

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The November District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by \_\_ \_\_ \_\_. There were \_\_\_\_\_ G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and \_\_ \_\_ committee members / chairs present.

The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Concept **11** was read by \_\_ \_\_ **Peg F. ( she noted this was a snoozer)** \_\_\_\_\_.

Concept **12** will be presented on December 3<sup>rd</sup> by – \_\_ Rebecca S. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Archives: Claudia B.**

I really enjoyed being a part of the Archives Workshop organized by Gerry R. on Oct 17th at the Wilson House. Both Earl F. and Tom W. gave wonderful presentations about the evolution and establishment of AA archives in Montana and also about the technical aspects of gathering and maintaining a district archive. I learned a great deal both from the presenters and also in the process of putting together my presentation. Thank you to Gerry for all the work he put into organizing and holding the workshop, thank you to Earl and Tom for presenting, and thank you to all who were able to make it.

Three AA members have actually joined the Archives Committee - Debra S., Colleen, and Lindsay R. Our first order of business right now will be to pack up for move to new Lit store location.

Gary E. is also helping us acquire at least two large filing cabinets for the new space - we will be purchasing them from the State Surplus store - a great deal!

Karla is currently waiting to hear from our new landlord as to availability of our new location. Once space is available we will set date for move. We were hoping to move in November, but I am not sure if that is going to pan out - hopefully it will.

When we get a date, we are going to be announcing it everywhere bec we are going to need some help doing the heavy lifting... hopefully some of you will be interested. It's a great way to do service - and would be so very very much appreciated!!!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Claudia

**Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.**

The Attitude of Gratitude planning committee met twice in October. On October 13th and 27th we met at the Wilson house at 5:30 to continue finalizing details.

The registration forms are distributed and is also available on the area website. GSR's encourage 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.

If groups want to sponsor an urn of coffee the cost is \$80 per 5 gallons + 18% gratuity (\$94.40 total).

Individuals are encouraged to bring cookies for the hospitality room and bring items for the silent auction.

As of October 27th there were 24 registrations not counting scholarships.

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

Our next committee meeting is Tuesday, November 10th, 5:30 PM at the Wilson House.

Respectively submitted

Mike Dyrdaahl

**Bridging The Gap: Patricia H.**

My apologies for not being at the meeting. I have returned to the work force and I have a conflict with my work schedule. I will get it resolved for the future.

I went to Warm Springs on Monday to do the Bridging the Gap presentation, all went well. Charlie my counter part from Butte was not able to attend because of a medical condition that he is dealing with.

There is a glitch with the Elkhorn Treatment Center in Boulder. It is on my agenda to make a trip to Boulder and get it cleared up.

Thank for letting me be of service.--Patricia

**Corrections: Shawn N.**

- L&C Men's- Dave C. reported: Needs volunteers! Albert M. was approved to bring meetings into the jail.
- L&C Women's- Tina S. reported all's well. Elizabeth P. was approved for the jail.
- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B reported: All's well. Need new volunteers! Lost two volunteers.
- MSP- Gary E reported: No report.
- Open service positions: CO-Chair, Secretary, P&P
- It is that time to start thinking about the Mega committee formation. We need a chair and a committee to get the ball rolling. The Corrections/ Treatment Workshop is coming up in April, May , or June.
- 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 November, 16 at the Wilson House. Starts at 5:30.

Thank you for my sobriety and letting me be of service --Shawn Nelson

**Cooperation with the Professional Community: Vacant.****Grapevine: Bill P.****1. Attitude of Gratitude - Nov 21**

I will have a table of all in print Grapevine Books for sale. I also will be selling new copies of the Grapevine.

**2. Nov, 2015 Grapevine is out**

This month the theme is "Relationships in Sobriety."

3. Encourage people to become Grapevine Representatives. Also encourage meetings to select topics from Grapevine for discussion. I have kits available for Grapevine representatives.

**4. Subscribers can get \$4 off in renewing subscriptions**

- Subscribers means that subscription was active within past 6 months

5. Free shipping available through the end of year for Grapevine book purchases. Books can be ordered off of website at:

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

**6. Grapevine Quote of the Day: "Meetings, meetings, meetings"**

"The best way to appreciate AA is the same way you appreciate a stained-glass window: Look at it from the inside."  
From Oct, 1981 Grapevine & Grapevine book "Happy, Joyous and Free."

William Puckett

**Literature Store: Karla F.**

As of October 31, the Literature store has brought in \$416.15. Yahoo...

We are patiently waiting for our new owner, Jon, to call and say our new residence is free and clear and ready for a cleaning and painting...Patiently.....waiting...I have only called him once..

We have, at this time, 4 more volunteers who will take a couple hrs of volunteering during the week, so if you are interested in this very useful commitment, do see me after and and I will put you on THE LIST....

OR even that special list of workers on "the move"...

thank you for letting me serve

karla flanders

**Public Information- Ken D.**

GREETINGS FELLOW TRUDGE-RS OF SERVICE,

I HAVE HAD SOMETHING COME UP AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TONIGHT. THE NEW MEETING SCHEDULE'S ARE ALMOST FINISHED WITH UPDATES AND THE FINAL DRAFT SHOULD BE TO THE PRINTER BY "FRIDAY THE 13TH" (OOOHHE) SO WE SHOULD HAVE THEM AVAILABLE BY THE 20TH. IF YOU NEED SOME BEFORE OUR DISTRICT MEETING IN DECEMBER PLEASE EMAIL ME OR CALL ME @ 459-7500 (AFTER NOVEMBER 20TH)

WITH THE HELP OF THE PI COMMITTEE I BELIEVE ALL THE RACKS ON OUR ROUTES HAVE BEEN STOCKED (IF YOU KNOW OF SOME THAT NEED ATTENTION LET ME KNOW)

ITEM 2: ANSWER NET UP DATE..... WAIT FOR IT.....

AS OF TODAY WE HAVE NO "NEW" OR OLD INFO FROM THEM. HAVEN'T HEARD ANY COMPLAINTS EITHER SO I'M GOING WITH ITS STILL WORKING AND WE WILL PAY THEM WHEN WE GET A BILL.

AMENDED: AFTER TEXTING LUKE THERE HAS BEEN SOME NEWS THAT ARE DCM HAS A FORWARDED EMAIL FROM HIM ON THE ANSWERING SERVICE? LUKE WAS NOT ABLE TO EMAIL ME A COPY AT THE TIME OF MY REPORT.

ITEM 3: PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS THAT ANYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED THE "BIG BOOK BREAKFAST" MEETING HELD EVERY THANKSGIVING MORNING, (IN CLANCY) THAT IT WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE "WINE'S" HOUSE THIS YEAR BUT WILL BE AT THE "FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH" 311 POWERS.

THE POT LUCK WILL BEGIN AT 6:55 AM AND THE MEETING WILL FOLLOW AROUND 7:30 (USUALY DONE BY 9:30-10:00)

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE & THANK YOU WILL FOR GIVING THIS REPORT

KENNY DALTON

**Treatment: Justin H.**

No Report

**Workshops: Gerry R.**

The Archives Workshop, held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, was what I would call a success. I counted about 15 in attendance with at least one Archives Chair from outside the district. By Archives standards, that's quite a crowd.

Tom W., the original Archivist for Area 40, gave a great history of the development and progression of the Area's Archives. He recounted how he would often travel around the state on his own dime asking roundup committees for contributions to help fund the repository. He said Area 40's stance in the early days was, if the fellowship wanted an archives repository, they would provide the money to make it happen. After years of hard work and development, Area 40 now has a full budget for the Repository and the Archivist, fully funding both.

Earl F. the current Archivist gave a great discussion the purpose and process of an archival collection and what all goes into creating and maintaining an archival collection.

Our own Claudia B. gave a great talk on the District 61 Collection and brought a few items for show and tell that were quite interesting.

The event was recorded, and if anyone is interested in a copy, please see me after the meeting tonight.

I don't plan any more workshops until next spring when the roads are better for presenters and attendees to travel. We may be doing another GSR workshop as well.

It may seem a bit early, but Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. Don't we all have so much to be thankful for.

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

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

Greetings to my peeps in District 61.

It's been mostly quiet in my District duties this past month. I was able to attend part of the Archive workshop. There was a good turn out and lots of good history was shared. Our AA history is really cool.

As you know, we still need a CPC chair. Please talk with your sponsor, sponsees and other group members. There must be someone out there!

I really appreciate the involvement here in District 61. Most of our groups are represented at District and we have a large showing at Assembly. Part of being a GSR or committee chair at the District is the commitment to go to the Assembly.

The October District meeting will hopefully be the last one I miss for a while.

Thank-you for letting me serve.

Rebecca

**Treatment: Justin H.**

No Report

**Questions for committee members:**

Literature- Is Alanon going to assist with rent at Literature store?

Alanon will be renting an adjacent yet separate room from Landlord and will be paying their own rent for the space.

**Group Reports and Announcements:**

Townsend – reports there is no PI literature in the judges or attorneys offices

Homeward bound will be conducting a Thanksgiving Marathon Meeting session over the Thanksgiving Holiday- meetings will be going on from 530pm the 25<sup>th</sup> thru 630pm the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Alano Club.

**Old Business:**

Discussion concerning D61 sponsoring an Urn of Coffee for the 2015 AOG. Motion made to purchase One urn of Coffee. Motion failed

Election of CPC Chair- No Nominations for the November Business meeting- it was suggested that D61 provide a job description for GSR's to pitch to their groups.

**New Business:**

Discussion concerning the Mega Committee Chairperson role- it was the sense of the meeting to let the cooperating Committees decide how they want to determine the Chairperson role- it was felt that the Mega- Committee needed some continuity in leadership.

Discussion concerning the absence of the Treatment Chair for the past few months. The sense of the meeting was to seek a replacement for the D61 treatment Chairperson due to extended period of absence and no committee activity. ( See D61 Trusted Servant Guidelines for clarification) Alt DCM Carol said she would contact Treatment Chair about D61 decision.

The \_\_\_November \_\_\_ District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ \_\_\_7:35pm\_\_\_.

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

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

Treasurer: Eric G.

October Report

District 61 Monthly Treasurer Report - October 2015		
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<b><u>Beginning Bank Balance</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 874.21</u></b>
<b>** <u>Income</u> **</b>		
-	7th Tradition -	\$ 38.00
-	Grapevine	
-	Literature Sales	\$ 277.40
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-	<b><u>Sub-total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 315.40</u></b>
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<b><u>**Group Contributions**</u></b>		
	Change of Pace	\$ 392.38
	Free for Lunch	\$ 200.00
	Townsend Serenity	\$ 120.00
	Valley Big Book	\$ 20.00
	<b><u>Sub-total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 732.38</u></b>
<b>** <u>Other Income</u> **</b>	-	-
	<b><u>Sub-total</u></b>	-
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	<b><u>Total All Income</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,047.78</u></b>
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<b>** <u>Expenses</u> **</b>		
-	Answering Service	\$ 40.08
	Rent, church	\$ 45.00
	Rent, literature store	\$ 100.00
	Helena Copy Center	\$ 31.80
	Post Office	\$ 98.00
	Grapevine	\$ 234.53
	PI	\$ 225.00
	Corrections	186.20
	<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 960.61</u></b>
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<b><u>Ending Bank Balance</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 961.38</u></b>
Prudent Reserve		\$ 900.00
Interest		\$ 0.38
Total Prudent Reserve		\$ 900.38
<b><u>Total District Funds</u></b>		<b><u>\$ 1,861.76</u></b>