

## District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2026

Opening: The February 5, 2026, District 61 AA Business Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call by the secretary and a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Teresa R. There were 15 GSRs present representing district groups, and 12 committee members/chairs present. There were 2 present on zoom.

Concept: Concept 2 was read by Kari H.

The calendar was reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the January meeting with a friendly amendment to include the Archives report from last month. 7th Tradition was collected for in person participants.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Treasurer Report:**

See attached flyers

#### **DCM**

Greetings District 61,

January was busy. I've been working on the bid for District 61 to host the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in the spring of 2028, and I plan to present that bid at the Area Assembly coming up in April.

AA's General Service Office is holding three virtual writing workshops for AA's new pamphlets. One has already passed, but the next workshop will be held on Monday, February 16th. I've sent out Zoom links to the district distribution list—please see me after the meeting if you didn't receive one.

I'll be traveling to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the end of the month for the 2026 West Central Regional Service Conference. I'm looking forward to attending, and I'll have a full report when we meet again in early March.

I know we are about eight months away from electing the next district service rotation, but now is a good time to encourage our fellow AAs to get involved in district service. This is a friendly reminder that district committees are not a one-person job. If you're currently serving as a chair, consider grabbing a friend or a sponsee and inviting them to help. Sharing the work can make service more enjoyable and often leads to a rewarding experience in general service. Another benefit of having multiple AAs involved is that it helps develop future leaders. When we have interested members already participating, it allows for smoother, more seamless transitions into these important service positions for the next rotation.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Nate

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Archives: (Jeff M)**

Greetings District 61:

I have two things to report this month.

First, I have printed records from the January district meeting and filed them in the archives. Second, I have been reviewing home group histories that I found in a manilla envelope dated 2007, but it actually contains histories from 2019, 2009, 2007, and 1993. Since all these histories are formatted as questionnaires, I started writing up brief narratives of these groups so they could be presented in more readable fashion that might be more interesting to our fellowship.

It may also be time to ask groups do either write a history or update their previous ones. Altogether we have histories from twelve groups, and we currently have around 30 groups in the district. Some groups have formed since 2019, while others have disbanded, and it would be good to capture these moments while they are still relatively recent history. And since the last time we appeared to have gathered histories was 2019, we have no details about how groups experienced the pandemic and how they changed as a result of it.

For the next few months, I will be completing these narratives and will be considering how best to encourage groups to record their experiences for future generations of alcoholics in our district. If you have any thoughts or input whatsoever, or if you would like to be part of this project, please let me know.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.  
D61 Archives Chair

**Bridging the Gap:** (Amy N)

Hello District 61, and happy February-

BTG has begun the process of bridging a current inmate to Great Falls for a release date of June 2026. Rebecca has delegated a male to write to the facility to begin the process. Unfortunately, our last Bear Creek Wilderness participant to release 1/12 was never able to be contacted, nor the facility. This has happened several times with this facility and I have reached out to them in how we could possibly assist or communicate better for the person in need. I have not yet received a response. There was a last-minute request for a female sober house connection from Butte, which Rebecca G graciously took. I appreciate other BTG chairs reaching out like this, even if it is last minute or they did not fill out the BTG form. I have left all the BTG information in the departments at St Peter's Health with my departure at this facility, and will continue to reach out to them and continue open discussion with the Fuse department here. I will take BTG into my new area of work also, as there are people in need here as well.

Please feel free to offer BTG where felt needed in all of your affairs as well. My new set schedule includes Thursday evenings. I will continue to send my report in and, of course, try and make in-person if able.

Thank you all for your hard work in this area in transitioning people into the AA community!

In service, Amy

**Corrections:** (Jamey C)

Good evening district 61. This is your January corrections report. All the facilities are doing well and I finally have volunteers that have applied or are applying. Once they get approved and started, I'll see where were at with needing more volunteers. Riverside is still in the figuring out phase. The treatment corrections workshop planning is coming along great! Thank you for letting me serve!

**CPC: (Alysha)**

Hello District 61,

Through Nate's introduction, I recently connected with Karon, the District 40 CPC Chair. Our conversation was very productive; she put me in touch with the PI/CPC Working Group, which meets bi-weekly for one hour on Saturdays.

Karon is also providing 50 postcards to be distributed to local professionals. These postcards include the 800-number hotline and information on the Meeting Guide app, along with a QR code for "Does AA Work?" Additionally, she mentioned the upcoming Spring Assembly in Great Falls and noted that she will need a report from me for the meeting April 17-19. I will not be attending as that weekend is my mother's memorial service.

My committee and I will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the library. We plan to continue reviewing literature and picking up where the previous chair left off regarding local contacts and communications.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Alysia R.  
CPC Chair

**Grapevine: (Katelyn S.)**

Hello District 61,

The February issue's featured section is "Getting Through Tough Times," with powerful stories by AA members about how they use the Steps, fellowship and the tools of AA to get through adversity in sobriety.

As previously discussed, I have elected this year to separate the Grapefest and the Delegate's report so that we may use the time we have at our event to focus on carrying the message via the Grapevine. I also reported that I intend to assist with the planning and coordinating of the Delegate's Report this year so as not to cut and dump it into someone else's lap without a plan. I will be working with Wendy on this, which she will report about tonight. We'll plan for the Grapefest in the fall again, though we will aim earlier in the fall this year, and I plan to have a Grapevine writing workshop in lieu of the Delegate's report.

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

- Dealing with Loneliness (stories due March 1, 2026)
- Remote communities and sober holidays (stories due May 1st)
- NOTE: We are always in need of stories of your experience on Steps 4—12 and on every Tradition.

Thanks!

I encourage all home groups to get a Grapevine Representative; what is a Grapevine Rep's job, you may ask? While the GVR is of course responsible for encouraging subscriptions, educating their homegroup members on what the Grapevine is and how to use it in their recovery, Grapevine reps can also familiarize themselves with each magazine, each Grapevine book, and suggest ways in which the Grapevine can be used in 12th step work, in stepwork, tradition studies, in appealing to individuals or demographic groups like young people. Don't forget we have a collection of Grapevine books down at

the bookstore. Each book is a collection of stories from the magazines that are relevant to various topics. Some examples include Emotional Sobriety, Prayer and Meditation, Fun in Sobriety, Beginners' Book, and Forming True Partnerships. These are valuable resources in our recovery communities that are generally underutilized, so please encourage your homegroup to open up a service position for a Grapevine Rep. I will also put them to work at the Grapefest this fall!

Some reasons to subscribe to the Grapevine in your Homegroup:

1. Grapevine provides an "up-to-date" forum for groups to share experiences as they meet life's inevitable challenges.
2. Each issue contains stories on various topics, such as the Seventh Tradition, business meetings, relations with landlords, and more.
3. Grapevine is a terrific source of stories for literature meetings. In each issue, there are stories on steps and traditions, each written by an AA member.
4. Grapevine is the most current "snapshot" of what the fellowship is thinking and doing.
5. Stories by AA members getting and staying sober during the recent pandemic began appearing in the Grapevine as it has happened.

Links can be found below with 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: (Kari H.)**

Hello District 61. Total income for January was \$1256.30 from groups and individuals.

The new prices are all updated on the shelves, thank you Katelyn. I am putting finishing touches on the End of Year report for the Literature store and will send it all out asap.

I am pleased to report that all bookstore shifts are filled; grateful for all the volunteers that always make this service position so easy. We are still open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11:30a-1:30 pm. Stop in and read some Grapevines or fellowship in the Serenity Corner.

You can reach me at 406-371-6959.  
Thank you for allowing me to serve.  
Kari H.  
District 61 Literature Store Chairperson  
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406-371-6959

**Public Information/Answering Service: (Teresa R.)**

Happy February District 61

Not a lot to report, racks are doing good, will be printing and distributing new schedules as needed In March.

Hotline rotation is off and running, January went well, thank you to all the volunteers!

Sincerely,  
Teresa Realing  
District 61 PI Chair

**Treatment: (Amanda T.)**

Greetings District 61.

Apologies for not being able to attend tonight.

The meetings at Elkhorn and the BHU are running smooth. I have speakers lined up for the next couple of months.

I also have volunteers signed up to go to MCDC this weekend.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Amanda T, Treatment  
406.475.4954

**Workshops: (Wendy D.)**

Hello District 61. After the January District meeting, it was obvious to me that we need bodies to fill service commitments. I got together and chatted with some of the group chairs and District 61 will be hosting a Service Fair. Learn all there is to know about current service opportunities. Bring your Sponsees and get them signed up to serve. Take information back to your Home Group and get people signed. When March 7, 2026, time: 2 to 4, location Wilson house.

Home groups with the most attendance win a pizza or 🍕 party. If you have a service opportunity and would like to participate in the fair, please see me after the meeting.

I am also helping Jamey and Amanda with the Corrections Treatment workshop set for April 25th.

And lastly, Katelyn and I have been working on a June Workshop for our Area Delegate to give her report. Save the Date June 13th. Flyer to come.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Round-Up: (Rebecca S-Q)**

No Report

We need to find out if a check has been written to seed the next RoundUp. Dawn will get with Rebecca.

## **Tech Support (Kelly S.)**

Greetings District 61!

1st I wish to thank Nate our DCM for covering last month.

2nd I have been announcing in all meetings I attended that I am in need of an Alt. District Tech. And more involvement in forming a committee.

3rd Zoom Meeting Bill is due 2/21/2026. As I mentioned in my report last month. Now, how does the District wish this to be paid? (It's in my budget...) Direct Payment from the Treasurer? Or paid by me, and reimbursement from the District?

As to my budget for Tech... I do not see a need for a foreseeable change in my budget as listed on the proposed budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Kelly S.

District 61 Tech Chair

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## **Group Reports**

Wilson House

- \$50 for larger event and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition for smaller events.
- March 15 St. Patrick's Day event with corned beef.
- Looking for board members, meet on last Monday of month at 5:30 pm

Change of Pace may be canceling a few meetings due to low numbers, update to come.

Pockets of Enthusiasm flyers are out, registration is open.

PPG speaker is Ryan from Havre.

## **Old Business:**

Treatment budget has been corrected.

Discussion on the budget.

Alexandria moved to extend the meeting for 10 mins, approved.

Jack made a motion to approve budget for 2026. 1 abstained, passed.

## **New Business:**

District zoom annual payment will be made by Dawn. Karla emailed bill to her to pay it.

Nate discussed pre-assembly, will be online April 11, 2026, to go over all agenda items for Spring Assembly.

Missoula will be doing an in-person pre-assembly.

The next meeting will be held March 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Tyler will do the 3rd Concept.

The February 5, 2026, District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Ivie for the February 5, 2026, District 61 Business Meeting.