

Area 67
Monthly Grapevine Meeting
6400 Westpark Drive
Houston, TX 77057

June 15th, 2017

Open-7:05PM with Serenity Prayer

Introduction-Attendees Melanie, Greg, Cassandra, Tara, Cynthia, Patti, Christine, Terri, Karen (has joined district 40 and we welcomed her! Yay) and Kimberly

Secretary Report-Tara read the minutes from May, Cassandra accepted and Cynthia second. Minutes were accepted

Treasurer Report-Quarterly Report (not reported)

Old Business-

It was discussed all literature given from Harold's inventory is for literature display at the groups. Tara asked, "What if someone wants to sell it and/or how are we being accountable to the money if so." It was mentioned, that it is not a cause for concern yet and when that issue arises it can be brought up for discussion. Kimberly mentioned her District (81) has a prudence reserve to help with the group purchases of grapevine books. She also is visiting other groups to promote grapevine and asks the groups if they would be interested in grapevine and has subscription forms and helps fill them out. She brings magazines and books and if she sells a book they use the same money to repurchase the same book.

Cynthia asked Kimberly if she meets with the group's grapevine rep?

Kimberly and Cassandra mentioned, "No, most groups do not have a grapevine rep." Therefore, Kimberly informs and asks the group at the time of the group's announcements

Cassandra mentioned her group buys subscriptions of grapevine and the money goes back to the group. They have a bookshelf with grapevine books to sell or they help them buy online. She says her group likes the grapevine.

Melanie said groups are either active in literature or they are not. She also mentioned the money in the budget should be used with hotel and the Assembly.

Karen said her group is responsible for their own subscriptions

Melanie mentioned there is a 25 bullet point grapevine job description at aa-seta.org of the duties to promote the Grapevine and La Vina.

The question was brought up by Melanie on how we want to divide the money (budget)?

Literature came up and the group should make the decision on what the group should have.

Tara shared that she was concerned for the welfare of the group by means that there is absolutely no way of keeping track of any inflow and outflow of finances because we do not have a treasurer that can keep track of any purchases or reimbursements and makes it difficult and uneasy to determine where the money should be spent and on what and to whom being that we will not be informed every meeting where we stand.

Melanie stated to the group that the budget is already set and adjusted, based on our expenses by the Area at our assemblies. The decision made by the area is exclusive. This is the reason grapevine does not have a treasurer. Again, the grapevines money is a set budget thru SETA based on our group's expenses and updated quarterly.

There was no voting at this time-

New Business-

Tara asked if it was alright with the group if she could contact members on the roster and ask if they would like to continue to be on the roster due to past members contacting her asking why they were still being sent emails from

grapevine when they are no longer a representative for grapevine. The consensus was for me to do so. Tara will reach out to members and remove people with their consent.

We did not get to discuss upcoming dates-

Next Monthly Grapevine Meeting held at Assembly
Saturday, July 8th @4:30

Sheraton No. Houston
15700 John F Kennedy Blvd
Houston, TX 77032

Closed- 8:25pm with Responsibility Statement