

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

**January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The January District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions By Rebecca & Ken . There were **11** G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and **12** committee members / chairs present.

The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Concept 1 was read by Will H. . Concept **2** will be presented on **February 4<sup>th</sup>** by – Shawn.

**Archives: Claudia B.**

December was an exciting month for the district archives - we moved along with the literature store to **our new home at 1437 Helena Ave.** (can also enter from the back of building on corner of Gallatin and Sanders).

Special thanks to Karla F. for all her great work organizing the move and also for lighting the necessary fire under me to get archives all packed up and ready to go(!) Also thank you to Alison and Jessica for helping with the packing of the archives and a special thanks to all the wonderful AAs who lent time and muscle to the actual effort of moving - could not have done it without any you!! Next step will be to work with Gary to get filing cabinets and I will also be getting a table on which we can do sorting.

Great to start the new year with a new location!! Thanks for letting me serve.

Claudia B.

**Attitude of Gratitude: Mike D.**

It was an honor and privilege to serve as the 2016 Attitude of Gratitude chair. This is my final report. The event was a success due to a dedicated committee

- Jena - facilities
- David - Treasurer
- Elizabeth - registration
- RJ and Vonda - Banquet
- Dale and Dale - Raffle
- Diane - Greeters
- Patricia - Workshops
- Carla - Hospitality
- Carol - Secretary & publications
- Jean and Linda - Al-Anon

Final attendance numbers were 247 registered, (176 AA and 71 Al-Anon). A total of 154 meals banquet meals were served. The event made a total profit \$1347.88. This profit came from

- \$297.61 - Registration income
- \$38 in extra meal income
- \$307.27 in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition
- \$166.00 in 50/50 proceeds
- \$539.00 in silent auction proceeds

Groups donated more coffee money than was needed. The \$189.60 of extra coffee money was proportionally returned to the groups. No coffee donation money is being forwarded to district 61.

We will be closing the attitude of gratitude bank account next week. District 61 will be reimbursed the \$750 seed money and receive the \$1347.88 profit income.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectively submitted  
Mike Dyr Dahl

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

I have been very busy this last month with working in the retail for the holidays and not having a computer. I have gone "old" school with a flip phone in hand I have taken care of business despite it all. I am back on track with a new computer and all is well.

I am in contact with Judy Kolar at Elk Horn Treatment Center in Boulder. I am going to have to go through a background check before I can do the Bridging the Gap presentation there.

Thank you letting me serve.

Patricia

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

- L&C Men's- Dave C. reported: Needs volunteers! Did the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter scheduling. It's hit and miss getting meeting in the jail due to over- crowding.
- L&C Women's- Tina S. reported all's well. Also did scheduling for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.
- Boulder- Dale K. All's well. Needs volunteers.
- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B reported: All's well. Need new volunteers! Meetings going well, lots of participation from residents.
- MSP- Gary E reported: Meetings going well. January 16<sup>th</sup> is orientation day.
- Open service positions: CO-Chair, Secretary, P&P
- Approvals for facilities: 3 for Pre-Release and 1 for Boulder
- The Mega committee's first official meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the Wilson House. This is regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Corrections/Treatment Workshop. We have a date, unofficially set: May 21<sup>st</sup>. We need all and any input to make this a great success!
- 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 January 18th, 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: Derek H.**

No report

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

. New bookstore open 3 days/week:

Tue - 12 to 2 PM

Wed - 5 to 7 PM

Sat - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

2. Have set up new Grapevine Display with all in print books. Hope to expand display to include more "handout" materials. Price list is posted above shelf.

3. Have new calendars, pocket planners and Jan, 2016 Grapevines for sale calendars \$9.00 pocket planners \$4.75 grapevines \$2.00

4. Have not planned Grapefest for 2016 yet, but looking at last Sat in June

Thanks for allowing me to serve

Bill P.

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### **Literature Store: Karla F.**

Well kids, it got done... WE ALL have a NEW SHINY BOOK STORE that look's like a million, or dum close..It took a lot of service work from a lot of folks to get this project done and it was amazing. I even met some new folks.

The book store has new hours so please take the flyers and stick them on your information boards where you hold your meetings, and notice we have Wednesday from 5-7p open for late shoppers.

This December, of 2015 we made \$298.45

Thank you for letting me serve, karla flanders

### **Public Information- Ken D.**

PI has currently all racks checked and stocked with literature as well as mtg schedules. Special thanks to Daniel for his extra effort on checking ALL routes this months, as well as Karla for getting him hooked up on a Wed night (book store)

I have an email from alanon on wanting to pay their part of the meeting schedules printing cost and just need to know how much the total for the fall/winter schedules was and "Whom" to make the check out to.

We had 4 more calls on the 888 number last month with only one connect the others were handled by the answer service via meeting info. No news on the bill yet again this month.

Have had 2 reports of the "new" AA television adds seen during prime time on local stations. WHOOP WHOOP  
Now have to investigate who is paying for them or if area was able to get them as no cost PSA's

Hope all of you had as much fun and kinship as i had this past holiday season. Looking forward to more peace, serenity, and fellowship this coming year.

Thanks for allowing me to serve  
Kenny Dalton

### **Treatment: Vacant**

### **Workshops: Gerry R.**

Another slow month for Workshops. Turns out it was a wise move not to schedule anything during Christmas. I just had a gut feeling people would have other things going on.

I am still considering holding another GSR Workshop in late-February/early-March, though I would like to get a sense of how many would be willing to attend. Please let me know if this would be something you would be interested in attending.

I did some very preliminary communicating with Shawn on the Professional's Workshop and will have more on that next month.

It's January in Montana folks, stay warm, stay safe.

What a joy to be sober today, and what a privilege to be of service –

thank you for both Gerry

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

Happy New Year everyone! The big District event last month was the bookstore and archives move! Great job to Karla and everyone who took the time to find the new space, work with the landlords and get everything moved! You all did a really great job and I know it took a lot of work. I met a newcomer that had helped with the move and he felt really good. I love that.

It is my second year of the rotation and I am grateful to be of service to all of you. I got to many different meetings to talk about the general service structure in 2015, but still have more to do. I look forward to some road trips when the snow clears up.

Thank-you to Carol and Bryan who open up the building for this meeting and generally keep us all on track. I appreciate your help and your time very much.

That's it for this month.

Rebecca

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

None

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

Change of Pace meets at 200pm on Sundays , still in the basement but hoping to "see the light " soon upstairs.

Thursday Night Meeting of the Mind is no longer meeting

### **Old Business:**

1. Answering Service- questions and discussion about double billing and whether or not to keep both the local number and the 800 number. Motion to table any action on Answering Service until Ken could conduct and provide some more detailed information.
2. Motion Made to Accept the "Concepts Revision" idea – Motion Passed
3. Motion Made to create a separate Checking Account for the annual Attitude of Gratitude- Motion Passed

### **New Business:**

1. Treatment Facilities Chair is still open.
2. 2016 AOG Chair is now open.
3. New GSR's- Paul Baker from Big Book Breakfast and Bill Grossman from Sat men's Meeting.

The \_\_\_January \_\_\_District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ \_\_\_731pm\_\_\_.

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