

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

Feb 1, 2024

Opening: The February 1, 2024 District 61 AA Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call and the reading of the Twelve Traditions by Amy. There were 12 GSRs present representing district groups, and 12 committee members/chairs present.

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants and Venmo information was provided for those online.

Concept: Concept 2 was read by Alexandria.

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the January meeting.

The calendar was reviewed and approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

Hello District 61 members. Here is the January recap for the District:

Income for last month totaled \$292.00. Breakdown is as follows:

7 th Tradition	\$75.00
Literature Sales	\$217.00
Group Contributions	\$100.00

Our expenses totaled \$645.60. Breakdown is:

Literature Store - Power	\$63.53
Literature Store - Rent	\$185.00
Church Rent	\$50.00
Printing PI	126.27
Archives reimbursement	\$44.80
BTG PO Box	\$176.00

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$1,973.96 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$2,922.62 in District funds.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Kim Aiken

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DCM

Heeeeeeyyyyy District 61!!!

I don't have a whole lot to report tonight. I did meet with Amy, Wendy and Kim as an ad hoc committee to make some pink canned decisions but I am sure Amy will report on that.

I am registered to attend the West Central regional conference via zoom on March 1 through the third so at our next business meeting I'll be reporting back with all that awesome info!

And I just wanted to remind everyone that spring assembly is coming up April 5-7 so make sure to add that to your calendar and get ready for info on booking a room in advance. I will let you all know when I Get any information on the preassembly. Also, today is the last day to add a proposed agenda item.

Love, Krissy

Committee Reports:

Archives:

No activity at this point.

Bryan S.

Bridging the Gap:

No contacts made this month, but a few upcoming out of MCDC and Elkhorn. We are meeting soon for future planning on National BTG in Sept in Missoula

Karri

Corrections:

Good evening district 61 this is your January corrections report. January was great and also busy! We had a mini corrections workshop January 20th at the Wilson house, that went great! January 19th we had PREA training at the prerelease and few showed up for that. The Lewis and Clark county jail men side is going great as well as the women's. I just talked to TJ who does the boulder jail by himself on Tuesdays and that is going well. I still could use a couple guys to go down there with him. I also just talked to Diana with the Townsend jail and they are doing great also. Russ is doing great with the prerelease and we have another person to join him on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Gary said the prison is going good and they are still planning on having a mini conference the last Saturday of September. Looking forward to the corrections meeting this coming Monday at the Wilson house. We are getting deep into the planning phase of the mega workshop in May!

Thank you for letting me serve, Jamey C

CPC

We are mounting a plan to reach out to the clergy and religious leaders. Stay tuned. We will also participate in the plans and attend the Corrections/Treatment Workshop in May.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Hi all,

Show of hands from GSRs who had members download the Grapevine app in January? How and Why of it appear to be getting a pizza party if they keep it up. My homegroup had 6 new downloads.

Fun Fact from the Quarterly Report from GSO: *The AA Grapevine App currently sits at number 32 on the Apple Top 200 Newspaper and Magazine App Charts.* That was the first quarter that the app was live.

Thank you to all who announced the Grapevine app download challenge in their meetings.

With love, Rebecca

Literature

Sales for January totaled \$217. All sales this month were to groups and individuals.

All service positions are currently filled! Thank you to those who carried the message about open shifts.

I'll be making another book order in the coming weeks so please let me know if your group needs a case or any specific books.

If you need a case of books, please let me know so I can make sure the store remains stocked for the newcomer. You can reach me at 406-293-1486.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Katelyn S
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Public Information/Answering Service:

Open Position

Treatment

Hello District 61! Thank you for presenting this material to your groups as follows. Meetings as listed:

MCDC- Treatment facility in Butte. Held the 1st Saturday of the month. Meeting is at 630pm. Meet at Albertsons at 5pm on Fee street. Please contact Amy N, Tom F., or Jon C to get you on the volunteer list. 1-2 year sob requirement. Please know this time of year warrants winter conditions.

BHU- Weekly meeting on Tuesdays at the BHU in St Peters Helena. Meeting starts at 630 pm. Please contact Anya or Amy N if interested in a Tuesday. 1-2 year sob requirement.

Elkhorn- This is a weekly meeting on Saturdays at 1030 at the women's treatment center in Boulder that our coordinator Jan has asked me to announce. Please contact Amy N or Jan and we will get you on a rotating list. This requires a PREA training prior that Shawn Frederick does on Mondays a 4 at the pre release. (Interesting and well done). 1-2 year sob requirement.

Boyd Andrews- Monthly speaker meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9 and 10am. Share your story to these groups!

Warm Springs Anaconda-(D wing Mondays and Wednesdays) please contact myself if interested in this Area. Butte District 71 has mainly been covering this area but could always use new peeps! Aaron states they also take meetings into WATCH CCP West on Wednesdays. He also states could use people!

*1-2 year sobriety requirement includes actively working with a sponsor and the steps. Also, if someone has 1 year of active sobriety (working with sponsor and steps), they can attend MCDC with someone with longer time.

Ryan has graciously come to this District meeting and has inquired for help with an AA onsite VA meeting. Thank you for presenting this and your help in our community and AA.

Corrections/Treatment workshop with be May 4th. Mark you calendars! Ideas for speakers who have been through the system and now thriving in the professional community, welcome. We have brainstormed some, as well as contacting speakers for this event. I have meet with Lyndsay Smith (social worker, counselor, amongst many other hats, in this community) and she loves the idea of speaking and attending. I will be writing up a general format for her and our mission and ideas of fostering a relationship between AA and the outside community, thus helping the person in need. How can we work together in doing this. Our next Mega Mtg is February 5th. You are welcome to attend. Krissy is working on a most beautiful flyer! I have the name tags that are lanyard style and multiple items for last year.

The Corrections workshop was GREAT. I loved the information and heart. WOW, our trusted servants are wonderful. From his story to everything he does. A big thanks for the education on the Pink can. I am making a few cans. At our last Ad hoc meeting that included our Area chair, we have decided, that the groups utilizing the pink can, can have their GSR bring the collected can funds to District. We now have Pink Can as a line item that the funds will be added to. Example: If someone asks for our help wit books, and it's a DOC facility, we can say "how much is in the budget?" and go get the books for them. If the money resource gets to a certain amount, we will make a split. **GROUPS CAN SEND MONEY DIRECTLY TO OUR AREA CHAIR ALSO.** They have a certain amount of funds as well when we reach out for help for

others. This whole solution of the Pink can came about when a facility asked for help with books. This we know, is a DOC facility. This is a meeting I happen to be involved with. I am so thankful we all came together and found a solution for them with the hand of AA. This being a Corrections area, I am peacing out of the Pink Can. Thank you, our trusted servants and some of my close teachers in this area: Hugh, Mark, Trevor, local Treatment chairs (Aaron, Chris),our District peops, everyone! AND ALL of your patience. For all of this education, fostering relationships, and most important, AA helping when asked. Helping within our Traditions also. Much love.

I am excited for attending the West Central Regional Service Conference via zoom Saturday and Sunday. The conference is March 1-3, Pockets 15th and 16th and Spring Assembly April 5-7.

Just a suggestion when announcing events. We can add it to the website and click 'all Districts'. Then the word will spread further for events such as workshops.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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Savanah: 1-747-244-8507 Dave P.:415-342-5195

Tom F.: 406-438-1844 Kari: 406-371-6959

Jon C.: 406-603-0953 Jan Z.: 406-459-0970

Workshops

January we had Mark H. from Area 40 come and sit on a panel with our District 61 Corrections committee to discuss how they carry the message into various facilities in our district. Mark discussed the pink can, as well as other topics we have been discussing as a district. The information was useful and presented very well. Thank you Jamey, for being willing to step out and do this workshop! The next one on the calendar is May 4 for the Tx/Corrections workshop.

Planning for the 2024 Attitude of Gratitude will start in April to give the committee plenty of time to put on a fabulous conference. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping on the committee, please talk with me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Karla I.

Tech Support

Ad-Hoc committee met and created job description for Tech Support. This will be discussed under new business. The Zoom account is set to renew this month and to avoid further issues, we will discontinue this account and create a new account under the new tech email.

Group Reports

Deborah (Its in the Book Group) – Announced upcoming speakers. Also Pockets of Enthusiasm is coming in March 15-16th. Flyers to pass out. Don and Eileen L from out of town and Katelyn and Nate from our very own District. QR Code to register.

Karla – recovery speak – Father Dan will be speaking on Spirituality of Recovery on Feb. 2nd.

Old Business:

2024 budgets – Motion by Keith; Seconded by Paul – Unanimity; 2024 Budget passed.

Ad-Hoc Tech job description was presented. Alexandria motioned to pass the job description and Katelyn seconded the motion. Heard from minority opinion. Need to address how information gets to Areas for District 61 mini-website. Tabled with possible ad-hoc committee to be created. Was not approved

PI Chair open position – Rebecca nominated Dawn. Dawn provided her service history in AA and length of sobriety. Jon nominated Dave. Dave provided his service history in AA and years of sobriety. Voted and Dawn is the new PI Chair.

Pink Can was discussed during the Amy’s Treatment report. Any Pink Can funds should be given to District Treasurer and noted as Pink Can funds.

New Business:

Ryan – Veterans to Veterans meeting was held wasn’t on VA property, but since Ryan now works there, he had to step out of the meeting and the meeting ceased. Ryan wants a new meeting be actual VA facility. If it is, will need help getting volunteers and begin meeting.

The Feb 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:40 pm.

Keith will present on Concert 2 at next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Donahoe for the Feb. 2024 District 61 Business Meeting.