

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

June 2nd, 2016

The January District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by **Chris** . . . There were **14** 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 **6** was read by **Debra S.** . . . Concept **7** will be presented on **July 7th by Lonnie M.**

Archives: Claudia B.

We had an Archives Committee meeting yesterday June 1st. Deborah and Jessica were able to attend and we got great work done. Attitude of Gratitude files are sorted by year and gathered in one spot. We started going through financial records and sorting out what to keep and what we don't need to keep, and we were also able to begin getting district meeting minutes and other business into the filing cabinet.

We have so much filing space now and our goal is to get everything that is currently in boxes into a file in the filing cabinets. (current filing in cabinet ends at 2007)

The bottom drawer of the new filing cabinet has jammed and won't open... some of the rods for other hanging file drawers are in that bottom drawer and I think they got stuck when the cabinet was moved. We are looking for some help from anyone who would like to try to pry it open. (I have not been able to.) Please pass the word.

Archives meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month at the Lit store at 5 pm. Please come and join in the filing. (next meeting will be Weds July 6th)

Thanks for letting me serve!

Claudia

Attitude Of Gratitude: Laurie C.

The Attitude of Gratitude committee met on 5/27/16 at 7:00 at the Alano Club. All committees are covered at this time. Tim M. is co-chair, Elizabeth P. is Treasurer, Diane M. and Melanie S. are hospitality, Lana C. is registration, and Marshel B. and Richie S. are greeters. Terry S. is workshops. Dale K. is raffle. Please contact me or any of these people if you are interested in helping.

The Colonial has been reserved for Sunday, November 20. We've been having discussions with Colonial staff regarding the evening banquet, and are looking at doing one of the buffets in an effort to keep the costs down.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday June 30th at 7:00. We had planned on meeting at Perkins but they now charge for using their rooms so we are meeting at the First Baptist Church 201 Eighth Avenue where the Wednesday night group meets.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Laurie C.

Bridging the Gap: Patricia H.

Another month and all is well. I am scheduled to go to WATCH and the BTG presentation next Monday (June 5th) . Connections Corrections is not letting us in the facility at this time to do our presentation because of an internal audit but forms are being filled out and are being mailed to me. So the gap is being bridged. I have also received a couple of completed forms from the Elkhorn Treatment Center that have been taken care of.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Patricia

Corrections: Shawn N.

- L&C Men's- Dave C. Could use at least one more volunteer. Facility going out of their way to allow us to have meetings
- L&C Women's- Tina S. No report.
- Boulder- Dale K. Needs a few volunteers. Having trouble getting in. No alcohol related inmates. Kee and Alberto Awaiting approval.
- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B. Needs more volunteers.
- MSP- Gary E. September mini-conference.
- P&P- Bill G. No report
- 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!!!
- We had a very short meeting due to the Workshop. However, business was as usual.

Next CC meeting is June 20, 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.

Attended the Mega Committee on May 21st and will talk with Debra K. soon.

Grapevine: Bill P.

Grape-fest event on for Sat, June 25, 2016 at Wilson House. Starts at 2 PM with potluck followed by speakers. District will supply chicken. Libby L will be giving her delegate report followed by Connie R. (former District 61 grapevine chair) and Peg F. (local speaker). Flyers on table for distribution. Need 3 volunteers to help to set up and take down. Tables need to be set up, dishes & cutlery put out and coffee made. Volunteers please show up at Wilson House at noon. Interested volunteers please provide me with your phone numbers.

2. Sold \$34 of grapevine books at bookstore this past month. Will have complete table of grapevine books at grape-fest.

3. Today's Grapevine Quote:

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"As we listen to one another's anxieties and problems, we understand that it's not what's happening to you ... it is how you cope with it, survive it, and don't give up and drink over it ... dashed career hopes, unrequited love, crippling disease, poverty, approaching death. Together we face it, equipped only with the vast, previously undiscovered resources of power within us, which faced and conquered alcoholism for us."

Saratoga, Calif., August 1985

"Beyond the Generation Gap", The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA

4. My resignation will be final after the Grape-fest event. I will be putting grapevine materials in District 61 bookstore. I can provide details of position for anyone interested. I can be contacted at 406-4522-0530

Please to serve.

Bill P.

Literature Store: Karla F.

As of May 31, 2016, the AA bookstore has brought in \$267.40, and the utility bill was \$37.30 for the month.

Come in and join us for stimulating conversation and there always will be candy on the desk to have with your coffee.

PS. Alanon is now open 3 days a week.

In Service,, karla flanders

Mega-Committee- Shawn N. –

First things is first. I want to thank everyone that assisted in the planning and for their participation in the greatest show on Earth, well maybe not the greatest but it was still one hell of a show!!! A special Thanks to Richard and Linda P. for a wonderful lunch. OUTSTANDING JOB!!!!!!!

Second, I want to thank all the speakers. Without your honored presence this workshop would not have been possible.

Third, we had a very successful workshop. It goes as follows:

Attendance: 85 (Approximately) Professional attendance was up.

Funds: Total = \$770.00

Expenses: Registration = \$90,98

Food = \$337.50

Church rental = \$175.00

Net total: \$172.00, To be given to District 61

Thank you and at your service
Shawn Nelson

Public Information/Answering Service- Ken D.

New schedules are printed and we have a new member on the committee--- Andy ..

Treatment: Carly G.

Not too busy this month, I broke my big toe and it is healing. Have not heard back from Boyd Andrews about speakers, am coordinating with MCDC and the Browning Treatment Center

Workshops: Gerry R.

Hopefully, most of you are aware, we finally have the Post Assembly Information Dump scheduled for next Wednesday, June 8th, right here in this room. This event is intended to be our effort to complete the circle of communication between the Groups and the Area Assembly. Reports will be given by each District committee chair on what transpired in their respective committees at the Assembly with regard to the agenda items presented during the preassembly in March and the Assembly in April.

We will work straight off of the agenda, just like we did at both the preassembly and Assembly. I have copies of the agenda on hand tonight for any committee chairs who would like one to review in preparation for their report next week. Please see me after district for a copy.

This event is being held later than it should be due to my negligence and inattention, and I feel it necessary to make amends to the District for not following through on this and scheduling it earlier, as I said I would. I feel it is still very important to hold this event for the first time, to make it easier to hold it for the second time, and each time after that. I make no excuses for the delay however and am willing to do what I need to, to make it right. Let me know what that might be.

Last month I also participated with the Corrections/Treatment Workshop planning committee and attended the event on the 21st. As usual, things came off great and attendance was impressive to say the least. Thank you to all those who served on the committee, it was a privilege to work with you.

An interesting note, during our planning of the workshop, the committee had the opportunity to enter into a lively discussion about AA's singleness of purpose. I absolutely love working with all the passionate people in AA, and this case was no exception. I struggled to express my view on Tradition 5 as articulately as I would have liked to and, as usual, found, after the fact, a very eloquent statement by Bill W. in AA Comes of Age. P. 232. which addresses it so succinctly. I thought I'd share it here. In this statement I think Bill captures Tradition 5 in a nutshell:

"Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody." AACoA P.232

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

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District Committee Member (DCM) Rebecca S.

This past month I visited the Fellowship Group to see my buddy Mike pick up his 53 year chip. He was 8 months sober when I was born! It was an honor to be able to honor him. And, I can cross the Fellowship Group off of meetings that I need to visit.

The Corrections-Treatment workshop was fantastic. The Corrections community really appreciates our efforts! It was great to hear. Awesome job to the committee and all the speakers.

June is slamming busy for me personally, so I won't be available very much. I will not be able to attend Grapefest. My apologies to Bill and the committee. I am sure it will be a great workshop too.

Thank-you for letting me serve.

Rebecca

Treasurer Report: Eric G.

No report submitted

Questions for committee members:

Lots of questions....

Group Reports and Announcements:

Last Chance Group- Summer Campout June 10 & 11 and Riverside Campground not Vigilante

Recovery Speaks has new leadership- Dave is coordinating speakers, Connie R is Treasurer, Clancy is PR and Flyers

Old Business:

Setting up a checking account for AOG.

New Business:

Looking for volunteers to attend the WATCH Meeting on the First Friday of the month. Members meet at the Real Food Store at 5:15 to coordinate a ride. Not much in the way of a background check required but you do need a VALID Form of ID to get in the facility.

The ___June District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ _____pm___.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the _June 2nd District 61 Business Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS/New GSR's :

Deb from the 900am On Awakening Group from the Alano Club

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