

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2026

Opening: The September 3, 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. There were 13 GSRs present representing district groups, and 11 committee members/chairs present. There were 3 present on Zoom.

Concept: Concept 9 was read by Dawn.

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

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

See attached flyers

DCM

Greetings, District 61! I'm sorry I'm not able to make it in person this month. Fall Assembly is coming up in just three short weeks! The Assembly will be held in Great Falls, September 25–27. It will be a hybrid event, so it's easy—and free—to tune in from the couch if you can't make it in person. If you haven't booked a hotel room yet, the block code for the Holiday Inn & Convention Center is "A40," and the cutoff is September 14.

Background material can be found at www.aa-montana.org/dashboard, and the password is xwPa4Sky. It will be a relatively light agenda this time, as we'll be holding Area elections! Elections are always a fun time, and I hope some of you will consider standing for an Area position if you're able. Even if you don't throw your hat in the ring, I'm hoping for a great turnout from District 61 to help elect our next slate of trusted servants. There will be snacks!

Also, this is our last meeting before our own District 61 elections on October 1st. One last pitch to please announce this at your meetings and encourage your fellow AA's to consider getting involved in District service. If you have a friend, sponsee, or sponsor who you think would do a great job in a District position, tell them! Sometimes, a little encouragement is all it takes to get someone to step up.

District service has changed my life, and I'm excited to help usher in our next slate of leaders and trusted servants. I hope many of you will consider getting involved in whatever way you can.

All the Trusted Servant guidelines and job descriptions can be found on our mini-site at aa-montana.org. A link will also be included in the minutes.

Yours in service,

Nate S. – 978-317-3798

You <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist61/docs/2024-trusted-servant-guidelines-job-descriptions.pdf>

Committee Reports:

Archives: (Jeff M)

Greetings District 61:

Very little action to report on this month, as I only found time to gather materials to keep our archives up to date. I filed agendas, minutes, and event flyers for July and August.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.

D61 Archives Chair

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Bridging the Gap: (Amy N)

Hello District 61!

We have bridged 2 females and 1 male the last month. One from Bear Creek Wilderness to Boulder. And 2 from Rocky Mountain Treatment Center into Helena.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Amy

Corrections: (Jamey C)

Good evening, district 61. This is your August corrections report. Not much has changed, the lewis and clark county Jail is going good. Nothing new to report this month. Thank you for letting me serve. Jamey C

CPC: (Alysia)

Hello District 61!

For me, TGIF stands for "Thank God It's Fall!"

After delivering 35 booklets entitled, "Is A.A. For Me?" and 50 meeting schedules to for the Carroll College Mobile Health Unit, I talked with the professor who asked if I'd be willing to speak to her nursing class. Based on past experience, she said half know something about addition and the other half think, "Well, if you want to quit, just quit!" I agreed to help out and am researching best ways to truly inform the class about alcoholism and A.A.

For our next project, we plan to recontact all religious denominations in Helena to let them know about the resources that AA can provide to those they contact every day.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Alysia

Grapevine: (Katelyn S.)

Hello District 61,

September's featured section is all about "Sponsorship" It's full of helpful, personal and often humorous stories by members about the joys and challenges of AA sponsorship.

Very exciting news this month: the Grapevine is now offering a Book of the Month discount. They'll have a featured Grapevine book for 20% off for the month! The first featured book of the month is One on One: AA Sponsorship in Action. Take advantage of this discount if you've had your eye on a Grapevine book to save a few bucks and support this important AA resource for carrying the message. This month's discount will save you \$3 for a discounted price of \$12.

The Grapefest is right around the corner! It's set for 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!

I mentioned the Audio Project last month, so if you need a refresher, please see my report in the District minutes where I will leave instructions on how to contribute to the Grapevine Audio Project, and submission instructions for a story, art, photos, or jokes.

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:

- Fun in Sobriety (stories due Oct. 1, 2026)
- 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@agrapevine.org.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@AAGRAPEVINE> or <https://www.agrapevine.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.agrapevine.org/guidelines-contributing-grapevine>

Submit your story:

<https://www.agrapevine.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. The bookstore sold \$313 in books, \$30 in pamphlets and \$1 donation for a total of \$343.00. Please remind groups that if you are going to buy at least 10 of the same book (i.e. Big Books), I ask that you get a case so the store is not depleted. Ordering is taking around 3 weeks or more and I would like the store to have all books available for the newcomer.

Also please announce that I am looking for volunteers to do fill-in shifts and also “extra” days of the longer months. I have someone that works JUST the 5th Mondays when they come up and would love to get volunteers for the 5th Thurs, Fri and Sat when they occur. And it is happening in October. 😊

Due to the lag in ordering I will be putting in an order by the end of this month to stock up for upcoming events; again, please let me know if you need a case of books or any large amount and I will include them with my order.

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

Not a lot to report this month. I have updated our meeting schedule for September, 2026 and am providing some tonight for you to take to your homegroups. I will be making the rounds to fill up the racks with the new schedules between tomorrow and next week.

For the area Hotline Report we received 2 calls and one was missed. I was able to have the missed call person called back.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve.

Teresa Realing

Treatment: (Amanda T.)

Greetings District 61.

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

I have speakers lined up for Boyd this month and volunteers for MCDC this weekend.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amanda T

Treatment Chair

406.475.4954

Tech Support (Kelly S.)

Hello from the Technology Committee,

Not much to report this month. Apologize for forgetting the final report last month.

Again, thanks for the Monitor and Web Camera from Carleen and It's in the Book Group.

Hopefully with elections next month, we get interest in new Members who are willing to take a rotation in the committee and stand as Chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Kelly S.

Workshops: (Wendy D.)

This is your workshops report for August. The AOG committee is working hard to organize 2026 Attitude of Gratitude. The date has been set for November 14th. Cost is \$20. Registration will open soon. We don't have the flyer 100% done. But I will send it out soon. Venmo will be available to pay registration and we will accept checks.

This month we will meet on Sept. 14th and the 28th at 5:30 at the library.

If groups want to donate Scholarships, please write Check to AOG.

Save the date flyer is attached. Look for the registration flyers around the 15th of this month

In service Wendy

Round-Up: (Rebecca S-Q)

No report

Questions:

Jack volunteered to help CPC with Carroll College.

Kari clarified there are schedules at the bookstore.

Carleen asked about the Pink Can fund and whether it is being used or how to access it. Jamey said when he needs literature, he calls the Area chair. Karla suggested to move to new business.

Group Reports

IITB speakers, see flyer. Change the date to September please!

PPG speaker last Saturday of the month. Speaker is Laurie C.

Last Chance Recovery Group is having their annual celebration, Common Ground, on Oct 24th 2:00 pm.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Pink Can Fund: Karla asked if the funds can be used for the TC workshop, was told it can only be used for literature. All literature is being bought through Area. Amanda said they could use new blue books for the jail, there are lots of red 3rd edition books being brought in by one of the jail staff. Keith asked about using those funds for a split, Jamey said that goes against the Pink Can guidelines. Teresa suggested to use the funds to get Plain Language books, Jamey said that could be a possibility. Carleen said she would like to see a copy because there was a company who was printing the Big Book who was not AA. Jamey

said it does say it is not printed by World Services. Kari is going to stop by tomorrow and check on it. Tabled for next month. Motion by Jack, seconded by Katelyn.

Carleen asked if anyone had seen the dashboard for the Assembly. She said one of the items is to eliminate one of the RoundUps starting next year. The item is to form a committee to decide what to do. Helena's was about \$10,000, Missoula's is reportedly around \$25,000.

Passcode for the Zoom meeting 856260.

The next meeting will be held Oct 1, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Kelly will do the 10th Concept.

The September 3, 2026, District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Ivie for the September 3, 2026, District 61 Business Meeting.