

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

Opening: The March 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 Katelyn S. There were 13 GSRs present representing district groups, and 9 committee members/chairs present. There were 3 present on Zoom.

Concept: Concept 3 was read by Tyler O.

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

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

See attached flyers

DCM:

Greetings District 61,

This past weekend I attended the 2026 West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We spent the weekend reviewing the agenda for the 2026 General Service Conference in New York, and I'm confident our delegate, Lisa C-D, is well prepared. It was a great weekend of service and fellowship, and it was nice to see Area 40 so well represented.

In addition to Area business, we will discuss many of the same GSC agenda items at our Assembly in Great Falls next month. A few highlights from West Central include:

Finance Committee: Considering a request to create a Twelve Steps study guide or workbook. This item generated a lot of discussion and opinions were split.

Grapevine/La Viña Committee: Considering whether AA Grapevine Inc. should accept direct contributions from the fellowship. Discussion at West Central leaned toward encouraging contributions to go to the General Service Board, which would then distribute funds to Grapevine.

Archives Committee: Considering a request to define eligibility for Area-level service members who reside outside the geographical area they serve. For example, could a Delegate or Trustee living in Florida represent our Area or the West Central Region?

There is also discussion about where Zoom-only meetings fit within the service structure.

As usual, there was significant discussion about the financial health of AA and where costs might be reduced within publishing and the General Service Office. The full content of the weekend is outside the scope of this report, but I'm happy to discuss agenda items with any individuals or groups.

Our Area Assembly in Great Falls is approaching quickly. Two dates to keep in mind:

1. March 27 – Deadline for discounted hotel rooms in Great Falls. The code is "A40."

Details are available at aa-montana.org.

2. Saturday, April 11 – Virtual Pre-Assembly (12:30–5:30ish). Zoom information is also available at aa-montana.org. This is the best way to prepare for the Area Assembly.

Background information and the finalized agenda for the Assembly are available at the link below. Please share with your groups and committees.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Nate

Area Dashboard:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard>

Username: dashboard

Password: xwPa4SKy

Committee Reports:

Archives: (Jeff M)

Greetings District 61:

The most significant development this month has been the opportunity to develop an archives committee. With no initiative coming from me, two members have reached out to ask about doing some work in the archives. One came bearing gifts—a collection of recordings of possible significance, and a binder of old district minutes. As we examined those minutes from 1998, we discovered that our archive has no minutes from that year, so these documents fill in a small gap in our history.

The second individual had an interest in learning more about the archives and how he might be involved, we met to introduce him to our holdings. We then got to work finding materials for a display for the upcoming Pockets of Enthusiasm.

This upcoming month I hope the three of us can meet to review the group history questionnaire and distribute them to groups. I continue to work on creating readable group histories out of the questionnaires we have collected over the years. I am also hoping that we can generate histories of The Wilson House and The Alano Club. Although those entities are not affiliated with AA or our district, significant AA history in in our district takes place in those venues, and I believe that history has a place in our archives.

So, if you would like to make our committee of three a proper gang of four (or five, etc.), please let me know. We would love to have you!

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.

D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap: (Amy N)

Hello District 61, and happy March- BTG has helped a female released from Rocky Mountain Treatment center to Townsend on February 26th. She is actively attending meetings in Townsend and Helena. Thank you for all of your service and in mentioning BTG to people transitioning out of facilities and into the community in your service areas. Please reach out with any questions.

In service, Amy

Corrections: (Jamey C)

Good evening, district 61. This is your February corrections report.

Lewis and Clark county men's and women's jail side are going great.

Boulder jail is good other than they've had no takers for a month.

The Townsend jail men's and women's sides are great!

The prison is going well and they are talking about another mini conference in September.

Russ said the pre-release is going good with more attendees.

Also, the planning for the treatment corrections workshop is coming along nicely!

CPC: (Alysha)

No Report Provided

Grapevine: (Katelyn S.)

Hello District 61,

The March issue's feature selection is "AA and the Family" with touching, powerful stories by AA members about alcoholism and AA has affected their families. Announcement: Each week, AA Grapevine now holds an open virtual AA meeting with a host and two speakers. The meeting is recorded! You can join live on Wednesdays at Noon Eastern on Zoom:

Meeting ID: 871 2036 8287 Passcode: 238047.

This is separate from the Grapevine Podcast, which comes out on Sundays. The podcast respects anonymity. There have been 4 meetings recorded so far, which you can find on the website, on your favorite podcast platforms, and via the link below:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/grapevine-weekly-open>

As a reminder, I will be at the upcoming Service Fair on Saturday March 7th at the Wilson House from 2-4. Wendy has promised to bring her incredible cupcakes and it is sure to be a wonderful time. I plan to have a table with resources for the Grapevine, current or prospective Grapevine Reps, and I will be happy to discuss Grapevine or Grapevine rep responsibilities with anyone who is interested in taking on

this role for their homegroup. It is an excellent position for a first-time service position holder or a newcomer, but Grapevine Reps come in all shapes, sizes, previous experience, and sobriety durations.

The Homegroup GVR is 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 step work, tradition studies, or selecting Grapevine books for book studies. Is someone in your homegroup struggling with a step, a relationship or going through a hard time? There's a book for that. Your Grapevine Rep can point you in the right direction to encourage the sharing of experiences that keep this fellowship going. I printed out editorial calendars for the remainder of 2026 and 2027. The deadline for story submissions is about 18 months out so if any of these subjects catch your eye, watch the submission deadline so you don't miss out.

I would also like to remind you that you don't need to be subscribed to the Grapevine to take advantage of many of the resources. Make an account on the webpage for additional access, or check out the podcast.

Links can be found below with information on how to submit a story, art, photo, caption or opinion, as well as the Grapevine Podcast, Meeting, and Youtube channel.

Grapevine YouTube:

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

Podcast:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

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. Sorry I cannot be present tonight. I will be at the service Fair this Saturday at the Wilson house from 2-4pm. Please announce this in all your groups as we need jail and literature volunteers.

Total income for February was \$11. I had a huge hiccup with book orders from last month. I had placed a huge order prior to prices going up in February and only received a partial delivery: short 500 hard cover Big Books to be exact. Fedex reported that they never had them despite the packing slip stating they did, and finally GSO tracked them down, sitting in the AA Warehouse, never shipped. It then took another 2

weeks, but they are here and I believe the We Care Group is the only cases I haven't got delivered. I just wanted to put this out there so if it were ever to happen again, someone would be able to say they remember it happening ONCE before. ❓❓

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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Public Information/Answering Service: (Teresa R.)

Greetings District 61

PI is going well, made the rounds to the racks March 2nd. Trying to make rounds the first Monday of the month. I have printed more schedules to take to your home groups.

Hotline is going well, District 61 received for February, 2 calls, one was missed. I called back the missed call and was able to assist the woman with her needs. Lance is still working with the answering service to get help with the calls rolling to the backup.

Looking forward to the Service Fair this weekend, hope to see you there.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Sincerely,

Teresa Realing

District 61 Chair

Treatment: (Amanda T.)

Greetings District 61.

Not much to report this month. Everything in the treatment world is running smooth.

We are taking meetings into Elkhorn and the BHU weekly.

I have volunteers for MCDC this weekend and speakers for Boyd Andrew later in the month.

I am excited for the service fair this weekend and look forward to people getting involved in service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Amanda T, Treatment

Tech Support (Kelly S.)

Greetings District 61!

Technology Chair and possibly 2 Volunteers willing to learn my job for the District will be at the Saturday SERVICE WORKSHOP at the Wilson House from 2PM-4PM.

I will be setting up a Zoom Meeting on site to Demonstrate and Broadcast the Event! YAY!

We may be becoming a TRIO! Instead of a One Man Band!!!!

For now, and until Saturday... Thank You for the PRIVILEGE To Serve the District, and Helena AA as well as Montana Area 40.

In Service,

Kelly S.

District Tech Chair

district61tech@hotmail.com

(406)439-2305 Personal Cell

Workshops: (Wendy D.)

Good evening District 61. Wendy alcoholic here with your Workshop report. This Saturday from 2 to 4, I will be hosting the Service Fair at the Wilson House. Anyone that is interested in knowing more about the service opportunities within the District and Area, please stop by. Bring sponsors, sponsee, newcomers and old timers. There is something for everyone.

If you want to share a service opportunity by participating in the event, please let me know ASAP or show up 30 minutes early to set up. All you need is information about your service opportunity and how one signs up/participates.

Upcoming events that I am working on include the Corrections/Treatment in April workshop and the Area Delegate's report in June.

In service

Wendy

Round-Up: (Rebecca S-Q)

Hi Everyone,

Here is a brief final roundup report. The fall 2025 Roundup was very successful, and, as a result, we were able to pass \$2,000.00 in seed money to Kalispell for the spring Roundup.

The spring 2025 Roundup in Great Falls gave us an initial \$2,000.00, which was extremely helpful in maintaining positive cash flow until additional registration funds came in. I am grateful that the Helena Roundup was able to provide the same support to Kalispell.

The Kalispell Roundup seed money check was cashed by their treasurer. Nino, the Roundup Chair, is very appreciative.

Sobriety rocks, (to steal a phrase from my friend Shawn!)

Rebecca

Group Reports

Benjamin said St Patrick's Day lunch on 3-15 at Wilson House at noon.

Primary Purpose Group Speaker is last Saturday at Salvation Army at 7 pm. March speaker is Mike M.

Fellowship Group speaker meeting is 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Sister to Sister looking to start a Wednesday noon meditation meeting at the Alano Club.

IITB speaker flyers are out. Laurie C will be celebrating next month.

Pockets of Enthusiasm needs scholarships for 7 women for Florence Crittendon. See Carleen for details.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Roundup - District needs to decide what to do with the money in the account. Karla made a motion to keep \$2000 in the account and send the balance to Area or GSO. Kelly seconded. Discussion about the Roundup being an Area 40 function. Nate said it is maybe an area and district function. Carleen brought up that Alanon should receive a split of the balance. Benjamin said Alanon received their split. Jeff brought the discussion back to the motion and offered an amendment. Amended motion to keep \$2,000 in the bank and send ½ of the balance to Area 40 and ½ of the balance to GSO. Rolfe stated he would like to have a financial report before making a split. Wendy spoke to the fact the funds available will not change by what is shown with a financial report. Clancy was the treasurer and had the financial report and it just didn't make it to the District. After the minority report, vote was taken again. Passed with unanimity.

Alexandria motioned to extend the meeting to 7:35pm. Passed unanimously.

Dawn contacted Rebecca by text (?) who said a report will be at next month's District meeting.

Passcode for the Zoom meeting 856260.

The next meeting will be held April 2 2026, at 6:30 pm. Benjamin will do the 3rd Concept.

The March 5, 2026, District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:34pm.

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