

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026

Opening: The June 4, 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 Nate S. There were 14 GSRs present representing district groups, and 9 committee members/chairs present. There were 3 present on Zoom.

Concept: Concept 6 was read by Jack S.

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved with an amendment to add an AOG meeting June 22, 2026. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the April meeting.

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

See attached flyers

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Greetings District 61,

Summer is here, and the calendar of events on the aa-montana.org website is filling up. There are some great events happening this month, including our Area 40 Delegate's Report on Saturday the 13th at the Wilson House! If your group is hosting an event this summer and you'd like to have a flyer posted on the website, please let me know and I will get you in touch with our webmaster, Alex M.

Something for all of us to keep in mind: District 61 elections are only four short months away. At our October 1st meeting, we will be voting on our next rotation of trusted servants. Committee chairs and officers, now is the time to reach out to people you think might be interested in taking on a service position during the next rotation. It's also a good time to start thinking about other service positions you might be interested in standing for.

For GSRs—and really anyone interested—if there are District service positions that pique your interest but you don't know exactly what the job entails, please reach out to the current committee chair or officer and ask questions. The job descriptions are available on our mini-site at aa-montana.org, but nothing beats the firsthand experience of someone who has done the job before.

In my experience, District service positions always seem impossibly difficult and time-consuming until I learn what the position actually involves. I doubt you'll find any service position that you can't handle with the help of your Higher Power and the fellowship around you.

One last thing: Fall Assembly is September 25–27 this year. More information will be coming soon, but please keep in mind that July 1st is the deadline for submitting Fall agenda items.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Yours in service,

Nate

Committee Reports:

Archives: (Jeff M)

Greetings District 61:

My main activity for April was attending the Archives and Policy committee at the Area Assembly, where I updated them on our district's archive activity in the previous six months.

There will be a work weekend at the area archive in Ennis on the weekend of June 27 and 28, but I will not be able to attend because my wife and I have our anniversary that weekend, and I have my priorities!

The only business item for discussion in the area committee had to do with its policy work. We discussed a proposed agenda item for the General Service Conference, which was asking for a policy for members who attend meetings remotely and seek election to service positions in places where they do not reside. The committee felt that the tradition of autonomy should lead a group, district, or area to develop its own practices, so the committee unanimously advised rejecting the item should it come up for consideration at the GSC.

Lastly, I have fielded questions or received updates from four group representatives regarding home group histories. I'm happy to see some groups are interested in this project, and I'm ready to help in any way possible to document the recent history of AA groups in our district.

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: (Amy N)

Hello District 61 and happy June.

I am happy to report I have sent 3 BTG slips to Geno in Butte from kari retrieving at Elkhorn treatment center. This is in the works, and I will update when they are out and bridged. In the meantime, they can use their emails to communicate with some females in aa. That's all I have to report this month.

in service, Amy

Corrections: (Jamey C)

Good evening, district 61. This is your may corrections report. Not much new to report this month.

Lewis And Clark County jail men's side is going well. I have rotated in almost all new men. The Women's side is also going well. Townsend jail, men and women's sides are also going well. Boulder jail is good. The pre-release is good with Dave helping Russ. Dan B is applying to go in which will be good. The Prison

is going well. There is a mini conference scheduled at the prison September 17th. For information, contact Neil T, (406) 980-0967.

CPC: (Alysia)

No report to give.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Alysia R.

Grapevine: (Katelyn S.)

Hello District 61,

The June issue is "Young and Sober," featuring inspiring stories by AA members about coming into the program at an early age, the challenges they faced and how they found other young members enjoying sobriety.

As a reminder, I bought 12 copies of the new Gratitude book and also replenished the supply of the other Grapevine books last month. If there's a book you've wanted but it was out of stock at the bookstore, head down and take a look as I got at least one copy of each book. If you're not seeing it in stock at the bookstore, it's already sold, but I'd love to get you a copy so reach out to me directly and I'll make that happen.

I'm still working out a date for the Grapefest in mid/late September or mid October, working around Area Assembling and the fall Roundup. As a reminder, this year the Grapefest will feature a speaker and a Grapevine story writing workshop; I hope to get some stories from District 61 submitted. I'm hoping to find a speaker who has had a story published in the Grapevine, and/or has been on the Podcast, so if you know of anyone, please let them know I'd love to discuss this with them.

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

- Longtime Members! (stories due July 1, 2026)
- Making Amends (stories due Sept. 1, 2026)
- What's On Your Mind? — Have ideas about meetings, sponsorship, sobriety, Traditions or anything AA? Tell us how you really feel. This is your chance to share exactly what's on your mind. We want to know! (Stories due Aug 1, 2026)
- Making Amends — Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience about making amends. (Stories due Sept 1, 2026)
- Fun in Sobriety (stories due Oct. 1, 2026) We're not a glum lot. Been on any fun sober trips? How about camping, skiing, skydiving, dancing, collecting, acting, reading, cooking, volunteering? What about service events, new hobbies, game nights, sober vacations? Share your sober adventures! Let's hear from you!

- Also, we're looking for your experience with each individual Tradition! (Pick a particular Tradition and share your experience!) We run one every month! We also need your jokes! Note: Feel free to send in a story of any topic at any time, as long as it relates to drinking, sobriety, meetings, Steps, and other AA topics!

- NOTE: We are always in need of stories of your experience on Steps 4—12 and on every Tradition. Thanks!

As a reminder, if you are a part of a home group, and you do not have a Grapevine representative, you're missing out not only on valuable ways to carry the message, but your group is missing out on a potential service opportunity for someone who may need a reason to stick around. Grapevine rep is a great position for someone new, coming back, new to service, or someone who just wants to carry the message. Please let me know if your group wants to know more.

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. They will be included in my report sent out with the minutes.

- 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. I apologize for missing District meeting this month AND not sending in a report. Total income was \$123.

Eric G was gracious enough to purchase and install some of the burnt out lights in the book store. However, one of the lights is already out so I put a request in the landlord's mailbox outside his office.

I have open shifts at the store. Please announce in your groups and give people my contact information. I have a Thursday and a Friday open.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Kari H.

District 61 Literature Store Chairperson

notaglumlot07@gmail.com

406-371-6959

Public Information/Answering Service: (Teresa R.)

A few weeks ago, I made a trip to White Sulphur Springs and met with the WSS CP AA group. It was a really foog meeting and I was able to take pamphlets and schedules for them to put around town. They were very grateful that district took the time to address their needs. The did inform me that to their knowledge, their sheriff has no problem with AA, but maybe someone under him did, they were not sure. In any case we took pamphlets and schedules to the jail and as mentioned last month, they were gonna also put scheduled in the local hotels. They were gonna also make sure that their hospital pamphlet racks were updated. They will contact me if they need any other things and I will make sure to be sending them schedules as I update them and print them out.

Our Hotline calls for the month of May or three and zero were missed.

I plan to print up and distribute new schedules in July. Currently, the website schedule is correct and up to date, and there is a PDF of an up to date schedule on the district Mini site.

That's really all I have for this month.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Teresa Realing

District 61 PI Chair

Treatment: (Amanda T.)

No report.

Tech Support (Kelly S.)

Greetings District61!

Hello District 61,

The TV monitor acquired through Facebook Marketplace has gone out. See me after the meeting if you have any information on one.

Nothing else to report this month for the Technology Committee.

In Service,

Kelly S.

District Tech Chair

district61tech@hotmail.com

(406)439-2305 Personal Cell

Workshops: (Wendy D.)

Hello District 61.

May seem to fly by. The Homegroup that won the pizza party enjoyed some yummy Brooklyn pizza last month for having the most participants at the March Service Fair.

This month, our Area Delegate will be in Helena on June 13th. To give us her report. Starts at 1 pm at the Wilson House. Flyers are here to take back to your group. I don't know, maybe there will be another prize for the most homegroup participants?!

I am also starting up the Attitude of Gratitude Committee meetings. I will need lots of help with set up, food, speakers, registration. Last year's crew was awesome. I hope this year is equally great. If you are looking for service work, or have a sponsee who needs a service position, show up at the library, June 22 @ 5.30. Small community room. If you have questions, text or call me at 406-431-7895.

Hope to see you at hope of these events.

In service,

Wendy D

Round-Up: (Rebecca S-Q)

What happened to the money for Al-Anon?

Good question! The original financial breakdown I submitted to District right after the Roundup did not include a separate line item for Al-Anon.

That said, we did square up with Al-Anon during the Roundup. Based on the agreed percentages, we owed them about \$225. Rather than writing a check, the AA committee covered the cost of the Al-Anon speaker's hotel room, which essentially balanced everything out.

So the Al-Anon portion wasn't missing—it just showed up in the form of a hotel room instead of a cash payment.

Rebecca SQ

Questions:

Rolfe asked for clarification on the WSS meeting, said Fellowship Group will be roadtripping there for it.

Jack asked for info on the Corrections Workshop, will be added to the minutes. Also, Rory gave it too.

Carleen said she has a TV in her garage District can have.

Group Reports

Benjamin said Wilson House will be having a bbq

Primary Purpose Group Speaker is last Saturday at Salvation Army at 7 pm, Connie R.

Fellowship Group speaker meeting is 3rd Thursday at 7 pm. There is a doorbell at the main door if it is locked.

IITB speaker flyers are out.

FFL has a Saturday noon meeting at St. Mary's.

Sister 2 Sister has moved to St. Pauls UMC. M(Big Book), W(meditation), F(discussion)

Jack mentioned FFL contributes to District and why doesn't anyone else. Amy T mentioned her group contributes once a year.

Rolfe mentioned Lincoln has a meeting, Teresa said they reached out and are canceling their meeting.

Old Business:

No update from Penny R on the Riverside meetings.

New Business:

Cupcakes were brought to celebrate birthdays for Karla and Wendy.

Karla made a motion to move the July meeting 1 week due to the holiday weekend. Passed unanimously.

Passcode for the Zoom meeting 856260.

The next meeting will be held July 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Carleen will do the 7th Concept.

The June 4, 2026, District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Ivie for the June 4, 2026, District 61 Business Meeting.