

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024

Opening: The July 11, 2024 District 61 AA Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call and the reading of the Twelve Traditions by a trusted servant. There were 14 GSRs present representing district groups, and 12 committee members/chairs present. (0 on Zoom)

Concept: Concept 7 was read by Deborah.

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

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved (with minor revisions). Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the June 2024 meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

Hello District 61 members. Here is the June recap for the District:
Income for last month totaled \$1,563.96

Breakdown is as follows:

- 7th Tradition \$22.00
- Literature Sales \$888.66
- Group Contributions \$653.30

Our expenses totaled \$1,289.56. Breakdown is:

- Literature Store - Power \$63.53
- Literature Store - Rent \$185.00
- Church Rent \$50.00
- Literature Purchase \$991.03

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$1,171.56 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$2,120.23 in District funds. Pink Can account is \$31.00.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and for your service.

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DCM

Heeeeyyyyyy!!!!

I know it's mid July and this sounds a little bit crazy but I wanted you all to be thinking about the upcoming fall assembly September 13-15 and GreatFalls. I don't quite have hotel information yet, but I will let you know as soon as I hear anything.

Also, I just wanted to invite everyone at district to be thinking about elections within our district. GSR's, committee members and officers alike are welcome to stand for a district position this fall. If there is a committee that interests you or an officer position, please consider standing for it. We hold elections in the fall, so there are several months before you take over the position where you can learn the ropes. It's a great way to keep yourself in the middle of the herd, Be of service and stay sober!

I Forwarded an email from Kacie to everybody about the need for two non-Alcoholic trustees. These positions won't need filled for about a year. There's no reason that someone from our community couldn't be added to the list of possibilities. If you guys know someone in our community who is passionate about helping people in recovery Or has seen firsthand how AA has helped our community please let me know. I believe the non-alcoholic trustee commitment is six years.

And to follow up from the last business meeting, I did talk to the church liaison who is New. I told her what room we normally meet in, but that we've been meeting at the conference table and we like it. She said if it was an issue, she would call back and let me know and I have not heard from her... So I'm assuming we are good to meet here.

After talking to her, it prompted me to wonder if we need to add church liaison to one of the officer job descriptions. I know in previous years that alternate DCM or DCM had keys to open the meeting. I gave them to Bob since he is here early to set up zoom. But it would be nice if there was clear direction in the job descriptions so when a rotation ends, the new person knows who to contact if they need to talk to the church and someone specifically to be in charge of keys.

That's all I've got... Love Krissy!

Committee Reports:

Archives:

No Report

Bryan S., D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap

Its been a steady month of activity for BTG. We had 5 contact requests from Elkhorn and 4 men from MCDC. There was also a request for contact for a guy released from a treatment center and as God would have it, he was connected with an AA member who was released from that same facility a year earlier; matched with a BTG contact. Ah, the circle of sobriety (insert Lion King theme song).

I also got a request from Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch for a contact for a 12 year female releasing soon. Grateful to witness the program working for all ages.

Don't forget National Conference of BTG is Sept. 6-8 in Missoula. The local speakers will be Friday night, with more speakers and great food and fellowship Saturday. Closing it Sunday with a final speaker and more great fellowship. Please announce service work opportunity for this at your home group.

Yours in serve, Kari

Corrections

Good evening, district 61. This is your corrections report:

Lewis and Clark County jail mens side seems to be running smooth. I haven't talked to Claudia in a week or so, but I'm sure the women's side is running Great. Talk to TJ who does Boulder, and it is a bit slow but he is still getting some guys in. Just talk to Diana, and the Townsend jail womens side is picking up a bit. Also, talk to Dave and the Townsend men's side this is going great. As far as the pre release goes, Russ said, it is kind of hit-and-miss with attendance. Gary said the prison was going good. The WATCH is also going well. There is five of us rotating.

Thank you for letting me serve, Jamey C.

CPC

The committee sent a letter to 39 Helena-area (6 were returned undeliverable). Faith Leaders offering assistance when dealing with persons dealing with a drinking problem. along with a summary of what AA is and what it isn't. We offered to accompany any who would like support to attend a meeting and promised to contact them in the hope to set up a meeting.

Each envelope included the letter described above; an AA meeting schedule; and 2 pamphlets: Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous and A Brief Guide to AA.

If you are interested in helping to reach out, or would like to review the list or enclosures, please let me know.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Happy July everyone. I hope you are able to stay cool.

If you have old Grapevines, you can put them in the small free libraries around town or give them to the Corrections committee to bring into the jails.

There are no new updates this month.

Rebecca

Literature

Sales for June totaled \$888.66 to groups and individuals. It's been a slow couple of months, so please consider stocking your groups up with books.

AAWS still has a sale on big books going on, but I will not likely be making another purchase in the near future.

Reminder that AAWS also recently announced that they are now offering digital publications of Conference-approved literature. Individuals can purchase these via their e-reader (eg, Kindle, Nook, Apple books).

All service positions are still filled!

Housekeeping items: if you are writing a check for books, please make it out to District 61. As always, 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.
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Public Information/Answering Service:

The Fireside Group Mtg has been updated online and in the directory.

The zoom meetings for the Free for Lunch group have been removed from the directory online and in the printed schedule

The Saturday night mtg at the Wilson House has finally been added to the printed directory. 500 copies of the schedule have been printed so if you need any for your meetings please take some with you. Also, if there are any additional changes, please let me know.

Myself and the crew are continuing to fill the racks. Please let me know if you see any empties out there.

Thank you for letting me be of service. That's all for now.

Thank you,

Dawn A

Treatment

Hello District 61! Greetings from the work front. 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 3 rd Wednesday of the month at 9 and 10am. Share your story to these groups!

Planning for our next Attitude of Gratitude event that is on November 23rd at Our Redeemer's is in process and I am grateful to be part of.

I plan to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop in Missoula Sept 6-8th Hosted by Area 40 at Fairbridge Inn and Suites & Big Sky Conference Center. Refer to BTGWW for workshop rate of \$139.

Starting the jail meetings is an exciting new journey and grateful to be useful in this area.

Sorry to have missed you and much love. Amy N. Treatment

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Jon C.: 406-603-0953 Jan Z.: 406-459-0970 Dave P.: 415-342-5195

Tech

No report

Workshops

The Attitude of Gratitude will be meeting at the Staggering Ox on Monday, July 15, at 5:30 pm. We are in the process of securing a caterer and speakers and pretty much everything else is set. We have an awesome committee again this year and they are rocking it! I am hoping one of them will step up for the Workshops Chair position this fall.

The Grapefest is scheduled for Sept 28 and I am working with Kari to put a BTG workshop together.

Yours in Service, Karla I.

Roundup

2025 Roundup will be October 3-5, 2025 at the Greta Northern Hotel. Looking for lots of service help. Theme is "Willing to Believe"

Carla

Group Reports

Fellowship group – Reminder that the 3rd Thursday of the month speaker meeting is at 7 pm at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Speaker for July is Carol.

Old Business:

Karla - Ad Hoc committee job description report – a couple changes were made. Voting on approval will take place at August meeting.

New Business:

Request for \$500 for deposit on hotel for the 2025 Roundup. Carla requested money for hotel deposit. After much discussion, Kim noted that money was still available in Roundup account from last Roundup. Motion was made to take money from Prudent reserve to pay \$500 deposit, while we look into the money in the Roundup account.

Concept 8 volunteer – Krissy

The July 11, 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Donahoe.