

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2025

Opening: The December 4, 2025, District 61 AA Business Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Roll was called by the secretary. 16 GSR's were present and 11 committee members with 1 attending online, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Teresa R.

Concept: Concept 11 was read by Nate S.

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the November meeting.

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved. Any changes to be given to Alexandria by tomorrow.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

See attached reports

#### **DCM:**

Greetings District 61,

It's hard to believe it's already December and we are halfway through our

service rotation in District 61. It has been a great year filled with fellowship, service and I'm looking forward to 2026.

In January, the District officers will be meeting to create the 2026 budget. For committee chairs please let us know if you have any additional expenses coming up next year.

One other note concerning finances. I've received emails this week from both GSO and Area 40 that I will forward to the District. GSO and Area 40 are both reporting declines in contributions as well as a reduction in actual expenses vs. their budgets. The result is an overall deficit, although the reduced spending is helping ease this. GSO in particular is suffering from a substantial decline in contributions.

Please consider contributing to these service entities, either as individuals or groups. Direct monetary contributions from AA members, groups keep the lights on for these important service entities. Buy a book, make a split if your group has some extra cash or send a few bucks as an individual. Every little bit helps.

Thanks for letting me serve, I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season.

Nate

#### **Archives:**

Greetings District 61:

As I put together the archives display for the Attitude of Gratitude, I noticed how little had been collected for District events since 2019. So, this month I dedicated my little work time to making sure the Archives is mindful of the present before it becomes lost in the past. That means I made sure to collect

flyers and programs for the most recent Attitude of Gratitude and to work with Karla I., the District Secretary, to make sure our archives is up to date on records for district business.

That's all for this month. As always, if you're interested in helping with archives work or have material you think might be valuable to future generations of AA, I would love to talk with you.

Please see me after the meeting or reach out to me at 406.465.9385

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.

D61 Archives Chair

### **Bridging the Gap:**

Hello District 61 and happy December!

BTG has successfully bridged 3 women this last month (1 from MCDC and 2 from RMTC) and they are actively in meetings at this time. There were 2 males for bridging. One from Bear creek who never responded to the AA member and one who stated he was attending meetings.

I have met Angela, BTG Missoula, via zoom, and we discussed further implementing bedside BTG and strategies of.

I have applied to Riverside in hopes to do a BTG presentation here but am informed that I need to call Suzanne regarding something missing off the application.

We are starting our Mega meeting planning for Treatment/Corrections workshop and have picked a tentative date. Feel free to attend if you are interested in being a part of this.

As far as conversation on taking back to our group discussion of-'if the delegate's report should be separate from Grapefest'. There were 3 responses as follows: While the delegate's report was informative, I found it to be very dry and lengthy. I support making a shift into a writing exercise or other workshop-like format'. 2nd response " I agree" and 3rd response: 'I found the delegate's report to be well formulated and strongly encouraging. I am open to keeping it how it is or changing it. I like the idea of it being a Friday night speaker or separate event. I also think there was a great turnout and part of this was due to Lisa being there with her report. What a pleasure to have her and hear all the work she has done on this level'. We certainly can continue this discussion if necessary. Thanks for allowing me to serve!

Amy N

### **Corrections:**

Good evening district 61. This is your November corrections report. I've been a little bit out of the loop this last few weeks. Lewis And Clark County, jail men's side is going well. And the women's side is going well also. Boulder jail is going well as we have another volunteer.

The pre-release is going well and still Looking for a volunteer there. Townsend jail is going well men's and women's side. Montana state prison had orientations for new volunteers. Thank you for letting me serve. Jamey C

**CPC:**

The CPC Committee met in November and continues to review all the materials. We spent some time discussing the workbook.

It was decided that the committee would meet at the Lewis and Clark Library the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Alysia

**Grapevine:**

Hello District 61,

This month's featured section is "Sober Holidays; Remote Communities," filled with helpful stories about staying sober and enjoying the holidays, along with remote community AA stories to remember the members who have a difficult time reaching AA, especially this time of year.

I will be assisting with the year-end inventory and reports at the bookstore in the coming weeks so I look forward to reporting how many Grapevine books we sold for 2025.

As a reminder, the bulk discount structure for Grapevine books is now available, so you can take advantage of this by buying 5 or more books at a time.

Discount Structure:

1–4 books: No discount (regular price).

5–9 books: \$0.50 discount per book.

10–19 books: \$1.00 discount per book.

20–29 books: \$2.00 discount per book.

30+ books: \$3.00 discount per book

Grapevine is also offering free shipping on all Grapevine products until December 31st.

If you're interested in sharing a story to Grapevine, some upcoming topics include:

- Sober Travel (stories due Jan 1, 2026)
- Sponsorship (stories due Feb 1, 2026)
- Dealing with Loneliness (stories due March 1, 2026)

If anyone was able to convince their homegroup of the need for a Grapevine Rep and are looking for resources, please feel free to send them my way. My email address is [kbethshea@gmail.com](mailto:kbethshea@gmail.com).

I am hoping to leave this rotation with a good deal more Grapevine reps than I came into it with, so I will be encouraging all homegroups to consider this moving forward.

As usual, I've included links to information on how to submit a story, art, photo, caption or opinion, as well as the Grapevine Youtube channel.

- Grapevine YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine>

Story and art submission guidelines:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/guidelines-contributing-grapevine>

Submit your story:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/submit-your-story>

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Katelyn S.

District 61 Grapevine Chair

406-293-1486

#### **Literature:**

District 61 –

Grateful to be of service. The bookstore had sales totaling \$576.00 for the month of November.

Just a reminder that there is a nice space for hanging out, reading the Grapevines, or fellowship at the bookstore.

The District bookstore is open 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Kari H.

#### **Public Information/Answering Service:**

Greetings District 61

Happy December! Boy the year has gone fast! November was fairly quiet. I have enlisted the help of Kaydee V to help me monitor the VA racks. I did find out that we are just using the existing pamphlet racks provided by the VA which will work great.

I recently printed out new schedules and distributed to all locations.

Tonight I am sending a sign-up sheet for the GSR's to take to their home groups to see who would like to sign up to take 3 month rotations for the Hotline service, we need both Men and Women. Per my conversation with Lance, the Sobriety level is determined by each district. He said most require 2 years of continuous sobriety, I was thinking that or maybe a year with sponsor approval? Let me know what you all think.

If the GSR's could please collect the names and phone numbers and submit them to me as soon as possible. There will be an Area 40 Hotline Workshop on Saturday, December 14, 2025 at 2:00 pm (Zoom ID 778 732 3279 PW: RmLFr4)

We do not receive a lot of calls but we do need volunteers available when they come in. Each month Lance from Area provides the status of calls each district received and how many were missed, if any. If Lance is not able to reach the current Volunteer he will contact me as a backup and I will reach out to someone on the list for help if needed.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve such a wonderful district!

Teresa R

**Treatment:**

Greetings District 61.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Meetings are running smooth at Elkhorn, Boyd Andrews and the BHU.

I am still looking for one more volunteer to go to MCDC this coming Saturday. So if any lady is free let me know. but we should be back on track next month.

We have speakers and volunteers signed up for the rest of this month.

Again, if anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amanda T, Treatment

**Workshops:**

Hey District 61. Wendy alcoholic here with your Workshop's report for November. Sorry I am not able to attend in person. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving.

Since the AOG was held before the November District meeting, I do not have much to report this month. I am attaching, as promised, a spreadsheet of the accounting for the AOG. In a nutshell, we have \$1,960.77 left after all the expenses were paid.

I also wanted the District to know that I asked all of the subcommittee chairs to provide me with a brief summary of their responsibilities/activities and have attached that information also to my submission to att to archives and to help next year with volunteering.

Happy Holidays and I hope to see you at some of the upcoming local holiday activities.

Wendy D

**Round-Up:**

No report

**Tech Support:**

Here are the developments in the Technology committee (Of 1 lol) for November.

I have been doing the available Microsoft updates due to Microsoft's transition to Windows 11. In addition, using Free versions of GlarySoft utilities, I have been optimizing and cleaning up the old accounts and remnants of the former Windows and programs which were causing conflicts. This has remedied the issues with hardware connectivity and streaming we had at the November meeting. Also, this should aide with simplifying the process for using Zoom, as well as make it more effective. As far as Devices, I have purchased a used Jabra 510 Bluetooth Speaker / microphone to hopefully improve the sound for participants online. (\$30). These are designed for our existing application and meeting style. (See attached screenshot)

I left my job last month, but hopefully can continue the work for the District with the Technology position. I realize I have not given it the time it requires and have been dedicating more time to it, including the time to better familiarize myself with the Zoom environment, program, and requirements to Host the meeting better. (As the District account is listed with the District email, and the former Tech email which I don't have access to.)

I am also including a summary report from last month. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Kelly S. District Tech Chair

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**Discussion:**

Brought up issues with WSS to CPC and PI chairs. Teresa said she is working on a plan. Nate brought more information about the Sheriff being apprehensive about recommending AA to individuals who may need it. Amy N mentioned Bill G may be a good resource and could possibly work through Sheriff Dutton.

Dave C invited CPC to attend the Treatment/Corrections workshop meeting.

**GROUP REPORTS:**

Free For Lunch lost Terry S. Service will be Dec 12 10:30 am at St. Peters Episcopal Church. (flyer attached)

PPG Speaker for Nov is April N from Great Falls.

IITB speaker list is out and will be emailed out. (flyer attached)

Wilson House will have a gift exchange and dessert competition Dec. 14 at 3:00pm. NYD breakfast at 10am.

Women's Cookie exchange at the Carolina B&B Dec 14 1:30 – 3pm.

Big Book Workshop (flyer attached)

Marathon Meetings at the Alano Club for the holidays.

### **Old Business:**

Katelyn proposed the Delegate Report be separated from the Grapefest to accommodate a Grapevine article writing workshop. Delegate report could be done earlier in the year so items could be submitted in time for Fall Assembly. Rolfe S made an option to have report given on a Friday night at Recovery Speaks in June. Nate said he will talk with Lisa about doing the report and posting it on YouTube (password protected). Take this back to groups for discussion next month.

Carla T said her homegroup did not care, but Carla would like to separate the delegate's report.

Benjamin said SOL is in favor of separating the report. Also brought this to Wilson House committee and they are willing to let their facility to be available at any time for this event.

Dave said the best turnout and keep them together.

Mark PPG said would like to separate them and Friday night Speaker meeting would not be an option for the report per Carol.

Rolfe said he is in favor of separating them.

Katelyn revisited they had a good turnout and that the Delegate's report is important to be able to submit items to Fall Assembly, but the fall time frame fell after the assembly. She said an online presentation may not be well attended.

Kari suggested the delegate's report may best be placed in a service workshop.

Jeff said it would give the delegate more time to give their report.

Karla gave Amy's responses (see above).

Carleen said her group would be ok with separating them but would be ok with leaving it as it is.

Katelyn said most of the comments lean toward separating it and it would move toward a different committee.

### **New Business:**

PI needs a group conscience for sobriety time for hotline volunteers. She has sign-up sheets and flyers for GSRs. She talked with Lance, he said most positions are 2 yr or 1 yr with sponsor approval. Will be a 3-month rotation. (extension for 10 minutes approved unanimously) Rolfe said 2 yr benchmark is a good idea. Nate agreed with 2 yr. Carleen asked if this is a 24/7 position, yes it is. Nate made a motion for a 2 yr requirement, Karla seconded, passed unanimously.

Elaine said Alano will be having cookies and treats at 2 pm Christmas day.

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Jan 1, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Nate motioned for Jan 8, 2026. This was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:35 pm with the Responsibility Statement. Katelyn S will do Concept 12.