

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

Aug 4th, 2016

The July District 61 A.A. Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by **Claudia**. There were 9 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 8 was read by **Shawn N.** . . . Concept 9 will be by **Derek A.** presented on **Sept 1st**

Archives: Claudia B.

Attitude Of Gratitude: Laurie C.

The committee met on July 21. We have had a volunteer from Al-Anon, still waiting to see if her participation has been approved by Al-Anon.

Reviewed task worksheet and fliers. Discussed banquet meal and costs and will do further research. Checking account has been opened and seed money deposited. PO Box has been determined. Banquet MC and speaker have been chosen.

Our theme is "Carry the Message," and workshops will focus on carrying the message in Meetings, business meetings, in sponsorship, in relationships, in corrections and treatment.

Our next meeting will be August 25th at the First Baptist Church at 7:00.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Laurie C.

Bridging the Gap: Patricia H.

In the month of July we were not able to go to WATCH for our presentation because of July 4th. We are still not able to get into Connections Corrections for our BTG presentation but they are mailing the completed forms to me. So the Gap is being Bridged. All is well.

Thank you for letting me serve
Patricia

Corrections: Shawn N.

Lewis & Clark Men's

In need of more volunteers

Lewis & Clark Women's

Tina S – Next month's report is out. At capacity or over. Taking 45 minutes to get in to start meeting. Tina will call Grimace to try and work out a more fluid schedule. Have enough volunteers at the present time.

Boulder

Dale K – Waiting for jail commander to approve volunteers. Need a couple of more volunteers if possible. Also need a half-dozen big books.

Townsend

No report

Pre-Release

Larry B – Meetings are good. People are showing up, but could use more volunteers.

M.S.P.

Dale K (on behalf of Gary) Conference at MSP coming up on Sept 17th. Need volunteers (25) to attend. Takes six weeks for approval of volunteers.

P & P

No report

BTG

No report (See above for BTG report)

Volunteer Approvals

Stephanie A was approved

Old Business

Dave P was approved to be the committee secretary. Committee still needs a CO-CHAIR.

New Business

Shawn N noted the upcoming district elections and encouraged everyone to think about perspective candidates

As always, we welcome any and all A.A. members to attend our meetings. Meetings are held at the Wilson House at 5:30pm on the third Monday of each month.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Derek A.

Still working on getting the committee going.

Grapevine: Vacant

Literature Store: Karla F.

It was a very slow month, the District 61 Literature store only brought in \$172.45...

WE know this will change...

Lot of activity in the room, with guests, meetings, lively talks...so the Book Store was full of people, never the less..

In service, karla flanders

Public Information/Answering Service- Ken D.

Good evening I'm running like a chicken with my "Sober" head cut off tonight enjoying family up from Denver for my daughters wedding this Saturday. THANK YOU FOR MY SOBRIETY. All is well with our current racks being stocked. Haven't gotten the rack out to E Helena library as of yet. (Will be making that a top priority post wedding) Don't have a call help line report For this month. Thanks for allowing me to serve Kenny D

**Treatment: Carly G.
No report****Workshops: Gerry R.**

July was hot. August is hot. Nobody wants to go to a workshop when it's hot. Ergo, there were no workshops in July, and there will be no workshops in August.

That is all.

However, in other matters, next month, elections will be held in most Home Groups, at Area Assembly, and here in district 61. This, of course, means that it's time to decide what position you will be standing for next, and its also time to encourage others to stand for positions that you think they would do well in. We often end up here, at District, with positions left open for long periods of time. It's important to remember that, one of the last responsibilities we all have, regardless of the position we're in, is to help recruit, and encourage our replacements as they transition into the position. So much information and progress is lost during these times that could be of great benefit to those we're trying to carry our message to.

I encourage you all to take some time this month and reflect on your part in all the upcoming elections.

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

District Committee Member (DCM) Rebecca S.

Greetings all.

My time as the DCM is starting to wind down. District elections should be next month, I believe. If you are considering being the next District Committee Member, please let me know. I would be happy to meet for coffee and discuss the position.

The Area elections are next month as well. If you are interested in serving at the Area level, be sure to be at the Assembly in Lewistown on September 16-18. There is not an agenda yet for the Assembly, but the election will take a good part of it.

In my travels, I can tell you that although details are different from group to group, the message of AA keeps people sober. I was recently in Bend, OR where I went to two groups, each very different from the other. Just like here! What do you know!

I am grateful today for what you all have given me and what I try to give back.

Thank-you for letting me serve. Rebecca

Treasurer Report: Eric G.

Report attached to email

Questions for committee members:

No orientation required for WATC just need a valid / current form of ID. Men & Women allowed.

Group Reports and Announcements:

Bookstore Chairperson is a lifetime appointment according to Karla ??????

Change of Pace celebrating 7 Years as a group on August 20th .

Old Business:

Election of Grapevine Chair- No Nominations Received

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New Business:

Motion made to Delete the 406-443-0438 phone number from the Answering Service Account.
Motion Passed. Mark will coordinate with Ken on getting this done.

The ___Aug 4th District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ ___7:12___pm___.

Respectfully submitted by Bryan Sharp for the _Aug 4th District 61 Business Meeting.