

District 61  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2024

1. Welcome followed by a Quiet Time and the Serenity Prayer.
2. Call meeting to order.
3. DCM review of meeting decorum and procedures.
4. Roll Call (printed check-off list will be passed, which will also have new member add-on at end of the list.
5. Tradition1 and Concept 1 read.
6. Introductions and recognize new members: Jay F and Elizabeth S.
7. A.A. Anniversaries - Lisa V 10 years, Kyle 2 years.
8. 7th Tradition
9. Approve Dec/2023 Minutes – Bernie moved to accept, AI 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Positions continue as open: Secretary and Alt Secretary, Literature Alt.
- b. QR Code – Rick is taking on as action item, will have more information soon.

11. **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**District Committee Member (DCM): Katie R, Alt: Lisa V**

- Thanked Brett for his service as DCM and congratulated the district on a successful Big Book Conference in November 2023.
- Lisa V will attend the Area Assembly in March as DCM. GSRs and Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- GSO letter regarding funds and donations: Area 20 motion to send \$15,000 will be on floor at Assembly and is expected to pass.
- Membership thoughts about Founders' Literature – anonymous form now on website for both groups and individuals who want their thoughts and feelings heard at GSO level. Responses due 2-16-24 to submit to our Delegate.

**Secretary (None): OPEN, Alt: OPEN** – Julie taking minutes

**Registrar: Betty F (NP)**

**Treasurer: Lance T (NP), Alt: Rich N (NP)**

**GSR Reports:** None – We encourage GSRs to let D61 know what your group is up to.

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibility: Julie P, Alt: Carol Ann M**

- Received one Accessibilities Handbook, will purchase an additional one for Carol Ann

**Answering Service: Brett O, Alt: Bernie McC**

- 11 calls for meeting info, 1 asking for a Big Book, 2 calls for volunteers, 2 from families looking for help. Suggested a budget line of \$1,800 for 2024.

**Corrections: Todd M, Alt-Women: Sue P (NP), Alt-Men: John M (NP)**

- 2 new volunteers with badges, total of 6 volunteers. Same 2 people are going to the same pod every Monday. 3 pods got 4 meetings, a total of 80 inmates have gotten meetings. We are up to pre-COVID numbers. There is no information on what is going on with the women's meetings; John M may have a better idea.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS Cont:**

**CPC & PI (Coop. w/ Prof. Comm. & Public Information): Janan O, Alt: Larissa MacN**

- Looking for speakers at North High School in STC. No sobriety requirement necessary. No other high schools have been engaged.
- New treatment program coordinator at Delnor requesting reading materials for the waiting room. New Member Packets and donated Big Books from St. Mark's will be delivered. Treatment and Grapevine will coordinate further items for donation and delivery.

**Grapevine: John C Alt: Sarah L: John C**

- Will purchase pack of 25 Grapevines new Delnor program treatment coordinator. Currently collecting old Grapevines for the jails – orange bags are available to take back to meetings. Grapevine Committee is planning a writing workshop. Consider getting Area involved.

**Literature: Al S, Alt OPEN**

- Literature for Delnor available this evening to take.

**Treatment: Steve H (NP), Alt: Therese S**

- Speakers are needed at RCA in St. Charles 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Schedules will be delivered.

**Webmaster: Betty F (NP), Alt: Rick N:**

- New link to a Newcomer page on D 61 site. Asked if anyone had suggestions on what to add. We own both AAdistrict61.org and (.com) so (.com) will redirect to our correct site. QR code is coming. Reviewing how site displays on the phone for a better navigation menu.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Work to pass 2024 budget** – will be tabled until March.
- b. **Big Book Trivia Night** was a success. 40ish attendees, \$325 funded, with \$102 going back to District 61.
- c. **Area Chair looking for help at Spring Conference.** Five volunteered.
- d. **Tickets to the Gala available** – see Natalie
- e. **Can we make the District meeting hybrid?** Some concern whether it would encourage people not to come in person. Accessibility for all was considered. Suggestion raised to record it. Tabled.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

**2024 District Meeting Calendar**

January 26	February 23 (NEXT MEETING)	March 22
April 26	May 31	June 28
July 26	August 23	September 27
October 25	November (Nov & Dec >>>)	December 6