

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024

Opening: The March 7, 2024 District 61 AA Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call and the reading of the Twelve Traditions by Kari. There were 12 GSRs present representing district groups, and 10 committee members/chairs present.

Concept: Concept 3 was read by Katelyn.

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 amendments]. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the November meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

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

Income for last month totaled \$230.20. Breakdown is as follows:

7th Tradition \$35.00

Literature Sales \$195.20

Group Contributions \$0.00

Our expenses totaled \$1413.68. Breakdown is:

Literature Store - Power \$63.53

Literature Store - Rent \$185.00

Church Rent \$50.00

ZOOM ANNUAL \$165.90

Corrections WS reimbursement \$100.99

DCM Reimbursement \$28.52

Literature Purchase \$819.74

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$790.48 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$1,739.14 in District funds. Pink Can account is \$17.00.

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DCM

Hheeeeeeyyyyy District 61!

March already! I attended the West Central regional conference in Minot via zoom this weekend. Lots of good discussion on lots of AA developments. A lot of progress and reviewing on different pamphlets and talk of additional pamphlets. Of course, some Juicy discussions pertaining to a proposed transgender pamphlet, and the progress of the translation of the big book into plain and simple language. Our delegate Kacie will get A sneak peek at the translation in April. Some other things discussed, were the cost-effectiveness of continuing to print Lavinia, reviewing potential trustees, and we got to hear experience strength and hope from Vera F, who is an AA world service, non-trustee Director from Massachusetts. If anyone has questions about what was talked about or questions about any agenda items, ask me anytime! I did send out agenda items along with background information about three weeks ago, but I will include it in my report this month as well.

I am also attaching the flyer for the preassembly, which will be this Saturday from noon to five on zoom. If you are a GSR or committee member going to area, you should plan on attending. We will be discussing and reviewing agenda items that will be talked about at the area assembly in April.

And speaking of area assembly... The last day to book a group rate at the hotel was yesterday. I would imagine if you didn't get that reserved. They would probably still honor the discount if you reserve in the next day or two.

Love, Krissy

Committee Reports:

Archives:

No activity in February.

Bryan S.

Bridging the Gap

We had 8 people out of MCDC connected this month. Sunday the 17th we are having our area committee meeting for National Conference in Missoula.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Kari

Corrections

Good evening district 61. This is february corrections report. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this evening. My mother passed so I will be traveling to Arizona. I'm leaving Monday the 4th So I will be unable to attend the corrections meeting also. Thank you Dave for heading that up for me! I've been super busy taking care of personal stuff for the last couple of weeks. I do

know that the jails, Pre -Release and prison are running smoothly. We also have an awesome team putting together the MEGA committee workshop and I regret not being able to make the corrections meeting. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Jamey

CPC

The CPC committee will begin meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, beginning on April 24th. The time remains the same: Noon at the library in the community room. Father Dan will be helping the committee to reach out for clergy and other spiritual leaders in the community.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Hey Group – No report this month.

Literature

Literature Committee Chairperson Report for February 2024

Sales for February totaled \$210.60. \$16 in sales was to the PI committee.

For those who were not aware, AAWS has fully transitioned to jacketless hardcover Big Books and 12x12. I still have a few of each left if you'd like to snag one for old times' sake.

All service positions are still filled!

Just a reminder that 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 am super excited to be your PI chair. Since our last meeting, I met with Patricia (a previous PI chair), and she gave some helpful info on the position. I got names and numbers for the GSR's in Lincoln, Townsend, Boulder, and Avon, as well as our al-anon contact. I reached out to them and introduced myself, and asked if they needed anything. Kathy in Boulder responded and informed me that the Tuesday night 6 pm mtg that was listed on the web needed to be changed to Thursday at 6. I passed this info onto Krissy and she updated it. Thank you Krissy!

I obtained the updated mtg list and made 500 more copies. I dropped some off at the alano club, the Wilson House, the literature store, and the probation office. At this time I do not have an

actual list of where all the literature racks are located, but I have been in contact with several people who have been helping to fill the racks and we have come up with the following list:

St Pete's - Emergency Room and Physical Therapy

Criminal Justice Building

Probation

Jails

Women's Shelter/Friendship Center

Library

VA Emergency Room

Center for Mental Health

Leo Pocha Clinic

Alano Club/ Wilson House/Bookstore

If anyone knows of any more locations please let me know.

I spoke with Deborah and we agreed that we would help each other out going forward if necessary since the 2 committees are so closely related.

That's all I have for now.

Thank for letting me be of service!

Dawn

Treatment

Treatment Committee Chair document

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 prerelease. (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.

We are announcing, and I am also asking for help in announcing, the hopes and start of a plan for a meeting out at the VA. This would be a meeting on the VA grounds, giving the veterans easy access to. AA members chairing would need to go through the list of requirements that were outlined in Ryan's proposal. I have had input from one person interested thus far.

Corrections/Treatment workshop with be May 4th . Mark you calendars!

Planning with the Mega meeting is coming along nicely. We have nailed down speakers, registration, flyers, a host facilitator for the speakers, which will be a wonderful and much needed position. Copperline for catering. We now need to work on the brochure and further advising our speakers on their positions. I have lanyard name tags for the event.

Please spread the word and flyers. The next Mega meeting is March 4th at 530 at the Wilson House.

I was fortunate to get to attend the West Central Regional AA Service Conference, hosted by Area 52, via zoom in between some working. What a wonderful way to facilitate joining with others in our surrounding states. I am new to this event. The West central region includes Mt (Area 40), Wy (Area 76), N. Dakota (Area 52), S. Dakota (Area 63), Nebraska (Area 41), N. Minnesota (Area 35), S. Minnesota (Area 36), and Iowa (Area 24). The theme was 'Connecting with Love, Unity and Service'. The purpose of the WCRAAC is to develop greater unity among members, groups and areas of the WCR. To exchange ideas and experiences and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. Recovery, Unity and Service should always be the primary purpose of each conference- the thought of how we can serve better.

I liked the discussion on carrying the message through sponsorship and Homegroups. Homegroups give us voice to AA as a whole. A process that forms the very cornerstone of AAs service structure. The very essence of AA strength has remained through our homegroup. The ultimate responsibility and final authority for world services, resides with the groups, rather than the trustees, the General Service Board or the General Service Office. The entire structure of AA depends upon the participation and conscience of the individual groups, and how each of these groups conducts its affairs has a ripple effect on AA everywhere. As it says in Concept 1: The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Pamphlet: The AA Group. Where it all begins' is a handy informative tool.

Agenda for Treatment and Accessibilities as follows:

- a. Review progress report on Military Outreach project
- b. Review contents and format of Treatment kit and workbook
- c. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook
- d. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap”
- e. Review updated Bridging the Gap service material.
- f. Review report on what resources are currently available from the GSO and the AA Grapevine to meet accessibility-related challenges and how those resources are communicated to the fellowship.
- g. Review P-27 “AA in Treatment Settings” for effectiveness and relevance
- h. Review F-4 “Where do I go from here?” flyer for effectiveness and relevance.
- i. Review resource list for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community.
- j. Review progress report on updating AA Service material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.

WCRAAC 2025 will be Feb 28-March 2 Casper. Wy.

Looking forward to our annual Pockets of Enthusiasm March 15th and 16th and Spring Assembly April 5-7.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Amy N.

Tech

No report except a reminder that the job description for this position needs to be discussed.

Workshops

Hi District 61! Pretty calm on the workshops front right now. We are starting to gather volunteers for the Attitude of Gratitude committee and are hoping to be able to take a “Save the Date” flyer to Area next month. The church where it was held last year has already been reserved for the same date (Saturday before Thanksgiving), which would be November 23. At least that is my understanding.

If you are interested in helping out this year, please get in touch with Eric G or myself!

Yours in Service – Karla I.

Group Reports

Kelly – Fellowship Group that meets at St. Paul's The next Thurs and Sunday meeting will be held at the Bagel Co.

Deborah – Pocket's flyer for the 14th and 15th of March are available for groups to take back.

Old Business:

Titchy-titch of old business.

Tech Chair job description – was tabled until we addressed the distribution of our meeting minutes to Area for our sub-committee. Alex is the webmaster and he manages the District mini-sights. Alex recommends that Secretary email them to Alex and the Area Archivist at the same time. Discussion on Tech Chair job description. Motion by Rebecca to have Secretary send to Area webmaster and Archivist. Second by Kari. Voted unanimously.

Bob re-read the Tech Chair job description. Discussion on internet connect and being self-supporting on our own internet. Motion by Kari to approve Tech Chair job description and was seconded Katelyn. Motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Update the Job description for both Secretary on Webmaster, and Treasurer about Pink can.

Deborah – review of our District 61 documents and suggest that possibly an ad-hoc committee is needed. Discussion on whether we need to review and re-write job description. Eric talked and indicated that the job descriptions were all review and revised about 5 years ago (around 2019), and it did incorporate and consider the policies and procedures. Motion was to have Secretary send out job description to the District 61 group and everyone review.

John brought up questions that were passed out by Kaci. This will be addressed at the Area Assembly. GSRs should be addressing this with their group and provide that to Kaci.

Cheryl asked about Hotline calls for the Men. Krissy will provide that information to her.

Concept 4 - Keith

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

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Donahoe.