

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2016

The January District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Peg. There were 12 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 4 was read by Chris B. Concept 5 will be presented on **May 5th** by **Rebecca**.

**Archives: Claudia B.**

Big news this month is that we have purchased a very large second-hand filing cabinet from Helena Food Share, whose offices are just down the hall from the Lit Store and Archives. The filing cabinet is about 5' 4" tall and about 4' wide. It has four drawers for hanging files and a large shelf at the top. (I have picture on my phone courtesy of Karla and would be happy to show it to you.)

Helena Food Share asked for a donation for the filing cabinet. I offered \$50 and the person I was speaking to politely grimaced, saying that they felt \$50 was too low. I then bumped up to \$100 and that is what I paid them.

We had five volunteers who showed up to help move the cabinet - thank you so much to them!

I will be attending Area Assembly this weekend and will attend the Archives Committee Meeting there.

Thanks for letting me serve!!

Claudia

**Bridging the Gap: Patricia H.**

No Report

**Corrections: Shawn N.**

- L&C Men's- Dave C. Still in need of a few volunteers. Ryan D. approved to take meetings into the jail.
- L&C Women's- Tina S. All's going well. Great participation from residents.
- Boulder- Dale K. Needs a few volunteers.
- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B. Needs more volunteers. Issue with resident's cards. Discussion on cards resolved.
- MSP- Gary E. September conference. Policy updates, by facility, regarding relationship between volunteers and inmates. M.S.P. to get up to date list of approved volunteers.
- P&P- Bill G. New P&P coordinator
- 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 April 18, 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 A.**

Not much activity at this point. I will be attending the Spring Assembly.

**Grapevine: Bill P.**

1. Attended pre-assembly in Boulder on 4/2/2016. No significant news regarding Grapevine. Due to time constraints Area 40 Grapevine Chair (Chris W.) did not have time to do his presentation. I briefly discussed Grapevine news with Chris after meeting.

2. Have a few issues of the April, 2016 Grapevine for sale. This month's theme is: "Relapse." Good article on group autonomy on Tradition 4.

3. Will be attending Sat Grapevine Session at Area 40 Assembly on April 9.

4. Took in \$150 with Grapevine books this month. Most of sales were at Pockets of Enthusiasm.

5. Grapefest event is scheduled for Sat, June 25, 2016. Event will start at 2 PM and go to around 5 PM. Potluck followed by speakers:

Libbie L. - Area 40 delegate

Connie R. - Former District 61 Grapevine Chair

Peg F. - Local AA speaker

District will supply chicken and speakers are subject to change. Will be making flyers and taking them to Lewistown this weekend.

6. Today's Grapevine Quote:

"Sometimes taking somebody else's inventory can be most beneficial. When I was doing my Fourth Step, an old-timer suggested I list the names of those against whom I held resentments, followed by two or three sentences describing what they had done to earn my displeasure. Then, after putting the list aside for a day, I was to cross off each person's name and replace it with my own."  
Renton, Washington, October 1987

"Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall", Step By Step

7. Will be resigning Grapevine Chair position after Grapefest event.

Bill P.

District 61, Grapevine Chair

**Literature Store: Karla F.**

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, we now have over 20 volunteers who are working diligently on your behalf of having the AA Conference approved books and pamphlets available. This month, we did place another large order for folks that are waiting for cases of books to purchase. We took in \$266.30 in sales this month.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Karla

P.S.- We have some old Service Manuals available to purchase for \$1.00

**Mega-Committee- Shawn N. –****Attendees:** 12 present

- Flier has been posted to the Area 40 web site.
- Mailing list for invitations is in the making
- Menu has been set: Taco bar.
- Speakers: Mark Sullivan has accepted to be a professional speaker. AA possibilities are in the making.
- Committee's decision to give Alanon a position at the speakers table was put on hold. This will be looked at in new business at the next Mega meeting.
- Looking for assistance in volunteers for help in the kitchen and for set-up/tear down. See Dale K.
- Gerry R. will have envelopes for ticket sales at the next meeting. \$10.00 per ticket. Professionals are invited at no charge. If interested in selling tickets be at the next Mega meeting.
- Will ask Kevin to provide AV again this year.
- Looking for an Emcee for the event.

**Next Mega meeting is April 11 at 5:30pm in the Wilson House. Everyone is welcome.**

Thank you and at your service  
Shawn Nelson

**Public Information/Answering Service- Ken D.**

BEEN A CRAZY PAST MONTH WITH WORK AND EMPLOYEE ISSUES.  
IM WORKING ON GETTING THE SPRING SUMMER SCHEDULES TO THE PRINTER SOON.

RACKS HAVE BEEN UNCHECKED FOR THE LAST MONTH AS I've had PI voluntary issue as well. Hoping to get some racks checked/stocked this month. Thanks for the help on keeping the ones that you have seen low and informing me.

PS as a reminder to all GSR's your meeting racks and their inventory is "Your" responsibility as the groups representative  
not a PI issue.

**Answering Service**

had 4 calls last month 2 for meeting info  
1 for ride  
1 2 a.m. for help on a Saturday got through on 3rd attempt (not bad)

thanks for letting me serve  
ken dalton

**Treatment: Carly G.**

Have made contact calls to Boyd Andrews to organize speakers and I have received the New Treatment Facilities Workbook.

**Workshops: Gerry R.**

I wouldn't say that the month of March was stupid, boring and glum, but it sure was slow. I have nothing to report other than I am very much looking forward to heading off to Area Assembly tomorrow. I will be heading out about 3:00 and have room for a couple riders if anyone is in need. Please see me after the meeting.

Believe it or not, now is the time to start considering which position we might be interested in standing for in the upcoming elections. They will be here sooner than you think. Also, it's a good time to approach people who you think might do a good job in replacing you and encouraging them to stand, as well as looking around and seeing who you think might do a good job in any of the other positions, in your home group, district 61, and Area 40. This Assembly will be the last chance to see many of them before you're voting next fall.

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

Gerry R

**District Committee Member (DCM) Rebecca S.**

The West Central Regional Service Conference in Bismarck was another good weekend of AA love and service. The item I think that had the most discussion both in Bismarck and at the Pre-Assembly in Boulder last Saturday is the request to the literature committee for a "plain language" Big Book. The request was made by a man in a remote community in northern Canada where the first language is a native language. There is information in the background material on the table. This will be discussed at the Assembly this weekend. If you do not have time to take it back to your group, remember that you are the trusted servant. Weigh the information and vote with your informed conscience.

I attended two meetings this month in my quest to get to all the meetings in the schedule.

If you are a committee chair and cannot make it to Lewistown, please be sure someone is representing you. Many of our committee chairs were present for the Pre-Assembly and some were not. It is important that you attend Assembly because you are the representative from District 61 on the corresponding Area committee.

There are a couple great AA learning opportunities coming up. First the Big Book Awakening workshop next Saturday, April 16, at the Wilson House from 1:30-5:30. The following weekend, April 23, is the 12x12 study at Great Falls. Find flyers on the [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) website.

See you all in lovely Lewistown.

Thank-you for letting me serve.

Rebecca

**Treasurer Report: Eric G.**

Attached to email via Email

**Questions for committee members:**

Lots of questions about upcoming events and flyers

**Group Reports and Announcements:**

Insanely Sober Women- attendance has been very low and if there is not an improvement the meeting will close down next month.- Barb

Stream of Life- Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at the Wilson House. Tuesday is a Literature Topic Meeting And Thursday is a 12 X 12 Study. – Rebecca

**Old Business:**

Election of 2016 Attitude of Gratitude Chairperson- No nominations received

**New Business:**

Discussion of the General Service Conference Agenda item- Development & Printing of a “plain language” AA Big Book.

Idea presented to conduct a Post Assembly Sharing session, where the Committee Chairs who had attended the Assembly would be given an opportunity to share with the District members the information they received, discussed and voted on at the Assembly. Workshops chair Gerry R. said he would research the possibility of organizing such a meeting. An name for the session could be –

**P**ost  
**A**ssembly  
**I**nformation  
**D**ump



**PAID**

The \_\_\_April \_\_District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ \_\_729\_\_\_\_pm\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the \_April 7<sup>th</sup> District 61 Business Meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/New GSR's :**

**Kelly Smail is New GSR for We Care Group- meets everyday at Noon at the Alano Club**

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