District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2026

Opening: The November 5, 2026, District 61 AA Business Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Roll was called by the secretary. 13 GSR's were present and 14 committee members with 4 attending online, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Katelyn S.

Concept: Concept 11 was read by Nate S.

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

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved. Any changes to be given to Alexandria by tomorrow. She will submit an updated calendar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

See attached reports

DCM:

Greetings district 61,

It was a bit of a slow month from the DCM's chair. The highlight was getting to visit the last chance Group for their business meeting. I was asked to attend and answer questions about area and District and GSO finances, and I'm happy to report they plan to send a GSR to our district meetings starting soon.

I'll keep it short as I know we have elections to get to, but as the rotation winds down, this is one last reminder that I am available if any groups would like me to visit their meeting or business meeting I'm happy to do so. You can contact me at 978-317-3798.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Nate Stansfield
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Archives:

Greetings District 61:

I was able to do two things for the archives this month. First, I participated in this month's Grapefest, bringing the archive display on the history of the event, along with copies of the Grapevine article telling the story of Helena's first home group.

Second, I completed the homegroup histories, incorporated changes for three groups that have updated their survey for this year. My next step will be to contact our Area webmaster to see how this document can be posted on our district mini-site.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.

D61 Archives Chair

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Bridging the Gap:

Hello District 61!

We have successfully bridged 2 males (one from Bearcreek and 1 from RMTC) and one female from RMTC. Thank you for all of your service and allowing me to serve. Amy

Corrections:

Good evening district 61. This is your october corrections report. Lewis and clark county jail is doing good mens and womens side.

Townsend and Boulder jails are also doing good.

Prison is doing well as Neil reported.

I have a man who is willing and say he can get the preRelease going again which will be great. That's all I have to report this month. Thank you for letting me serve. Jamey C

CPC:

Down to the wire as usual! I just wanted to report that Jack S. and I participated in a classroom discussion at Carroll College on October 12. Jack did an excellent job sharing his journey with the nursing students who were then studying addiction. The assistant professor Jen Miller was very appreciative. I will be contacting Helena College next to ask for a similar opportunity on their campus.

Thanks and grateful to serve,

Alysia R.

Grapevine:

Hello District 61,

November’s issue features stories from our vast Grapevine Archive about the early days of AA. There’s also a special section by AA members sharing powerful stories about dealing with mental health.

The November Book of the Month is The Language of The Heart: Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings, The book contains Bill's first thoughts about AA's Twelve Traditions, his battles with depression and spiritual pride, memories of an all-night drinking spree with his dear friend Ebby, and a vivid description of how he came to organize the Twelve Steps of AA. Great for meetings and AA history buffs. 20% off through November 14th.

AA Grapevine is also having a year-end FREE SHIPPING SALE - available on everything! Hurry! This special offer is available for a limited time only; however the limited timeframe is not specified so best to take advantage now.

And now, the report you've all been waiting months to hear: the Grapefest had over 40 attendees! I started to lose track after 40, but it was an amazing turnout and I hope the legacy carries on for many years to come. Kathie shared her experience, strength and hope with us, and told us about her published story and other experiences with the Grapevine. We discussed all of the incredible services and resources offered by the Grapevine, we got a tour of the Grapevine website, and everyone got to hear what was essentially a much longer version of my already long District reports!

We had a good-sized group of folks sick around for the writing workshop and found that we had 5 published Grapevine authors in attendance. We worked on our stories and later read them out loud to one another, which initially seemed terrifying to many of us, but it turned out to be just another incredibly powerful way to further connect with our fellow AAs.

Grapevine Holiday Greeting Cards are available on the Grapevine Website. A 12 pack is $22 with two different cartoons illustrated by AA members.

If you're looking for a way to get your day started with AA, sign up for the Grapevine Daily quote! The link will be below in my report, which will go out with the minutes.

If you want to start thinking about the story you'll be writing at our writing workshop this year at the Grapefest, some upcoming topics from the Grapevine newsletter include:

● Sober Seniors (stories due Jan 1, 2027)

● Young & Sober (stories due Feb 1, 2027)

● AA in the Military (stories due March 1, 2027)

● The Grapevine is always looking for your experience with each individual Tradition!

(Pick a particular Tradition and share your experience!) We run one every month!

● They also accept jokes, as long as it relates to drinking, sobriety, meetings, Steps,

and other AA topics!

● Lastly, they are always in need of stories of your experience on Steps 4—12 and on

every Tradition. Thanks!

Two ways to record:

The Audio Project Voicemail System

•Call the voicemail system at 559-726-1216.

•Press 1 to hear helpful tips and to begin recording your story after the tone.

•When finished, press #. You will be prompted to Press 1 to save your story.

•Press 2 to give AA Grapevine permission to use your story.

Alternatively, you can use your own smartphone or other digital recorder (WAV and MP3 files will be accepted) and send your recording to webcoord@aagrapevine.org .

Go to https://www.youtube.com/@AAGRAPEVINE or https://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal to listen to stories.

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

Sign up for the daily quote:

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001oGSL6wu1SRbyFplJFVXhsJmfiAwT9-c8UsT0fdV_rGWo0nkmyqyZNeqCr7gepkDIDRIYDlBrj6ttjM9WOm4EDDB8yJl8CthuzoJnKQ3qUlp0CvlcGgRGoOKITxJOzyVP1RIKrqxIgSXuW3sVMidP0w0o3wKFt4t9

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Katelyn S.

District 61 Grapevine Chair

406-293-1486

Literature:

Hello District 61. The income for the bookstore in October was $1058.00.

I am looking for a couple volunteers to help with the literature/grapevine table during Attitude of Gratitude.

I am also looking for someone to take over the Women's side of the jail. Please announce this in your groups and give them my number. It pretty much runs itself and is a great service opportunity.

Thanks to the groups that ordered cases of books this month. I appreciate it and am grateful for my time as Literature Chair.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Kari H.

District 61 Literature Store Chairperson

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Public Information/Answering Service:

Greetings District 61

Welcome Fall

Not much to report this month. There have been no changes to the schedule. I did fill pamphlets at the Jail this month and schedules. Everywhere else was good.

For the Hotline, I need a Male Volunteer for December if anyone is available to serve. I will be contacting all volunteers to see who is willing to be on the rotation for 2027.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Teresa Realing

PI and Hotline Chair

Treatment:

Greetings District 61.

Not much to report this month. We are still getting meetings into all of the places.

We are taking meetings into Elkhorn and the BHU weekly. And MCDC and Boyd Andrew monthly.

I am currently looking for volunteers for MCDC this weekend and speakers for Boyd Andrews later in the month. I hope to have this resolved quickly.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Amanda

Workshops:

Greeting District 61.

Last month I helped Katelyn with yet another successful Grapefest workshop. The writing part of the event was amazing. Who would have thought that such great stories could be written in only an hour.

The AOG Committee is working hard to put the finishing touches on the event. We have a more structured daycare system set up this year. IF you are willing to volunteer for an hour of babysitting during the event, please see me or Shawn P. Hospitality room is looking for snacks and treats for the event. Registration starts at 8 first meeting will start at 9. You can register at the event, but would love to to have more people register now. Venmo would be the best way to ensure that registration is received. Scholarships are still available. Please keep announcing the event at meetings. Hope to see all of you there.

Wendy D

AOG Committee

Rachel G

Angie B

Benjamin W

Jamie W

Shawn P

Deborah S.

Bridgette M.

Kellee T.

Amy T.

Kim A.

Round-Up:

No report

Tech Support:

Greetings District...

I've found no candidates yet for Tech Chair, hopefully someone steps up. 🙂

The Grapefest was wonderful although I had to depart before the workshops.

There wasn't any online participation at that point, so it wasn't a bad thing. Though I appreciated the chance to have the opportunity to present it online if anyone was interested who couldn't make it in person.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Kelly S. Tech Chair

district61tech@hotmail.com

Discussion:

Carla asked for clarification on the Literature Store amounts.

Alysia gave a shout out to Katelyn for the Halloween Party.

GROUP REPORTS:

IITB speaker list is out and will be emailed out.

Old Business:

Pink Can Fund issue will be tabled.

New Business:

Elections:

24 Voting Members Present

Secretary

Dawn - won

Rachel

Archives

Jamey - won

Bridging the Gap

Rob L - won

CPC

Alysia - won

Corrections

Jeremy - won

Grapevine

Merida - won

Literature

Claudia - won

Treatment

Rebecca - won

Technology

Eric - won

Public Information

Rachel - won

Karla

Workshops

Benjamin - won

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Dec 3, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The meeting closed at 7:40 pm with the Responsibility Statement. Rolfe S will do Concept 12.