

## District 61 Business Meeting Minutes

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

The July 2nd District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Bill P. There were \_\_\_14\_\_\_ G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and \_\_\_4\_\_\_ committee members / chairs present. The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments. Concept \_\_\_7\_\_\_ was read by \_\_\_Shawn\_\_\_.  
Concept 8 Will be presented by Claudia B. in August.

### Archives: Claudia B.

Archives Committee meeting was held Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> and there were two in attendance – Claudia B. (current District Archives Chair) and Gerry R. (past District Archives Chair and past Area Archives Chair).

Discussion at the meeting, like all general committee business over the past month, focused on consideration of possible solutions to lack of space for Archives materials in the AA District Literature Store. Points to consider in discussion of Archives' need for more space (as there is currently no space for filing of current materials, let alone materials collected over past several years).

- Current use of space in the Lit Store/Archives
  - o looks like space may well be gained from re-arrangement of current displays and stock
  - o space might also be gained from reduction of inventory
  - o Claudia to ask Karla for information on monthly turnover of Lit items – do we have more in stock than we need to be holding at one time?
  - o if current level of inventory in stock is necessary, could some of it be stored in boxes rather than as part of display?
- Possibility of moving Literature Store/Archives location
  - o Claudia accompanied Karla and others in viewing available space at the Alano Club
  - o space is approximately 800 square feet; appears to be dry and very secure
  - o rent for the space would be approx. \$60(need to confirm with Karla) more than current location (which is much smaller)
  - o Alano Club location would make for a store that is accessible to anyone with mobility challenges (current store is at the top of a long set of stairs). It was suggested that such a location would also be more easily found by all AA members and a better means of carrying the message.
- Establish Ad-Hoc committee of Lit Store, Archives, and any other District members, for gathering information and bringing a suggestion to District?

Thank you for letting me serve.  
Claudia

### **Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.**

The Attitude of Gratitude planning committee met June 24th, 5:30 PM at the Wilson. Dale K and I were present. It was a small group but we had a great discussion about the Attitude of Gratitude raffle. Dale K. will run the raffle on the day of the event. Dale K ran the raffle at the recent Roundup and ran the raffle at last year's Attitude of Gratitude.

Dale J. had previously stepped up to help with the raffle. Dale J. will be contacting groups to get raffle items.

Last week Jena S. stepped up as the Facilities chair. Jena and Chelsea ( Colonial Hotel Catering contact) have shared contact information. The Colonial had contacted me in June about getting the contract finalized. I'm glad to have Jena on board to take care of the Colonial details.

The current chairs filled for the Attitude of Gratitude committee are:

- Treasurer – David R,
- Raffle – Dale J and Dale K
- Banquet - RJ
- Workshops – Patricia
- Facilities – Jena S.

The committee needs chairs for the following positions

- Registration
- Secretary
- Hospitality
- Greeters
- Flyer

Critical chair positions to be filled are The registration and secretary positions. GSR's please inform your groups of the need for volunteers for the 2015 Attitude of Gratitude. Contact Mike D at 422-3252 or at [dmv321@bresnan.net](mailto:dmv321@bresnan.net).

The Attitude of Gratitude committee regular monthly meetings will be the last Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM at the Wilson House. The next Attitude of Gratitude committee will meet at the Wilson House, 5:30 PM on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Attitude of Gratitude committee is a working example of tradition nine. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create services boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Respectively submitted

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### **Bridging The Gap: Patricia H.**

Shawn provided an impromptu report stating that the Bridging the Gap committee did meet at the VA for a presentation to the clients. Turn out was small but the panel did their job and the committee will continue to present at the VA.

### **Corrections: Shawn N.**

- Dave C. L&C Jail- Can always use new volunteers. Scheduling was done at last CC meeting.
- Tina O. L&C Jail Women's- All's well. New schedule is completed
- Dale K. Boulder Jail- All's well
- Larry B. Helena Pre-Release- New volunteers are always needed.
- Gary E. MSP- Need volunteers.
- I would like to remind the GSR's to bring to their groups the topic of introducing the Pink Can Fund. The funds go directly to Area Corrections for literature. Pink Cans will be painted, for those groups wishing to participate, by next district meeting.

Anyone is welcome to attend the CC meeting. The satisfaction and gratitude I receive from this service work is never ending. Check it out!!

CC still has openings for the following service positions: Co-chair, P&P and secretary. The next CC meeting is August 10 at 5:30 @ the Wilson House.

Thank you for letting me serve. Shawn Nelson

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community: Ralph S.**

No Report Given

### **Grapevine: Bill P.**

GRAPEFEST SUCCESS

30 ATTENDEES

GREAT SPEAKERS LIBBIE L., CHRIS W., GARY E. & DARLENE R.

LIBBIE KEPT FOLKS AWAKE WITH HUMOR

NEW GRAPEVINE BOOK – AA & MILITARY

NEW PAMPHLET – MENTAL ILLNESS

UPDATING PAMPHLETS WOMEN IN AA

ONLY 41% GROUPS CONTRIBUTING TO GSO

NO 12 X 12 X 12 PLANNED

\$3,000 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION LIMIT NOT RAISED TO \$5,000

33% OFF NEW GRAPEVINE SUBSCRIPTIONS DURING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IMPRESSED WITH HOW FOLKS PITCHED WITH TABLES & WASHING DISHES. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT THEM.

**Literature Store: Karla F.**

As of June 24th, the Literature store made \$164.10. The books were at Grapefest but only 2 sold.

Just so the word gets through the proper channels, we at District 61 Literature have been looking for a larger place to locate since the "storage locker" in the Alano club was available 1st. We as a subcommittee, (adhock) group, with the ok of District 61, to start seeing what is out there for us.

With the room we have now getting smaller by the month. Archives needs some place to work and as of now, have no room. I will be in Atlanta June 25-July 6 so Claudia B, will be my stand in.

It also has already been discussed and ok'd by building mgr, Papu that we could paint and try to get more room by arranging the shelving.

Thank you for letting me chair, In Service, Karla Flanders

**Public Information- Ken D.**

We are continuing to work toward keeping racks stocked around town. PI committee had a meeting via text/phone this month as I have family in town from Denver and will be unable to be at district tonight. As of this report no "new" news from answer net. They do however have a new GM Luke requested a bill on June 3rd and as of today has heard nothing from them. (So much for the new guy being better than the old) I would like to "remind" GSR that is your responsibility to keep your own groups racks stocked with mtg schedules as well as other AA literature. Starting to get the Fall/Winter meeting lists ready (to print sometime in September) so please EMAIL me any changes or additions.

My email is [kennydaa@gmail.com](mailto:kennydaa@gmail.com)

(it's also found on the schedules)

As always thank you for allowing me to serve

Kenny D

**Treasurer: Eric G.**

No Report Given

**Treatment: Justin H.**

No Report Given

**Workshops: Gerry R.**

This report is, for all intents and purposes, a non-report. Rather than not give a report and have the minutes reflect that no report was given, I offer this non-report as a way of providing a report though no report will actually be given.

The reason for this non-report is, nothing happened.

It seems that as the heat goes up, we drunks slow down – well, this one does anyway.

I did attend the Grapefest which was a smashing success. Thanks Bill, for all your work in pulling that thing together so well and so fast.

As dates for the regular fall events are firming up, I will be soon able to confirm the dates of the two workshops I've discussed in the past, Archives and PI/CPC. I hope to contact our presenters for both in the next month and get them locked in.

Otherwise, not much is going on.

That ends this non-report.

What a joy to be sober today and what a privilege to be of service. Thank you for both.

Gerry

**D.C.M.: Rebecca S.**

Greetings to District 61. I have just returned from another fun International Convention with 50,000 of my AA friends. It is so cool. It was a bit overcrowded this year and I didn't get into the meetings I wanted to attend, but by accepting the things I can't change, I went with the flow and heard some great stuff.

I saw Brad Carlton, who says hello to everyone. He seems to be doing well in Florida.

Thank-you to those who were at the District meeting last week. Our second tradition reminds me to trust our trusted servants whether I am in attendance or not. I look forward to reading the minutes to see what was covered.

See you in August.

Rebecca

**Questions for committee members:**

Will Pink Cans be provided for groups that choose to participate?

Shawn responded that he is “painting the town pink” in a sense and will make Pink Cans available to all groups who request them. The cans will be ready by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Group Reports and Announcements:**

Laura from Homeward Bound stated she had some members that would be available to work in the bookstore .

**Old Business:**

Election of Alternate DCM.

No candidates were presented. Members were encouraged to remind their groups of the service opening.

Gerry presented sobriety requirements as stated in the D61 Trusted Servants Guidelines manual

**New Business:**

**Motion made: That an Ad-Hoc Committee be appointed by the DCM to research the feasibility of the D61 Bookstore relocation. The committee is asked to report back formally to D61 at the D61 Monthly Business meeting.**

**Motion made – Amy first.....Lonnie 2<sup>nd</sup>... Motion passed .**

The \_\_\_July \_\_\_\_\_ District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ \_\_\_7:25pm\_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the \_\_\_July \_\_\_\_\_ District 61 Business meeting.