity" via the practice of "selling of our books at cost or less. The agenda item was voted on by the Floor of Assembly and was vetoed down.

The Committee also reviewed the "Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials". The General Service Conference made a Committee Consideration to send this item back to Trustees so that particular attention could be paid to this item in regards to Concept One and Concept Eight. They then asked for the final version to be presented in 2020. Our Literature committee did review it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,  
\*, District 91 Literature Chair

**Public Information (PI)-**

Both the PI Committee and I have been pretty busy this last month. \* and I, with visits from committee members \*\*, manned an AA information table September 12 th at the Community Connect event at Gateway West Mall. A couple of highlights were when a grateful nurse took a handful of meeting schedules to give to her patients and a lady in a wheelchair with a big bucket full of freebies in her lap stole a little big book. We figured it was meant to happen and God has a plan for that book. Another guy came by and said he hasn't had a drink in 20 years and didn't need us. We also got a lot of furtive glances from people who probably do. We were there for them. That's what our part was.

We have added a couple more locations to our distribution route, including one that asked for a full-size display rack stocked with flyers. \* got it to them.

Finally, I finished updating District 91's Area 40 Hotline calling list using the returned signup sheets I passed out earlier. The process took a whopping seven hours to complete. The list has been pared down from over 200 entries, including the reserve, to just around 45 names. At this Fall's Area Assembly it was voted that the Area PI Chair can now have the ability to access the different District's hotline lists and make sure they are being updated. She will offer guidelines to make the process uniform. I am happy to say District 91 is in full compliance.

Thank you for allowing me the gift of service. Service is fun!  
\*, PI Chair

**Treatment-**

I delivered schedules to Pathways and had someone deliver them to Wilderness Treatment Center. Other than that there is nothing new to report.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

\*, Treatment Chair

**District Intergroup Liaison -**

August 31st - Emory Bay Campout made a profit of \$434.00. The new computer platform is up and running and paid for - \$1200.00, with no monthly fee. Swan River Campout was a success. Fresh Start Group will host a Breakfast on September 29th. New Hope will host the September Birthday Meeting.

September 28th - The next Intergroup meeting will be at 5:00 pm on October 26th before the Halloween Party at the Stillwater Grange. The Thanksgiving Party will be November 30th, again at the Stillwater Grange. Tobacco Valley Group is having their annual Christmas Party on December 14th. Nominations for upcoming vacant service positions are in process. Emory Bay Campground has been reserved for August 6-9 next summer.

In Service, \*, District Intergroup Liaison

**Intergroup Liaison -**

Present to get information to take back to Intergroup.

\*, Intergroup Liaison

**Bridging the Gap -**

I had a member confirm that we do not need any more forms at the jail...there are still plenty. Also, I have bridged a few gaps in the last month. A few inmates have mentioned to members taking the MTG into the jail that they sent a form out but haven't been contacted yet. All forms that have made it to me have been passed along to other people. I will make copies of forms before passing them to a temporary contact moving forward so that I can follow up.

*I had \* double check when he was at the jail last night for the meeting, and the stack of handouts is still almost completely full. When "old business" comes around, I will make an announcement that the agenda item introduced for funding handouts is no longer necessary.*

\*, BTG

**STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**Into Action** - Is to be held in February 2020 & chaired by \*, last years co-chair.

**Christmas Alcathon -**

\* asked for Alcathon Chair volunteer(s). We need someone by the October meeting!!

\*\* co-chaired last year and shared some of the responsibilities are to schedule the meeting, get volunteers, purchase supplies, secure a venue, be available for setup & clean up. The Alano Club is a central location and the rental fee is affordable. The Alcathon lasts for 24 hours from 4 pm to 4pm beginning on Christmas Eve.

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Check the District Guidelines for the complete list of responsibilities. There are also supplies left over from last year that are available.

### GROUP REPORTS

#### **Band of Brothers-**

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#### **Big Book Group-**

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

We have had good attendance for last month. We are looking for people to serve.

\*, GSR

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

We will have a Sloppy Joe feed during our next speaker meeting which takes place at 5:30 pm, October 5th. We will have a business meeting to follow. Attendance has been steady. We continue to meet 7 days a week, at 5:30 in the big room of the Alano Club.

Grateful to be of service,

\*, GSR

#### **Canyon Group-**

Meeting attendance at our meetings, noon and evening are averaging 20 or more.

We are doing quite well with our 7th Tradition and therefore the splits.

In the spirit of rotation this should be my last meeting at the District level as it is time to let someone else have the experience.

\*, GSR

#### **Chief Cliff AA-**

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#### **Circle of Sisters-**

The circle of sisters meetings have been busy since summer is over, but we could always use more women. We have a speaker the first Wednesday of the month which is next week.

Speakers - \*

Thank you for letting me be a service,

\*, GSR

#### **Columbia Falls Group-**

We have good attendance. We are filling positions that have been long term or non existent. Our secretary moved to ND; Intergroup Rep is \*.; Treasurer is \*; and \*. is the new GSR.

\*, GSR

**Flathead Valley Serenity Group-**

Fall Refresher is this Saturday/Sunday Oct 5-6 at Restart Church gymnasium 315 E Evergreen drive. Flier can be found on Area 40 and Intergroup websites. Registration is \$15 if you have over 30 days sobriety. Bring a newcomer, they attend for free!!!

Please make a point to attend, especially workshops which will be chaired by a trustee of General Service Board: \* (who is also a speaker). Also stick around with the newcomer you bring with for Game Night- where we will be transforming newly sober alcoholics into bananas



or however that saying goes.

\*, GSR

**Fresh Start Group-**

Our first event was today. We had a pancake & crepe breakfast. It was a huge success.

\*, GSR

**Going to the Sun Group-**

We are doing well. Our summer Sunday night meeting ended on Labor Day weekend. We meet 5:30 pm at the Glacier Grill. You all are invited to our regular meetings, the coffee is great.

\*, GSR

**Lunch Bunch**

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**New Hope Group -**

*Nothing new to report. Vaughn H., GSR*

We are doing well and have nothing new to report.

\*, Alt. GSR

**Somers/Lakeside Group-**

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**Sunrise Group-**

*This group will sponsor an event October 13, from 2 to 4 pm. reported by \*.*

**Swan River AA Group-**

\*, GSR

**Tobacco Valley Group -**

\*, GSR

**Whitefish Group-**

*I will be out of town on a business trip and will miss this meeting. Hopefully this will do it for the travel for a while. Look forward to the October meeting. \*, GSR*

Greetings in service,

I am reporting today in place of our GSR, \*, as he is busy taking care of family and work issues out of town. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers, that he may be able to join us again soon.

The Whitefish Group continues to be a force for recovery in our district. We continue to have over 20 meetings a week, including a ladies meeting on Tuesday and our Thursday night

Inductive Big

Book Study. We have a steady trickle of newcomers who show great promise for our group and AA as a whole.

Unless I have not been informed (which is a strong possibility) there have been no major issues within our group. We continue to keep an eye on the use of non-conference approved literature within our meetings, so as to provide a safe and welcoming space for all who wish to recover. At this point, our group sees it as a Tradition One issue rather than Tradition Ten.

At our next business meeting we will be having elections for our one-year service positions. We look forward to having bright and shining faces devoted to service step up and fill those positions.

Thank you all for your service to this great endeavor that has saved my life and countless others.

May God continue to smile on and bless us drunkards!

Yours in service,

\*, Alt. GSR

**Women in Sobriety-**

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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) -**

**DCM Fall Assembly Report -**

Good day all:

The Fall Assembly went well. A lot was accomplished. I believe everyone involved did a great job. The Agenda was full, and the reports very complete. I will touch on a few items now, that I think were important, but if anyone is interested in reading the minutes please go to the Area website for a more in depth report.

Here are the items voted on from the committees, and the results.

Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy

1. Consider changing Venue Responsibility to Area Adviser  
Passed by a vote of 67 for, and 2 against.

Public Information

1. Consider changing the way the Hotline is answered by AA Members  
Passed 75 for, and 0 against.
2. Change hotline from Answer Net to True Life  
Passed 76 for, and 0 against.

Treatment/Accessibilities/Agenda

1. Consider bidding to host the National Bridging the Gap Workshop in Area 40. This will take place in Sept. of 2022 or 2023. Cost to be no more than \$500.00 (possibly reimbursed by National BTG committee)  
Passed 67 for, 1 against.

Grapevine/GSC Policy and Admissions

1. Consider Web Master working with Professionals to aid Professionals in contacting BTG Chair to give contact help upon release.  
Passed 62 for, 3 against.

Finance

1. Consider revising Area Budget for 2019 from \$38,970.00 to \$41,320.00.  
Passed 65 for, 0 against.

There was a Small Group Inventory Discussion Saturday afternoon . The purpose of the discussion group was an inventory of the Area Assembly process. The results of this process will be available for review on the Area web site.

If anyone has any questions about the Assembly, please feel free to contact me. Hopefully I can help. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve District 91.

In Service.

\*, DCM

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

No report today

\*, Alt. DCM

**Treasurer-**

We had a beginning balance of \$6,492.49 after transactions the final checking balance is \$1,497.52. Prudent Reserve is \$1,694.85 and Pink Can is \$1,694.85. (See full report.)

TREASURER REPORT

\*, Treasurer

**Secretary-** Thank you all for submitting your reports via email or handwritten by the business meeting day. It really helps me complete the minutes on time.

Grateful to be of service,

\*, 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-**

**Agenda Proposal -**

*Please disregard the proposal I submitted at the end of our last district meeting it is no longer necessary.*

\*, BTG

**NEW BUSINESS -**

\*, DCM,

I submitted my Fall Assembly report and now ask if there are any questions? We had a large turnout - 15 approximately from this District.

Triangle report included notice to encourage all groups to subscribe to the Triangle. It is sent out to all GSR's regardless if the group pays for it or not. The Triangle editor is asking for a current GSR contact list from all Districts in Area 40. \* will be sending invitations to all GSR's to ask their groups to pay for one subscription to the Triangle. GSR's please check with your groups to see if they are willing to get a subscription.

There is an opportunity to have a Concept & Tradition Workshop. GSR's please ask your groups to see if there is interest for this workshop. There would be minimal expense. Having a potluck for the event is a possibility.

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There is controversy over the locations of annual Area 40 Assemblies. Travel expenses, lodging, quality venue are some considerations. GSR's please bring your groups input regarding this to next month to the business meeting.

Webmaster, BTG, & others that have no vote presently is being considered that if giving them the right to vote would be a good thing for Area 40 AA overall.

The 25th Fall Refresher is October 5th & 6th at the Restart Church in Kalispell.

The Fall Round Up is October 11th, 12th & 13th in Missoula.

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

Minutes submitted by: \*, District 91 Secretary