

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2024

Opening: The June 6, 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 15 GSRs present representing district groups, and 9 committee members/chairs present. (3 on Zoom)

Concept: Concept 6 was read by Karla I.

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 May 2024 meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

Income for last month totaled \$1,498.68. Breakdown is as follows:

- 7th Tradition \$38.00
- Literature Sales \$183.50
- Mega Ticket Sales \$905.00
- Group Contributions \$372.18

Our expenses totaled \$2,204.91. Breakdown is:

- Literature Store - Power \$63.53
- Literature Store - Rent \$185.00
- Church Rent \$50.00
- Reimburse DCM \$130.21
- Reimburse Treatment \$370.37
- Reimburse Bookstore \$28.00
- Reimburse Grapevine \$31.80

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$897.16, and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$1,845.82 in District funds. Pink Can account is \$35.00.

I am unable to attend the June District Meeting, but I have attached an Income and Expense statement to date as well as an accounting of expenses to budget by committee. We can review at the July meeting if there are any questions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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DCM

Hheeeeyyyyyy!!

Welcome to summer! I had Wendy send out an email with a whole lot of information on it.

I am going to throw onto New business a discussion about having an in person preassembly. Several surrounding districts have been interested and I want to just get a feel if it's something we want like to bring back.

I also sent out the meeting minutes from the spring assembly and a pretty neat opportunity to nominate somebody to speak on the grapevine podcast.

I don't really have anything else to report, but I did want to remind GSR's To bring copies of fun summer events that your groups might be hosting. I always love that we have so much fun going on in the summer!

And a reminder that we are looking for a 2025 fall round up chair... Please announce this position at meetings you attend and invite potential volunteers to the district meeting.

Thanks! Love, Krissy

Committee Reports:

Archives:

I am in the process of organizing minutes dating back to Jan 2023. Thanx to D61 Secretary, process is pretty smooth.

Bryan S., D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap

Got a few out of MCDC connected this month. Made a trip to Elkhorn and checked on the process out of there. All is well and I picked up 5 slips from there; mostly Butte. Have a few people committed to doing service work at the National Bridging the Gap conference in Missoula on Sept. 6-8. Looking for more victims, wait, volunteers.

Thanks for letting me serve, Kari

Corrections

Good evening district 61, This is your may corrections report. Lewis and Clark county men's side is doing good, We haven't had to wait, which is awesome. I also talked to Claudia and the women's side is also doing good. I also talk to t j who does the boulder jail and things are going good down there. I haven't had a chance to talk too Diane or Dave from the Townsend jail yet this month. I took my first trip to watch a couple weeks ago and it was great! Russ says the pre release is doing great also. As far as the prison goes, Gary C. said it is going great and they are still having their mini conference September 28th. It sounds like Neil T will be taking over for Gary January first. The mega committee workshop was a success! We still came up a little short

..shorter than last year, though. All in all, it was a great workshop. Great speakers, great food and great help!!

Thank you for letting me serve, Jamey C.

CPC

After our next meeting we will be ready to mail an introduction letter to some clergy and other spiritual leaders in our district. We will then follow up with a phone call in the hope of meeting in person to talk about what AA is and isn't. We also agreed to work with PI on an outreach project at Carroll College. Finally, we are in the process of contacting the professionals who attended the Corrections/Treatment Workshop to discuss how we can work together on our mutual goals.

Deborah

Grapevine:

None as of this moment.

Rebecca

Literature

Hello District 61! I am sorry I can't join you all for the May District meeting. Thank you to Wendy for passing my report along to the group.

Sales for May totaled \$199.50 with \$16 in sale to the PI committee and the rest to groups and individuals. It's been a slow couple of months, so please consider stocking your groups up with books.

This is a great time to buy in bulk as AAWS is offering a 10% discount on Big Books. They're also offering the AA 1st edition reprint for \$3 apiece. Let me know if you'd like to place an order to take advantage of those deals.

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.

Katelyn S

District 61 Literature Store Chair

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Public Information/Answering Service:

Good evening district 61. I don't have much to report since our last meeting. As always, I am working on keeping the racks full. I recently hit the library, jail, and courthouse. If anyone is seeing any empty racks out there please let me know.

There have been a few changes made to the schedule, ie. the Saturday night meeting at the Wilson House has been added to the schedule, however, I still need to give out the schedules that I had already printed up before I can have any more made so hopefully new, updated schedules will be out soon.

I met with Deborah and the "Cooperation with the Professional Community" group and we discussed ways of working together in the future.

That's all for now.

Thank you,

Dawn A

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.

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!

The Corrections/Treatment Workshop was incredible. Thank you all who participated and attended. Love

Planning for our next Attitude of Gratitude event that is on November 23 rd 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 6-8 th Hosted by Area 40 at Fairbridge Inn and Suites & Big Sky Conference Center. Refer to BTGWW for workshop rate of \$139.

I am looking forward to attending jail meetings. Alexia does a great job at this orientation.

There is currently a 2 year halt of activity on new agenda items so GSC can get caught up on Agenda items. Also a 2 year process to any changes with a 75% majority to approve them. The topic of the Plain and Simple translation of the Big Book is a big one right now. I highly suggest listening to the Big Book Presentation, 'Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access 70 th GSC 2020. For example, the Big Book reads at a level '3'. A little under ½ the population can read at a '3'. Less than 1/5 of people with a high school diploma can read at a 3. It can be embarrassing and detour people when they don't want to admit they cannot read the book.

Each group would need to contribute \$168 per year to Area and \$300 to GSB to be self supporting,

In our Treatment and BTG breakout group we discussed Military Outreach (there are 3 of them) this also now includes Veterans stories, so there will be more. These are on the GSO AA website. We discussed choices and picked topics for the conference to work on. There will be no changes on the Treatment workbook. We discussed the pamphlets 'AA in Treatment Settings' and 'Where Do I go From Here' and there will be no changes on these. We discussed planning on how money has been saved at the GSC totaling approximately 125,000. Things such as decreasing coffee from 24 to 15 or handing out \$15 gift cards instead of the buffet. That alone saving thousands of dollars. In short they are be cautious with the funds and not just spending foolishly. We had good discussions on what people are doing in their own areas. BTG pamphlet and service materials also discussed, and this will be discussed more in depth and the BTG conference in September. Hope to see everyone at this conference that Area 40 is hosting.

Amy N.

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

Tech

No report

Workshops

Happy Summer and I hope you are all enjoying the warmth.

Attitude of Gratitude is coming along great, so we are taking the month of June off. Our next meeting will be July 15, 2024, at 5:30 at the Staggering Ox. Kari is busy looking for a caterer, the facility is in place, the price will be \$25 per person to include dinner, and Teresa is getting the flyer designed so we can get it on the website. We will have panel workshops again this year, as well as AA and Alanon speakers after dinner. We are looking at having childcare, so if anyone

is interested in helping with that or knows of someone, please let me know!!! It's going to be a great time!

The next workshop will be the Grapefest, scheduled for September 28, 2024. Kacie N, our delegate will be there to give her report. Don't miss out on the fun and information!

Yours in Service, Karla I.

Group Reports

Kari had questions on the District 11 report that Krissy sent out and Krissy provide additional information.

Bob asked if the meeting space that we are using outside the big room is acceptable to the church. Krissy will follow up with the church to s a

Old Business:

Ad hoc committee sent email on job descriptions to be reviewed and discussed at next business meeting.

New Business:

Rebecca was voted in as the Round-up chair.

It was discussed that Pre-assembly be held in person vs. Zoom. It was decided that we take this back to groups for a group conscious and discuss at next month's business meeting.

The district meeting in July will be postponed for one week due to the holiday week. Will be held on July 11, 2024.

Concept 7 volunteer – Deborah

The June 6, 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7.20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Donahoe.