

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2024

Opening: The October 3, 2024 District 61 AA Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call and the reading of the Twelve Traditions by a trusted servant. There were 14 GSRs present representing district groups, and 14 committee members/chairs present. (1 on Zoom)

Concept: Concept 10 was read by Deborah.

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants and Venmo information was provided for those online.

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the September 2024 meeting.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

Hello District 61 members. Here is the September recap for the District:
Income for last month totaled \$794.00.

Breakdown is as follows:

7th Tradition \$39.00

Literature Sales \$155.00

Group Contributions \$600.00

Our expenses totaled \$862.84. Breakdown is:

Literature Store - Power \$63.53

Literature Store - Rent \$185.00

Church Rent \$50.00

BTG Reimbursement \$155.00

CPC Reimbursement \$29.00

DCM Reimbursement \$218.89

Grapevine Materials \$161.42

With these transactions, our checking account balance is \$1,942.53 and our prudent reserve is \$948.67 – for a total of \$2,891.20 in District funds. Pink Can account is \$185.00. I also included a year-to-date budget recap so everyone can see where they are with expenses.

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DCM

Well, that last month just flew by didn't it!? I had a great time attending my last assembly as your DCM. I always love our districts participation and it was so great to have some new GSR's there! I sat in on the archives committee meeting. We talked about coming up with a general guidelines informational document on how to host and participate in an in person preassembly. We also talked about putting those guidelines on AAmontana.org. So hopefully at some point we can reference that and get back to in person pre-assemblies!

The bulk of business was electing new area for officer and chair positions! From our district Jessica SK is the new area secretary and Rebecca is the new area literature chair! Carla was dangerously close to becoming the corrections chair. I am not going to read off all the positions that were elected, but I will include it in my report... So if you're interested, check the minutes. I will also attach a copy of my DCM report For district 61 if anyone is interested in reading that!

Delegate – Lisa

Area chair – Jessica W

Secretary – Jessica SK

Treasure – Lynn

Archives – Jody

CPC – Karen

Corrections – Danny

Grapevine – Hugh

Literature – Rebecca

PI – Mark

Hotline chair – Lance

Treatment – Ty

Archives non-rotating – Rick H

I am very much looking forward to elections tonight. I hope everyone is sitting here with a willingness to serve. It truly has been joy in service for me and it keeps me coming back! If you are sitting on the fence, wondering if you can do the position, I encourage you to just take the leap... Remembering that none of us in these positions knew what the hell we were doing. Also, don't be afraid to nominate your friend or someone you think would be a good fit for the position we're electing.

That's about it... Love KrissyLove Krissy!

Committee Reports:

Archives:

No report

Bryan S., D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap

National Bridging the Gap conference was amazing. It was great to meet people from all over the US and Canada and to see how things are done in other locations. The GSO speaker was so great and I hear that the Friday night speakers were on FIRE.

Still looking for hep starting a meeting at "Our Place" on Fridays. Call me 406-371-6959. 6 month sobriety is requested.

Thanks for letting me serve, Kari

Corrections

Good evening, District 61. This is your September correction to report. We will be having our Monday corrections meeting next Monday. So I have not talked to everyone yet. As far as the Lewis and Clark county jail goes, everything seems to be running pretty smooth on the men's and women's side. The pre-release is running smooth. We have a new guy going in to take place of Dave p....mailman Brian. As far as the boulder jail goes, everything's running smooth. I have a new guy filling out an app to go in. So that will help getting another guy down there to go in with T.J. I haven't heard from Dave or Diane yet This month on the Townsend jail, but I assume it is going smooth. Watch is going good, but it is hit and miss on attendance. As far as the prison goes, they had the mini conference last Saturday and it went pretty well ten outside people showed up and nineteen inside people showed up. Starting January, Neal T will take over for Gary E Taking meetings into the prison. Gary, did it for many, many years.

Thank you for letting me serve, Jamey C.

CPC

Last month we met with Heather Hundtoft, the Clinical Director of Addiction Services at Boyd Andrew. We talked about ways AA could up its cooperation with Boyd Andrew. She also had some great ideas about how CPC could handle outreach to the three courts that have authority over offenses involving alcohol and/or drugs, and suggested BA might be helpful to some extent. We'll be exploring this over the next couple months.

On October 3 we attended 4 Helena City Police briefings to talk about what AA is and isn't and solicit ideas about how we can help them get folks to us when appropriate. They were interested in the QR code cards and agreed to keep them in their possession. They also asked whether we could provide what we call Beginners Packets, so we will see about providing those. They were also concerned about the "aggressive" reaction of AA members when they respond to calls for their help from the Alano Club. I said I would bring that to the Board's attention.

Finally, we continue to make (slow) progress following up on our letter to faith leaders to ask for a meeting.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Deborah

Grapevine:

Hi all,

Grapefest 2024 was a great success for the 10 people that always show up. Honestly, you'll miss out when you don't hear the delegates report.

There is a new Grapevine book called "Our 12 Steps". I ordered three but there's only one left in the bookstore. The book has stories about how members work each step. Chapter 1 is why people like working the program. Chapter 2 is all about step one. Chapter 3 is all about step two, etc. I've been reading it every morning as part of my morning routine and really enjoying it.

The other new book is called "one-on-one" and is about sponsorship.

I look forward to rotating out of Grapevine chair and assisting, if needed, the incoming chair.

Since man first crushed grapes,

Rebecca

Literature

Hello District 61. Total income for September was \$155 to groups and individuals. I still have an open service position on the 1st Thursday of the month from 11:30AM-1:30PM. The sobriety requirement is 1 year or 6 months with a note from your sponsor. Please reach out if you or someone you know is interested.

For the remainder of the year, I'll be bringing some books to the District meeting, please consider buying for yourself, your group, or your sponsees. Most of these are books that have been selling poorly. I also brought some service manuals, but please be advised these are the 2023 services manuals as the 2024 version has not been released and I've not gotten a release date yet.

Don't forget the Plain Language Big Book will be available in softcover format for \$11 with sales starting November 1. They have not confirmed if they will be shipping immediately, but I will report back as soon as I know.

Please take back to your groups that checks used to pay for literature at the bookstore need to be made out to District 61. You do not need to include "literature store".

As always, if you need a case of books, please let me know so I can make sure the store remains stocked for the newcomer. You can reach me at 406-293-1486.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Katelyn S

District 61 Literature Store Chair

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Public Information/Answering Service:

Good evening District 61, Not too much going on for PI over the last month. I added hybrid meeting info for the Last Chance Recovery group that meets on Mondays at 7. Continuing to fill the racks in the area.

I attended the area meeting and got to learn how we vote in people for their new positions. Found that very interesting. That's about all for now.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Dawn A

Treatment

Hello District 61 and happy October! Thank you for presenting this material to your groups as follows.

Meetings as listed:

MCDC- Treatment facility in Butte. Held the 1st Saturday of the month. Meeting is at 630pm. Meet at Albertsons at 5pm on Fee street. 1+ year sob requirement.

BHU- Weekly meeting on Tuesdays at the BHU in St Peters Helena. Meeting starts at 630 pm. Please contact Anya or if interested in a Tuesday. 1+ year sob requirement.

Elkhorn- This is a weekly meeting on Saturdays at 1030 at the women's treatment center in Boulder that our coordinator Jan has asked me to announce. Please contact or Jan and we will get you on a rotating list. This requires a PREA training prior that Shawn Frederick does on Mondays a 4 at the pre release. (Interesting and well done). 1+ year sob requirement.

Boyd Andrews- Monthly speaker meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9 and 10am. Share your story to these groups! Speaking of, I need one more person for October d/t cancellation.

Our next committee meeting is Oct 7th 5:30pm at the Wilson House (held the 1 st Monday of every month and includes Corrections/Treatment/BTG)

Planning for our next Attitude of Gratitude event that is on November 23rd at Our Redeemer's is in process and I am grateful to be part of.

I was able to attend Saturday of Area and most appreciated seeing the election process as well as hearing from Area and local chairs as well as past delegates. Our rotating in chairs will be outstanding and I cannot believe how big and full of love AA is.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this position that has had great depth and weight on my sobriety and some many areas of learning.

Amy N. Treatment

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Jon C.: 406-603-0953 Jan Z.: 406-459-0970 Dave P.: 415-342-5195

Tech

Thank you for those that covered me while I was gone the past 2 months. Otherwise, I have nothing new to report.

Bob

Workshops

Greetings District 61. The Grapefest was a great time of information and fellowship. If you missed it, you missed a lot. Thank you, Rebecca, for inviting me to share and for hosting a great event!

The Attitude of Gratitude is on track for a great event. It is scheduled for Nov. 23 at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church on North Benton. The doors will open at 8 am and the first workshop will begin at 9 am. There are 2 workshops scheduled for the morning, a break for lunch on your own, 2 workshops in the afternoon, to include a "long timers" workshop, then a catered dinner at 5 pm. Our evening speaker will be Ginger. Our Hospitality chair, Sue, will be recruiting for donations. If you would like to bring items or if your homegroup would like to donate a meat and cheese tray, veggie tray, pastry tray, or anything else, please either let Sue or myself know. We are also looking for donations of coffee and other drinks. We are working on having childcare provided, but are still looking for people to help watch the kids. Please let me know if you or someone you know would be willing to help in this area.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in Service, Karla I.

Roundup

Next Roundup meeting will be 3rd Monday in October, and the November meeting is set for the 1st Monday

Rebecca

Group Reports

None.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

DCM – Nate read the qualifications. Rebecca, nominated Nate. Nate provided his service history. Nate was voted in as DCM by acclamation.

Secretary – Nate read qualification. Krissy nominated Karla I. Karla provided her service history. Karla was voted in as Secretary by acclamation.

Treasurer - Nate nominated Andy. Andy declined. Krissy nominated Dawn. Dawn is willing. Karla nominated Kari. Nate nominated Andy and Nate nominated Bob. They all declined. Dawn provided her service history.

Alt DCM – Kari, Wendy, Bob, Alexandria and Keith were all nominated by members. Kari, Wendy, Bob, Keith and Alexandria provided service history. Vote was taken and Alexandria was nominated into the position.

Archives – Nate read the qualifications. Nate nominated Keith, and he accepted with a big “for fucks sakes”. Jeff was also nominated. Jeff provided is service position. Vote was taken and Jeff was nominated into the position.

Bridging the Gap - Nate read the qualifications. Keith, Amy, Wendy were nominated. Vote was taken and Amy was nominated into the position.

Next meeting November 7, 2024,

Concept 11 volunteer – Jamie

The meeting was extended for 10 minutes. The October 3, 2024 District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Donahoe.