

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

July 7th, 2016

The July District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by **Chris** _____. There were **12** G.S.R.'s present representing district groups, and **17** committee members / chairs present.

The calendar and meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Concept **7** was read by **Allen M.** . . Concept **8** will be presented on **Aug 4th by Shawn N.**

Archives: Claudia B.

A minor miracle took place at the Archives yesterday. I (Claudia) was able to get the bottom drawer unstuck! Thanks to Sean for suggesting that I approach the problem by reaching into the stuck drawer from the drawer above. The whole cabinet is now available for use.

We had a great meeting yesterday after the miracle(!) and a great deal of filing/storage was done. (I left with about five empty boxes to put in recycling). Thank you to Lindsay and Jessica for their great help.

Archives meetings are being held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at the Literature Store at 5pm. Our next meeting will be Weds August 3rd.

Grateful to serve,

Claudia B.

Attitude Of Gratitude: Laurie C.

AOG Committee met on June 30th. We were provided with a schedule of job responsibilities for the different positions and that information will be emailed to all committee members. We set up a schedule to have different tasks done. We had a discussion on whether there will be a separate checking account for the event. There was some disagreement on what D61 decided to so I'd like to get a better sense of it tonite. I went to the Alanon District and they voted not to have a separate Alanon luncheon. There have been no volunteers yet for the Alanon participation. We did discuss and vote on the main AA Speaker (Jeff M.- Free for Lunch) and the Emcee.

Next meeting will be July 21 at 7:00pm at the First Baptist Church.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Laurie C.

Bridging the Gap: Patricia H.

No report

Corrections: Shawn N.

- L&C Men's- Dave C. Out of town. Thanks to Patricia for her Dave impersonation. 3rd quarter scheduling was done.
- L&C Women's- Tina S. All's well No problems.
- Boulder- Dale K. Needs a few volunteers. A few volunteers stepped down. Kee and Alberto awaiting approval.

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- Helena Pre-Release- Larry B. Needs more volunteers. Meetings going well.
- MSP- Gary E. No report
- 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!!!
- Tom S. was approved to take meetings into the Pre-Release.

Next CC meeting is July 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.

Hello everyone sorry that I haven't kept in very good contact with everyone. I guess I do still run into a few of you around, at the same time I moved out to Townsend and as usual I am buried in work. I hope to be able to make my regular meetings hear soon. I do know how important it is to keep my priorities to god meetings and sponsorship. probibaly even more when you live a busy scattered life. I did see some of you at the

Thank you for your time, grape fest.

Derek A.

Grapevine: Bill P.

I am sending this report to be put into the minutes of the upcoming District 61 meeting on Jul 7.

Per my earlier notes my resignation is final.

The Grape-Fest was held on Sat, Jun 25, 2016. The event was very well attended with an estimated 45 attendees.

Area 40 delegate Libbie L. gave a fantastic hour plus presentation and covered all pertinent issues discussed at the recent GSO conference in NY.

Connie R. (ex District 61 Grapevine Chair) discussed her experiences over the years regarding the Grapevine. She provided some good insights on how the Grapevine is a great tool for "carrying the message."

Peg F. (local speaker) gave a nice talk about her experience in recovery.

Bill P. summarized Grapevine information discussed at the Area 40 conference in Lewistown in April, 2016.

Special kudos to all who helped set up and clean up after the event. I couldn't have done it without help!

Grapevine book sales totaled \$112.70 at the Grape-fest event
7th Tradition receipts totaled \$82.25
All funds mailed to District 61 Treasurer.

All grapevine materials are now in boxes by the grapevine display at the District 61 bookstore. At least

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one copy of all "in-print" books are in inventory.

I am available at 406-422-0530 to discuss details with my successor.

It has been a pleasure to serve.

Bill P.

Literature Store: Karla F.

Howdy All, June was another booming month at the bookstore. We made \$406.40..yahoo
Our volunteers are amazing and doing just great showing up and doing their thing..
Do drop by and visit and if not to delve into our sweets and take a rest in our cubby corner, complete with music
and very soft chairs.
A reminder, we are open 5 days aweek..

In Service, Karla F.

Public Information/Answering Service- Ken D.

Good Evening fellow trudgers.

This summer has been extremely busy at my work YAAAA

(rumor has it that what sobriety brings) with that being said i am very grateful and excited to announce I have whole new PI committee.....

welcome aboard Riley B, Steve G. and Andy W.

you guys came on at the perfect time.....

Racks are being stocked and a few new ones have been placed out as well.

Answering service for may we had only one call in may and it was patched thru have had another call early June that i have a report on but haven't received any more info yet on Junes calls. the cost to the district for May was \$273.30 which means over our budget by \$23.30 (keep sending in continuations) our portion was \$1.87

I have new schedules still and will be working on doing a fall winter printing as we run out and it gets here.

Treatment: Carly G.

No report

Workshops: Gerry R.

The long awaited and heavily anticipated "Post Assembly Information Dump" was held, in this room, on June 8th. Those dedicated trusted servants who attended, braved a raging thunderstorm and torrential rain just to get in the door, proving once again that, when it comes to AA service work, some are truly sicker than others.

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I would like to thank our DCM Rebecca S., Archives Chair Claudia B., and Grapevine Chair, Bill P., for showing up and doing a great job of sharing reports on the activities of their committees at the Area Assembly. While the attendance was light, we all agreed that it was an informative discussion and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Now, I'm sure there are many here who are filled with unimaginable regret over having missed the workshop. All I can say is, take it easy on yourself, you'll get another chance in a next spring. If you want, you can see me after the meeting tonight and we'll reserve you a seat.

That's it for this month. As always, what a joy it is to be sober today, and what a privilege to be of service. Thank you for both.

District Committee Member (DCM) Rebecca S.

Greetings all.

Recently I found a little video I made of the crowd at the big meeting in the Georgia Dome from last year's International Convention. Remember, if you start now by saving 1-2\$ per day, you will have enough to go in 2020.

Since last month's report, I have been trying to keep up with my own meeting attendance between work, sponsees and playing in the Montana summer. That is a nice way of saying, I haven't done squat. Ha ha.

Thank-you for letting me serve.

Rebecca

Treasurer Report: Eric G.

Report attached to email

Questions for committee members:

Group Reports and Announcements:

Steve R. is new GSR for Homeward Bound Meeting (5:30pm meeting at the Club)
 Change of Pace- Aug 20th (Saturday) Picnic following the meeting
 White Sulphur Springs- New Speaker Meeting First Friday of the Month
 Wilson House Float Trip Saturday August 6th

Old Business:

District 61 agreed to setting up a checking account for AOG. Eric will Coordinate with AOG Chair Laurie.

New Business:

Need a New Grapevine Committee Chair

The ___July 7th District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ __7:08____pm__.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the _July 7th District 61 Business Meeting.