

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2024

Opening: The September 5, 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 11 committee members/chairs present. (1 on Zoom)

Concept: Concept 9 was read by Andy.

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

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the August 2024 meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

Hello District 61 members. Here is the August recap for the District:
Income for last month totaled \$982.55

Breakdown is as follows:

- 7th Tradition \$3
- Literature Sales \$639.55
- Group Contributions \$340.00

Our expenses totaled \$480.23. Breakdown is:

- Literature Store - Power \$63.53
- Literature Store - Rent \$185.00
- Church Rent \$50.00
- PI Reimbursement \$90.00
- CPC Printing \$91.70

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$2,012.75 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$2,961.42 in District funds. Pink Can account is \$37.50.

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

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DCM

Heeeeeeyyyyyyy!!

I hope you all are getting excited for the last fall assembly of your rotations! I also hope you guys booked your rooms at the discounted rate for next weekend. Let's make sure we all have an awesome time. I sent out A couple weeks ago the dashboard link along with the username and password to look at background information for agenda items. And like Lisa said in the email... We will be more focused on elections than agenda items, but we'll still get to some stuff. Make sure you save her receipts and turn them into the respective places for reimbursement. Please let me know if you have any questions about the upcoming assembly or any of the business. I also forwarded an email from Kacie with some juicy info. That included an email from Bob with exciting news about the full ownership of the alcoholics anonymous.com domain and something I am super excited to get my hands on is the availability of the big book in plain and simple language on November 1st.

I am looking forward to hanging with all you guys next weekend at the Assembly.

Love Krissy!

Committee Reports:

Archives:

With the help of current secretary Wendy and Past Secretary Kim I have been able to recreate the D61 minutes and reports back to January 2021. I am in the process of preparing files for storage at D61 Bookstore.

Bryan S., D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap

I am currently doing last minute preparations for BTG National Conference. Treatment chair Amy N and myself are the Friday night speakers. And the rest of the conference will be amazing with panels and National speakers. As I am working on name tags only about a third of the people are from Montana. There is representation from Colorado, Utah, Washington, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Florida, New York and our neighbors to the North aye. What an amazing opportunity to show our fellow alcoholics how welcoming this program is in our beautiful state. I hope some of you can make the trip to Missoula. It's Friday through Sunday morning at the Fairbridge Inn.

I also have a service opportunity for chairing a meeting at Our place. The day and time tentatively is Fridays at 1. If you are interested (or have sponsees who need service work) I am asking a year sobriety or 6 months with sponsor endorsement. Please call me with any questions or to sign up. Ideally, I would like 8 people so we only commit to one Friday every 2 months In Service.

Thanks for letting me serve, Kari

Corrections

Good evening District 61. I will be out of town this week, so won't make the meeting. As far as the Lewis and Clark County men's jail side, everything is going good. We're getting in pretty quickly these days. Also, the women's side seems to be going good as well. I left a message with TJ. I haven't talked to him

for a bit, but I assume the Boulder Jail is going well also. He should be calling me back soon. Townsend jail, men and women's side are going well. I talked to Russ and the pre-Release is going great. Brian will be going in to take Dave's spot. I also have another new applicant. Gary said there has been no meetings at the prison since the first of August. The mini conference is still going to happen September 28th. Watch has been kind of wishy-washy. Last time we were there, we had a fire drill and it didn't leave much time for the meeting, which only two people showed up.

Thank you for letting me serve, Jamey C.

CPC

CPC will have a display at the Montana Peer Support and Recovery Services Symposium tomorrow, where we'll also be able to connect with and learn from professionals attending the event.

We are meeting with a member of the Helena Police Department on 9/10, and with the Clinical Director of Boyd Andrew on 9/23.

The committee is also in the process of calling faith leaders to follow up on the letter we mailed in August.

Please note that the September 24th CPC meeting will be 11:30-12:30 instead of the usual 12-1

Thanks for letting me serve.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Thank you to Dawn for bringing the Grapefest flyers. Please come to the Grapefest. This is the District 61 delegate report and speaker meeting. First, Kacie N., our Area 40 delegate will catch us up on what we have requested our trusted servants to do at the New York office. Bill started the New York office before the Big Book was even published!! We keep it going to serve the still suffering alcoholics in North America.

Karla I. will be the speaker after the Delegates report.

1-4-ish at the Wilson House on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28.

Rebecca

Literature

Firstly, I want to apologize to the district for not getting the income to the treasurer before I left town. Total income for July was \$450.50. Income for August was \$189.05.

I do have an open service position starting next month. It's the 1st Thursday of the month from 11:30AM-1:30PM. The sobriety requirement is 1 year. Please reach out if you or someone you know is interested.

Please take back to your groups that checks used to pay for literature at the bookstore need to be made out to District 61 if we want to be sure they can be deposited into the district account. You do not need to include "literature store" as we do not have a separate account.

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
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Public Information/Answering Service:

Good evening District 61,

Just a few things from Public Information this month.

I have been in contact with Sandy G from Al-Anon to make sure the information in the meeting directory is correct. There have been a couple minor changes to some of the addresses. She also informed me that there is an additional mtg in Townsend on Thursday nights at 7 pm, so I am adding that mtg to the directory.

I received a text from Krissy with some contact information for a therapist here in Helena that was asking to get some AA pamphlets, so I contacted her and dropped some literature and schedules off to her office. And I have added her to the list of 'racks to fill' here in Helena.

Kelly, the GSR from the Tuesday night Fellowship Group has asked to have that group included in the online group listings with the link. At this time there is a door passcode for the church that cannot be published so if anyone has suggestions on how to get this information out, I am all ears.

Thats all for now from PI.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Dawn A

Treatment

Hello District 61 and happy September! I hope you all are having a great summer. 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+year sob requirement.

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+ 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 F does on Mondays a 4 at the pre-release. (Interesting and well done). 1+ year sob requirement.

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

At our committee meeting Monday (held the 1st Monday of every month and includes Corrections/Treatment/BTG), we discussed 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 this weekend in Missoula Sept 6-8th. Hosted by Area 40 at Fairbridge Inn and Suites & Big Sky Conference Center.

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

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Amy N. Treatment

Anya: 406-465-0711 Tom F.: 406-438-1844 Kari: 406-371-6959

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

Tech

No report

Workshops

Greetings Dist 61! I hope you all have had an amazing summer! As we head into the fall season, there are some upcoming events that are going to be amazing!

September 28 at the Wilson House, as has been mentioned, the Grapefest will be held from 1-4 pm. Kacie N will be sharing her Delegate's report, there will be food, and good fellowship. November 23 will be the Attitude of Gratitude at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We have secured a caterer, the registrations are open, the workshops are set up, and the main speaker has been chosen. Our next meeting will be September 23, at 5:30 pm at the Staggering Ox.

We will be getting busy stocking the hospitality room with yummy treats! We have space available if any of the district chairs would like to showcase your committees. It may be a good opportunity to get the word out there as elections are coming up soon.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in Service, Karla I.

Roundup

One out-of-town speaker has been selected. 2nd Mondy of each month to attend the committee. It is 6 pm at the Library.

Rebecca

Group Reports

Fellowship group 3rd Thursday of the Month. Speaker – Krissy S.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Elections start next month.

Discussion on upcoming elections and space that is available at Attitude of Gratitude if committees want to have a table. Wendy to make a full PDF of the job descriptions and provide to the group (and Deborah) so documents can be available at AOF.

Next meeting October 3, 2024,

Concept 10 volunteer – Deborah

The September 5, 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy D.