

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

Jan. 4, 2024

Opening: The January 4, 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 16 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 12 was read by Merida.

Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the December meeting.

The calendar was reviewed and approved, with a minor change.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

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

Income for last month totaled \$861.95. Breakdown is as follows:

7th Tradition \$21.00

Literature Sales \$431.75

Group Contributions \$409.20

Our expenses totaled \$1,211.98. Breakdown is:

Literature Store - Power \$63.53

Literature Store - Rent \$185.00

Church Rent \$50.00

Literature Orders \$869.09

Grapevine reimbursement \$44.36

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$2,227.56 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$3,176.19 in District funds.

Just a reminder that we have a new Treasurer email address. It is district61aatreasurer@gmail.com. Please use this email for all communications with the Treasurer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Kim Aiken

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DCM

Heeeeeeyyyyyy District 61!!!

Happy new year to you all!

Kim, Nate and I met this week and got together a proposed budget for 2024. Starting the year off on the ball! Kim is going to talk about this in new business but if you are a committee chairperson with a budget and you have any questions about how the money is allocated please ask, or if you foresee any changes that your budget might require, please let us know! And of course GSR's please take this proposed budget back to your Homegroup to discuss.

I have made a final decision on my travel plans to West Central regional in Minot North Dakota. That being me in sweat pants with snacks at Jessica K's house via zoom. Although the in person experience is always better, the efficient travel would be quite costly and the cheaper way would add on three extra days of traveling.

Also a reminder that there is still one more day to participate in the area 40 sharing session on zoom. Next Thursday from 6 to 8 pm. This is to discuss our current financial situation and peoples thoughts on how we should treat original writings. Every member of AA is encouraged to attend. The Helena district sent out the flyer last month, but if you were having trouble finding the login information, just let me know.

I hope 2024 is a fantastic year of sobriety for all... Love, Krissy

Committee Reports:

Archives:

No activity at this point.

Bryan S.

Bridging the Gap:

Not a lot to report this month. O dp have a lot of connections out of Elkhorn that will be needed starting in Feb and until July. IveKari.

Corrections:

Good evening District 61. This is your December corrections report. Lewis and Clark County jail men's and women's sides are going great. We got books! The Boulder Jail is going great with TJ working that. Would be nice to have a couple volunteers to go down there. The prerelease is going well. Also, just talked to Russ. He's been going the first and third Wednesdays. Would be nice to have a volunteer or 2 for the prerelease also. The Townsend jail is also going great. I gave them a case of big books last week. Gary is out of town and did not make the corrections meeting Monday So I'm not sure about the prison, but I'm sure it is going well. Monday night we planning for the mega committee workshop and got a lot discussed and planned!

Thank you for allowing me to serve! Jamey C

CPC

The committee's agenda includes

- Sending a letter to a discrete profession offering to talk to them about AA.
- Appointments with designated professionals with whom we've had dealings to discuss meeting in person and/or making a CPC presentation
- Outlining and presenting a workshop at the Wilson House akin to the Corrections workshop at the Wilson House later this month
- Drafting a down-and-dirty 'Guide to Speaking With Professionals' based on CPC literature and our experience.
- Building infrastructure for the committee so we can pass on something solid next year (e.g. list+contact info for professional, and calendar of 'events')

Thanks for letting me serve.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Hi all,

Something came up and I am sorry I am missing you all.

The January Grapevine Challenge starts tonight! Please announce to your homegroups:

The Grapevine app can be downloaded from the Google or Apple store. Much of the content is free including the very entertaining podcast. For those who want more, subscribing is low cost: \$2.99/month or \$29.99 annually. The AA Delegate for Montana, Kasie, has offered to refund \$3 to anyone who subscribes and doesn't like it.

So, download and use the free content, or subscribe and have the free content and the Grapevine magazine on your phone. There is nothing to lose and serenity to be gained.

Can't think of a topic when you are chairing a meeting? Check your Grapevine app. Need a quick pick-me-up when you are having a day? Read the quote of the day on the Grapevine app.

But wait, there's more! Let me know at the February meeting how many members downloaded (they don't have to subscribe) the Grapevine app. The group with the most sign ups will get a pizza party, compliments of your District Grapevine representative.

This is an honest program and this contest is on the honor system.

"Clear vision for tomorrow comes only after a real look at yesterday." Bill W. January 1952

With love, Rebecca

Literature

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Literature Committee Chairperson Report for December 2023

Sales for December totaled \$431.75. All sales this month were to groups and individuals. I have included my year-end reports for current inventory, items sold, and the income and expenses report. A few highlights include total sales of \$5,570.60 for the year (compared with \$4,153.54 last year), and a total of 184 Big Books sold in 2023. Income for books sold from the 3 events (Attitude of Gratitude, Mega-Committee Workshop and Pockets of Enthusiasm) totaled \$471.20, which accounted for 8.4% of our total sales for the year. This means we average \$157 in sales per day at events.

There are a few books I've marked with an asterisk on the inventory sheet - these books have been moving very slowly this year, so please come on down and get yourself a large print *Came to Believe*, a gift edition (hard cover) pocket sized 12x12, or a large print, abridged Big Book.

Please also note that my income and purchase amounts may differ slightly from the values seen in the treasurer's documents. I report purchase amounts as a whole at the time the order is placed, however they are not charged to the District account until the items have shipped and are thus reported by the treasurer in the month they are shipped, rather than the month they were ordered. There were a number of times in 2023 that some items were not shipped for weeks, or even months, and this resulted in some overlap between purchase reports between 2022 and 2023. My income reports also include any sales to District committees, which may appear differently in treasurer reports.

I currently have 1 open position with one interested party, however the individual does not have the required 6 months of sobriety, though I did receive a letter of recommendation from their sponsor. I was not able to locate the sobriety requirements in the District Guidelines or the Trusted Servant Guidelines and Job Descriptions documents for the Bookstore volunteers, so I would like to discuss these requirements with the District tonight in new business. Is this decision ultimately up to me as a trusted servant to determine or would the District like to weigh in since there are district funds at stake?

I also have a shift temporarily available while the usual volunteer will be out for medical reasons. It's the first Saturday of the month and it will be open from January to May.

It's been another great year of carrying the message. I am continuously humbled by the way District 61 commits to supporting the still-suffering alcoholic. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in service,

Katelyn S
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Public Information/Answering Service:

New schedules are available. Jackie is stepping down due to schedule issues. Dawn is willing to take over the position, but she is sick tonight.

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 1 st 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.

Please contact Amy or Savannah W if you are interested in an area at the YWCA. No flyer for this area. 2 year sob requirement. Held every Wednesday at 5 at the YWCA.

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. 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. The last meeting I attended was the best turn out Ive seen and multiple ladies filled out the BTG forms I gave to Kari.

Boyd Andrews- Monthly speaker meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month 9am. There is also now a speaker meeting at 10am they have requested and great responses to that service. Share your story! Contact myself or Kari to get on the list. March 20th 10am cancelled.

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. *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.

After our last committee meeting, the Corrections/Treatment workshop will be May 4th . Mark your 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. Area Corrections, Mark, Treatment, Hugh, and BTG, Jessica, would like an invite to this. Flyer is on AA site. Corrections being made. We are currently reaching out to an AA

member if he would be interested in supplying the meals to this and we are also still discussing final pricing. (usually \$10 for AA and free to professionals). Dave is contacting First Presbyterian to see if we may hold this event there again.

Ongoing business: Local groups are to let me know if they will be utilizing the pink can and I will get them supplied. I was able to spend some time on the phone with Area Corrections, Mark discussing the pink can and some areas. He sent 10 big books and 12x12s to Elkhorn. They were most thankful.

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

Happy New Year District 61! Workshops is starting out with a bang! January 20, 2024, we will be having a Corrections workshop with the Area 40 Corrections chair, Mark H. Mark and some members of the corrections committee will be sharing about the service opportunities they have working with this committee and how you can be of service to Montana, also. This will be held at the Wilson House, from 11-2 with food for lunch provided.

I have heard from CPC and BTG about having a workshop for their committees, though no dates are set yet. If you are interested in spreading to word about your committee and the work it does to serve the still suffering alcoholic, please let me know and we will get it on the calendar.

Other than this, there are no workshops scheduled until summer when the Grapefest will again be an exciting time to hear the most recent news from New York and celebrate our meeting in print!

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Karla I.

Tech Support

Reminder to on-line participants. If you want to speak and you are having issue getting attention of the chair, please put your virtual hand up and Bob will raise hand at the meeting for you.

Group Reports

In the book group 11th Jan – Karla I; Sean P 25th

On Awakening group is going strong; the FC Noon meeting at Wed needs support – women's meeting.

Jackie will attach a PDF of meeting so we can print more; Cheryl asked to have the 2 pm daily meeting and the Sat women's 4 pm meeting be removed from the Website.

Cheryl – Alano club had an amazing holiday. Lots of people showed up, lots of food.

Carla – asked about finding out the total group contribution for On Awakening.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

P/I Chair position is now available and it should be announced at Homegroups.

New 2024 District budget was presented by Kim and information was provided. Information is to be provided to Homegroups.

Literature Store sobriety requirements for store service was brought up by Katlyn. Deborah – past issues was with theft. Cheryl – volunteers are hard to find and she feels that the committee chair could make that decision. Morgan – also agrees that committee chair can make the decision. Ralph – wanted to make sure that committee chair is comfortable with this decision.

Line item for treasure report for pink can. Kim, suggested that we create a ad-hoc committee for this item.

Tech – create an ad-hoc committee to create chair description.

The Jan 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:25 pm.

Alexandria will present on Concert 2 at next meeting.

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