

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026

Opening: The October 1, 2026, District 61 AA Business Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Roll was called by the secretary. 14 GSR's were present and 13 committee members with 3 attending online, followed by a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Wendy D.

Concept: Concept 10 was read by Kelly 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,

We had a great Area Assembly this past weekend. The workload was relatively light, but we did elect a new slate of Area officers and committee chairs. I will include the full list in my report, but congrats to Jessica EW from Kalispell who was elected to be our new delegate. Also, District 61 was well represented with Jess S our new Treasurer and Katelyn S our new Literature chair!

A few highlights from Area:

- The finance committee had an agenda item concerning reimbursement for expenses mistakenly incurred by area chairs/officers. The committee recommended moving it from Finance to Structure & Policy and after a vote the motion failed (I voted against), resulting in no action taken.
- After some discussion, the 2027 proposed budget was approved by near unanimity (one abstention in the room). The budget will be in the Assembly minutes; however, I can get an advanced copy on request. The budget includes an approximate 11.5% increase over 2026.
- A vote was taken to answer the questions "should we create an ad hoc committee to evaluate timing/frequency of future roundups in Montana. This vote passed.
- At noon on Sunday a seconded motion to extend the assembly by 20 minutes was presented to the floor. After a vote count, we did not have a quorum, and the assembly ended. However, reports from committee chairs continued even though no business was conducted.

As I gave my final District report as your DCM, I was full of gratitude for the opportunity to serve our district. General service has been instrumental in my recovery, and I encourage all who are able stand for a district position to do so. If you feel unqualified because you don't know what you're doing, you're in good company! Expertise has never been a requirement, only a willing to serve the fellowship.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Nate S.

Archives:

Greetings District 61:

This month I focused on two tasks.

First, I have a final draft of home group histories ready to send to our webmaster to put on our mini-site. Overall, we have histories for about half of the home groups listed in our district. Perhaps a future archives committee will be able to make even more progress.

Second, I attended the Area Assembly last Saturday to participate with the standing committee on Archives. I was able to report on the progress our archive has made over the past six months, and to hear what other archive committees are working on, which is primarily digitalizing their records. These reports have me considering how I might make a similar contribution to our district in the few months left in this service rotation.

In closing, if you have any district materials taking up space in your home, there might be some items our archive could use. Then again, maybe it's just garbage you haven't gotten around to throwing out yet. Whatever the case, I would love to be helpful in sorting the gold from the just plain rock, if you're interested.

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 September corrections report.

Lewis and Clark County jail is going good.

Townsend jail is also going well. The only thing is, Diane may be needing some more books.

I also spoke with TJ and the Boulder Jail is doing okay... Not much participation on the inmate side.

Haven't spoken with Neil yet to see how the prison is going.

Thank you for letting me serve! Jamey C

CPC:

(No report from CPC, but she said that she and Jack are scheduled to go talk with the nursing students at Carroll College.)

Grapevine:

Hello District 61,

October's special section is about "Loneliness." AA members share touching, helpful stories about dealing with a common feeling that's rarely discussed.

October's 20% off book of the month is No Matter What: Dealing With Adversity in Sobriety. If you

buy from the Grapevine Website, this month's discount will save you \$3 for a discounted price of \$12.

The Grapefest is just over 2 weeks out on Saturday October 17th. It will be at the Wilson House again, starting at 11:00. We'll have food, a speaker and this year, the Grapevine writing workshop. Kathie T from Missoula will be coming down to share her experience, strength and hope with us, including her experience writing and submitting a story that got published. There will be door prizes, including a free year subscription to the Grapevine in print or digital. Who knows, there might be a dance party, strobe lights and dinosaur costumes, you'll have to show up to find out. I'd like to recruit your group's Grapevine rep (or future Grapevine Rep) to help out at this event, so please send them my way! Grapevine Holiday Greeting Cards are now available on the Grapevine Website. A 12 pack is \$22 with two different cartoons illustrated by AA members.

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:

- Emotional Sobriety (stories due Nov. 1, 2026)
 - Sober Seniors (stories due Jan 1, 2027)
 - Young & Sober (stories due Feb 1, 2027)
 - 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!

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>

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Katelyn S.

District 61 Grapevine Chair

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Literature:

Hello District 61. The income for the bookstore in September was \$452.00. I am looking for extra help whether taking a shift or just on a list as a fill-in. I have 3 extra shifts in October due to 5 Th, F, and S in that month.

I am looking forward to Fellowship of the Falls next weekend and hope to see you there.
I am also looking for volunteers for the women's side of the jail. Please announce these in your meetings.

I will be putting in a big order next week to stock up for Attitude of Gratitude. Please let your groups know that if they want a case of books to get a hold of me prior to Sunday October 11th .

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 to Fall!!

I don't have a lot to report this month. There were no revisions to the District 61 schedule this month. I will be printing and distributing new schedules in the next couple weeks.

I did have to purchase more black ink, and I am submitting the invoice to Dawn tonight.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

Teresa Realing

Treatment:

Greetings District 61.

We are continuing to take meetings in Elkhorn and the BHU weekly. And MCDC and Boyd Andrew monthly.

I am still working on getting volunteers lined up for Boyd Andrews and MCDC this month.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amanda T

Treatment Chair

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Workshops:

Hello District 61. Wendy, alcoholic. I am pleased to report that Registration for the Attitude of Gratitude is officially OPEN. Flyers are on the table for everyone to take back to their groups. This year we have reduced the registration fee to \$20 per person which includes a meal. There will be daycare provided and kids are free. I have already received donations for Scholarships. If your group wants to pay for scholarships or if you need a scholarship to attend, please see any of the AOG committee members listed below. Please help spread the word so that we can have a successful event.

I am also helping Katelyn with the Grapefest that will be held October 17th. Should be a lot of fun. I hope to see you there.

In Service, Wendy D
(cell - 406-431-7895)

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:

Hello from the District Tech Committee

This Month is basically a Carbon Copy of last month. No real activity.

Although, on the 17th of October the District will be Hybrid Zoom and Face to Face at the Wilson House for the Grapefest!

Otherwise, I'm Grateful for the Privilege to serve.

Kelly S.
District Tech Chair

Discussion:

Carla asked if some of the Pink Can money can be used to buy books for Townsend Jail. Jamey said he has lots. Karla asked if we could get Plain Language books and that is going to be looked into.

Kari restated what dates she needs covered at the bookstore.

Keith asked about the increase in Area budget, Nate explained it has primarily to do with travel costs.

GROUP REPORTS:

Men's Group is donating 5 scholarships for AOG and coffee.

PPG Speaker for Oct is April N from Great Falls.

IITB speaker list is out and will be emailed out.

Old Business:

Pink Can Fund issue will be tabled. Motion made by Benjamin, seconded by Teresa. Approved

New Business:

Elections:

23 Voting Members Present (22)

Kari made a motion to vote by plurality (those with the most votes wins). 17 votes for, 6 votes against.

Minority opinion given by Wendy D. Catelyst also gave minority opinion. Motion made to revote. 18 for, 1 abstained. Revote for plurality: 6 for, 15 against. passes. Simple majority will be used.

DCM:

Alexandria won

Karla I

Alt DCM:

Wendy won

Keith

Benjamin

Treasurer:

Teresa

Keith

Amanda T won

Next month's meeting is scheduled for Nov 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm. The meeting closed at 7:41 pm with the Responsibility Statement. Nate S will do Concept 11. Respectfully submitted by Karla I.