

The August 6<sup>th</sup> District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by \_\_Shawn\_\_\_\_. There were \_14\_\_\_\_ G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and \_\_8\_\_\_\_ committee members / chairs present. The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments. Concept \_\_\_\_\_8\_\_\_\_\_ was read by \_\_\_\_\_Claudia B. \_\_\_\_\_. Concept 9 will be presented on September 3<sup>rd</sup> by Mike D.

**Archives: Claudia B.**

Archives Report  
August 6, 2015

Archives Chair (Claudia) is part of the Ad-Hoc committee that is looking at space issues and the current location of the Archives/Lit Store/Grapevine office.

Claudia attended first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Meeting was very productive - good discussion, good ideas, some planned next steps. Ad-Hoc Committee will be meeting again later this month and hopes to make good progress by next District Meeting.

Lit Committee Chair will be making a further report re: work of Ad-Hoc group at this same meeting - see her report for further comments.

Nothing else to report right now from Archives, but do stay tuned!

Happy to have opportunity to serve,  
Claudia

**Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.**

The Attitude of Gratitude planning committee met July 29th, 5:30 PM at the Wilson House. I was shown one more time that a POWER GREATER THAN MYSELF is in charge of AA. Eleven Alcoholics and three Al-Anons were at the meeting. All committee chairs are now filled and there was great energy and enthusiasm in the room.

To be responsible to those we serve, the committee agreed to have the registration forms completed prior to the September District AA and Al-anon meetings and prior to Area Assembly in Lewistown.

To complete the registration form, the planning committee will meet twice in August. Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are scheduled for 5:30 PM at the Wilson House.

At the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting we will select a theme, determine the banquet meal choices, set the registration fees, set the registration deadline, and mailing instructions. We will narrow down the AA speakers to first choice, as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> alternates. Al-Anon is doing a similar exercise to identify their speaker.

Between August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, the selected speakers will be contacted to find out if they are willing to speak at the event. At the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting the registration form will be finalized and ready for print. GSR's be prepared to take 2015 Attitude of Gratitude registration forms back to your groups in September.

At the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee will select the voice of the conference. At this meeting, the committee chairs will present plans for workshops, registration procedures, banquet and hospitality setup, raffle solicitations, and finding greeters.

The Attitude of Gratitude committee has no budgeted funds to do the business of AA. A \$750.00 funding request is a new business agenda item on this month's District AA meeting. Our committee treasurer, David R, will establish a bank account once we have funds. To protect AA, David requested dual signatures on all checks, and the committee agreed that David and I sign all checks.

GSR's start the conversation in your group business meetings about two Attitude of Gratitude financial items. First are scholarships for those who cannot afford the registration fees, and second is sponsoring urns of coffee. Last year the registration cost with the banquet was \$25.00. The registration fee for this year has not been set, however the preliminary findings indicate an increase to \$30 may be required. The cost of coffee is \$80.00 for five gallons. Last year's Attitude of Gratitude was charged with 20 gallons of coffee. The point is for GSR's to at least start the discussion of what your groups can financially afford to support the still suffering alcoholic.

Respectively submitted  
Mike D.  
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### **Bridging The Gap: Patricia H.**

All is well with the committee.

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

- Dave C. L&C Jail- Can always use new volunteers. Reminder to all volunteers: We are responsible for our commitments.
- Tina O. L&C Jail Women's- Misty J. is in the rotation for meetings. All is well. Reminder to all volunteers: We are responsible for our commitments.
- Dale K. Boulder Jail- All's well. Looking for some substitutes.
- Larry B. Helena Pre-Release- New volunteers are always needed. Committee voted on the procedure for signing court cards. Conclusion: We are there to spread the message, nothing more. It is the residents responsibility not ours to attend the meeting.
- Helena P&P- Ben K. has stepped up to fill the position of coordinator.
- Gary E. MSP- Need volunteers.
- I have the pink cans painted. Your groups can decorate as they see fit. I have printed an address and explanation inside of where to send and what the Pink Can fund does for Corrections/Treatment. CC would like to ask GSRs to bring to their groups a request for any extra Grapevines to bring into the facilities.
- The committee voted to move the meeting from the second Monday to the third Monday of every month.

Anyone is welcome to attend the CC meeting. Check it out!!

CC still has openings for the following service positions: Co-chair & secretary.

The next CC meeting is August 17 at 5:30 @ the Wilson House.

Thank you for letting me serve. Shawn Nelson

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

I brought the CPC kit and CPC Workbook as I have to resign as D61 CPC Chair as I am moving to Lewistown, MT on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for letting me serve, I will miss you all but will see you in Lewistown twice a year at the Spring and Fall Assembly.

Yours in the Fellowship,

Ralph S.

**Grapevine: Bill P.**

1. I have sold nearly \$500 in Grapevine Books for 3 workshops in 2015 (Roundup, Corrections and Grapefest).
2. Attended first Ad Hoc committee meeting on Aug 4 for proposed move of District 61 bookstore from downtown location to Alano Club. Three other members were in attendance.
3. Nothing much happening until Area 40 meeting in September in Lewistown.
4. Aug Grapevine is out. Good articles on how to avoid drinking while traveling.
5. Encourage groups to start Grapevine meetings. Only one known meeting in Helena at this time.
6. Encourage members to take on role as Grapevine representative. I have information and kits. If interested, contact me at [w\\_puckett@hotmail.com](mailto:w_puckett@hotmail.com)

**Literature Store: Karla F.**

This past July the AA book store made \$407.50, which was a good month. Our volunteers are all showing up and doing great work. We will probably soon have another coffee meeting if not just to get together and drink coffee.

In the area of looking for more space for the bookstore, which houses Grapevine, and Archives we, the adhoc committee consisting of Bruce R, Gerry R, Claudia B and Bill P, are still fact finding and have one area we are getting data on. We thank you for your support and trust with this issue.

Thank you for letting me serve  
Karla Flanders

**Public Information- Ken D.**

Still working on the Answering Service, we have not received a bill.

**Treasurer: Eric G.**

**July Report**  
**Beginning Bank Balance                      6218.02**

<b>Income</b>	<b>283.10</b>
<b>Group Contributions</b>	<b>517.60</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total ALL Income</b>	<b>800.70</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>197.04</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>6821.68</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>900.00</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>36.00</b>
<b>Total Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>936.00</b>
<b>Total District Funds</b>	<b>7757.68</b>

**( PS- you will notice a large jump in funds available , that is due to Roundup Funds being deposited in June- for a full report contact Eric G.)**

**Treatment: Justin H.**

No report Received

**Workshops: Gerry R.**

Archives workshop is being planned for Oct 17<sup>th</sup> ( tentatively) , Earl F. Tom W. & Claudia B. are on the lineup for speaking.

PI/ CPC Workshop is on hold for the time being .

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

As you can see, I am missing again this month. It was just a fluke of scheduling that the International happened in July and my annual work conference happened in August. I promise to return in September ready to roll!

The West Central Regional Forum is coming up on August 21-23. I have all my travel arrangements and will get with Eric for payment.

Summer if flying by and I hope everyone is out there enjoying their sober lives. I know I am.

The Ad-hoc Literature Store committee has been mostly formed. One or two more people would be useful, but I would like these additional people not to have connection to the literature or archives. Why? The 1<sup>st</sup> Concept says *“Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”* I feel like having some people without a “stake” will bring a balance to the discussion. Email [district61dcm@gmail.com](mailto:district61dcm@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The church has asked that we leave the room clean when we leave. If you bring flyers, please take the extras with you and check around your area to be sure it is clean at the end of the meeting.

That’s it for now. I look forward to representing our District at the West Central Regional Forum and bringing back a lot of information to share in September.

### **Questions for committee members:**

Will the funds for the next Roundup come from the District bank account?

### **Group Reports and Announcements:**

Wilson House is holding a Lu Au ( sp) on August 30<sup>th</sup>, grass skirts are mandatory  
Alano Club is holding it's 30 year BBQ Celebration Saturday Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at Spring Meadow... Starts around noon and goes till dark..

### **Old Business:**

Election of Alt DCM-

We had two willing members stand for the position – GSR's elected Carol W. from Last Chance Recovery to fill the remaining 2014-2016 term

### **New Business:**

Motion was made to grant the request from the 2015 AOG Committee. Motion Passed .

Attitude of Gratitude Committee requesting \$750.00 seed money to fund conference preparation activities.

CPC Chair is now Open , please make your groups aware of the opportunity to serve.

The \_\_\_August \_6th\_\_\_ District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ \_\_\_715pm\_\_\_. Actually we closed with the Lord's Prayer, I forgot to say the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan S. for the \_\_\_August\_\_\_ District 61 Business meeting.