

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

October, 1st, 2015

The July 2nd District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by ___ **Gary E.** ___. There were ___ **16** ___ G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and ___ **11** ___ committee members / chairs present.

The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Concept ___ **10** ___ was read by ___ **Peg** ___.

Concept **11** will be presented by in November by – no volunteers for November 5th.

Archives: Claudia B.

D61 Archives workshop set for Saturday October 17th at the Wilson House from 1:00pm – 4:00pm
See the full flyer at the link below..

<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2015-10Archives.pdf>

Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.

The Attitude of Gratitude planning committee met twice in September. On September 8th we met at the Wilson house at 5:30 to continue finalizing details. On September 29th we met at the Colonial to finalize room set up and coordination with Colonial staff.

The registration forms were distributed at the last district meeting. The registration form is also on the area website. GSR's encourage early registration. **To register for a meal the registration form must be received by November 13th.**

If groups are sponsoring individuals please notify Elizabeth P. to keep her informed. Her number is on the registration form.

As of September 30th we have received three registrations and two donations of 5 gallons of coffee. If groups want to donate coffee, the cost is \$80 per 5 gallons + 18% gratuity (\$94.40 total).

Save November 21st, 2015 for the 2015 Attitude of Gratitude at the Helena Colonial Red Lion .

See the full flyer at the link below.

<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2015-11AttitudeOfGratitude.pdf>

Bridging The Gap: Patricia H.

All is well.

Corrections: Shawn N.

- L&C Men's- Dave C. reported: Needs volunteers! Did the scheduling for the 4th Quarter.
- L&C Women's- Tina S. reported all's well. Approved 4 new women. Schedule for the 4th quarter is done.
- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B reported: All's well. Need new volunteers! Schedule for the 4th quarter is complete.
- MSP- Gary E reported: Mini Conference was a success. 14 inmates attended.
- Pink Cans are available for those groups wanting to participate. Pink Can fund is up to \$3042.00.
- This month's CC meeting was a grand success. Thank ladies and gentlemen for your attendance!! I think we set a world record for attendance.
- Open service positions: CO-Chair, Secretary.
- Anyone is welcome to attend the CC meeting, The third Monday of every month at the Wilson house at 5:30!!!

Next CC meeting is October, 19 at the Wilson House. Starts at 5:30.

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Cooperation with the Professional Community: Vacant.

Grapevine: Bill P.

Attended Area 40 Assembly - Lewistown - Sep 18 to 20

- Went to Grapevine sessions
- Only 2 other districts represented

Participated in group inventory committee & Evaluated 4 items:

- Triangle
- Improving methods of selecting leaders
- Support of Area Committees to Districts in "Carrying Message"
- Committee communications with District counterparts

2. New Grapevine book released - "Forming True Partnerships"
 - I have purchased several copies for sale at \$10 each
3. 2 New Grapevine Books will be released in 2016
 - Voices of Early AA
 - Armed Services Book Collections
4. Will have table at Attitude of Gratitude
 - Have complete inventory of books in-print
5. Subscribers can get \$4 off in renewing subscriptions
 - Subscribers means that subscription was active within past 6 months
6. October Grapevine issue out: "Letting go of Resentments"
7. Today's Grapevine Quote: "Life hasn't been all smooth sailing, but because of AA, I no longer have to live in fear. I sleep at night. I have a purpose in life."
 - Taken from May, 1997 Issue - Article Title: "Wanted"

Literature Store: Karla F.

As of Sept 1, 2015 the Literature Store has made \$277.40. It was a good month. Our volunteers keep suiting up and showing up. Just got a very large order in and the books and pamphlets are on the shelves ready to enlighten anyone who needs it.

Please feel free to stop by for surprises and enlightening conversation and a look for something new....

Public Information- Ken D.

Literature racks are being stocked, New AA meetings lists will be ready in November, still some problems with the answering service.

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Treasurer: Eric G.	September report
Beginning Bank Balance	\$3,620.18
Income	\$36.00
Group Contributions	\$120.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Total ALL Income	\$156.00
Expenses	\$2,901.97
Ending Bank Balance	\$874.21
Prudent Reserve	\$900.00
Interest	\$36.00
Total Prudent Reserve	\$900.36
Total District Funds	\$1,774.57

Treatment: Justin H.
No Report

Workshops: Gerry R.

Did you know that October is National Archives Month? And, did you know that October is also National Donut Month? Rather than wait a whole year, and have a Donut workshop next October, we've decided to host a hybrid, Archives/Donut workshop on the 17th of this month. Those giving presentations at the event will be Earl F. current Area 40 Archivist, Tom W. the original Area 40 Archivist, Claudia B. District 61 Archives Chair and a variety of well-glazed, powdered and sprinkled donuts .

Last month I attended the Area Assembly and, as always had a wonderful time. It's always amazing how I can leave Lewistown utterly exhausted but completely re-energized at the same time. If you haven't gone yet, you gotta try it.

I spoke with Earl F. while at the Assembly and we roughed in some of his presentation ideas. I've also recently spoken with Tom W. and Claudia B to go over their portions of the program. I've also sampled a few donuts to get a handle on how to maximize their presentation as well. It's going to be a great show folks.

I've had the workshop flyer placed on the Area website and have emailed it to all the DCM's in the Area except Rebecca, who gets a personal invitation tonight.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Wilson House on the 17th at 1:00.

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

D.C.M.: Rebecca S.

Hi everyone in District 61. Another Area Assembly has passed with more lessons learned and opportunities for growth! For any newer people, "growth opportunities" generally mean someone pissed someone else off and amends may have been made later. I am in the category, too. It happens when one forgets that God is running the show through the 2nd Tradition.

We participated in the Area Inventory, which was actually pretty easy and insightful.

District 61 was assigned to the Public Information committee, so I go to that committee every Assembly. Here is a summary of what happened with the PI committee: The AnswerNet state wide answering system for AA has not sent the Area any bills since February. Luke S., the Area PI guy, has been working with them, but they kind of suck. However, on the good side, our calls are still being routed to alcoholics throughout the state when anyone calls the AnswerNet number.

Brandon from Billings is our new webmaster. He told us what has changed on the website, which is that the mobile app (did you know we had a mobile app??) now shows if a meeting is open or closed.

The PI committee recommended to the general floor session to have an alternate web master. It passed 72-0.

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Carole B, one of our past delegates to the General Service Conference, shared on Sunday. Her sharing is worth sharing again with some questions we should each ask ourselves:

1. Do I dis other groups?
2. Do I reach my hand out to those that our new or different?
3. Do I support other fellowships and direct people to places that will help them?

Lastly, the 2016 Area Budget passed with little discussion.

Tonight I am crossing off a bucket list item by seeing Neil Young live. So as you are meeting, I am dancing my ass off.

Questions for committee members:

Group Reports and Announcements:

Big Book Breakfast- Carla- reminded us of group meeting times 700 am Mon-Tuesday-Thursday at Jorgensons Friday at the Bagel Co.

Last Chance recovery- Nick- Common Ground celebration Saturday October 31 at 11:00 am.

Homeward Bound- Laura- Halloween Dance at Alano Club October 31 9-12pm.

D61 has a commitment to carry the message to MCDC on the 2nd Saturday of the month- (and the 5th if there is one) 2015-

October 10 & 31, November 14, December 12

2016

January 9 & 30, February 13, March.

For further information contact Bree S. at 459-4348 or Kevin S. at 439-3284

Old Business:

Election of CPC Chair- No Nominations for the October Business meeting

Motion Made to accept Literature Store Move to 1439 Helena Ave, Suite B. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The ___October _ ___District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ ___7:25pm__.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the ___October ___ District 61 Business meeting.