

Area 67/Grapevine Meeting
Delta Club
6400 Westpark Dr.
Houston, TX 77032

August 18, 2017

Open-(time not noted) with Serenity Prayer

Introduction-Attendees: Barbara E. District 31, Kimberly L. District 81, Christine P. Spring Group, Karen G. District 70, Sarah B. District 20, Cassandra D. Shady Dale Group, Roland R. Third Traditions Group District 60, Tamara H. Atascocita Group, Tara C. Good News Group District 31, Melanie M. Chair Area 67

Secretary Report- Accepted

Treasurer Report-Quarterly Report not printed Melanie will send out spreadsheet

GVR Report-

Barbara District 31 reports the How to Chair a Meeting at the Old Town Spring Group gave away 2 subscriptions

Kimberly District 81 reports has grapevine meeting and DCM of grapevine meeting and Carry's the message and bought 7 subscriptions. At the meeting they gave away subscriptions and did a sobriety countdown and gave away one subscription to the person that got a year. District 81 can help with subscriptions (Kimberly, if I missed anything here please let me know and I can add it)

Tamara District 31 Atascocita group is welcomed as a new GVR rep

It was informed to Tamara that she can get information on the District level at District Meeting on Sunday

Sarah-River Oaks Women; District 20- is the Rep for both and has subscriptions for both and makes past grapevine available. She also announces writing submissions and other opportunities. Melanie asked if she gets any responses. Sarah answered that there are no submissions but she does get questions about it and that people were unaware of such matters. Sarah also informs them of essays, poems and quotes!

Karen District 70- no report

Christine-How to chair a meeting; District 31- Conroe has a sponsorship workshop and thinks a great idea to have a raffle. Christine also mentioned that she has the ok to do a poster for her group and her district had 4 new meetings that started and only one has survived and she will be bringing up to the group conscience meeting to see if she can start a grapevine meeting which is still in planning.

Cassandra Shady Dale Group; District 31-is still in process of moving, every Tuesday has grapevine meeting and the group makes copies of the passage, asses them out and they ask to have that read and talk about what was read. Cassandra mentioned the newcomers can really relate to the stories in the grapevine. Due to the flood in her meeting Cassandra has lost her grapevine poster. It was really nice and titled "Heard It through the Grapevine".

Cassandra mentions their group is strapped for funds and asked the Area for two grapevine subscriptions for their Anniversary Sept 29th-Oct 1st. She wants to use the subscription for countdown and raffle.

Roland is District 60; 3rd traditions group- has new business and Sept 2nd the 3rd Traditions group Anniversary will have a table and Melanie will be 11:30-1:45. Roland asked the Area for 1 subscription for the celebration.

Old Business-Grapevine has been invited to the CFC conference Sept 9th

Melanie described Roland is grapevine Rep for the CFC jails and prisons. Roland explained he gets \$800 dollars for literature and bags up the books for the districts. He shared that the inmates love the grapevines. Barbara mentioned we were not allowed to at once bring in the grapevines because of the staples. Roland also mentioned when money was raised for grapevines to go to the inmates, the inmates responded by making cards as a thank you. Roland said the groups that donate the blue can they would like to send the cards to them as a Thank you. Also, one inmate is trying to submit his story to the grapevine and Melanie said she could get the story and/or photo submitted.

What to purchase? The Area has budgeted \$700 for literature. Melanie has asked the group how we would like to spend it? She states in question, "What are the priorities the group needs, for the Area? Do we give away at events 50/50 or 30/30? We have a set schedule so far of District 90's Convention in Belmont, January 2018, District 90 and in between is CFC convention, groups and anniversaries. It was of order to recognize the request made at the meeting and for the CFC conference coming up. Therefore, included was (1) Subscription for CFC raffle, (1) for Traditions Anniversary and (2) for Shady Dale Group. These were all voted and all were in favor. Next mentioned we need literature. Melanie said that she will keep it simple and have guess how many Jelly beans for a chance to win a subscription at each convention. Kimberly and Christine are excited to find grape jelly beans! Barbara

mentioned plastic grapes to be used each year. Melanie will get them and the following was said;

- Melanie reminded us of the Assembly that we are not in sales, we are in service.
- Melanie asked if we would like to all have a one year subscription to magazine for our groups?
- Karen motioned to vote, Mel asked all in favor? Majority voted I
- Kim suggests if you order so many you can get a discount and Barbara mentioned there is a deal buy one, get second ½ off.
- Barbara informed us it was \$28.97 for one year.
- $\$28.97 + 1/2(28.97) = \text{roughly } \43.50
- Mel made a motion, Kim second, all in Favor
- Mel motioned CFC, Karen second, all in Favor
- Christine mentioned her group does not want subscription they would prefer literature for their bookshelf.
- Mel said would we rather \$50 to each district
- Karen motioned and Tara second

There was questioning of money distribution. Are we giving the money only to the **districts** present at the meeting or to all the **groups** present at the grapevine area meeting? Mel mentioned there are only 5 districts present. Christine made the point that it was under understanding that all the district group reps at the meeting would get the \$50 dollars to bring back to the group. Mel made clear it would be to only the districts. Tara needed clarification on a District representative for the Grapevine. It was discussed that GVR primarily attend district meetings and that the District GVR from that meeting, bring info to the Area. If we state in the notes that we are giving \$50 to each district it needs to clarify what districts. It was suggested by Sarah that we email the districts asking if they would like assistance with grapevine that they may make written request and send them to me and I will consolidate the request and they will need to make a verbal request present at the next Delta club next meeting in Sept. The Secretary will then send the consolidated request a week prior to be reviewed by the GVR and for preparation in voting.

Tara mentioned finding out every District Rep is not her job

It was also requested by Karen the secretary update the roster by a sent email asking if anyone does not wish to be a part of the grapevine emails to reply and to please let know of their district grapevine rep

Tara replied yes she would do so and compile active district members

Tara clarified she would be only contacting people on the contact roster

New Business- Mel said it would be good if we went over the concepts at every meeting in part of new business. This is not seen much anymore from in the past it was done frequently

Tara asked the question if we were to give \$50 dollars to each group present and honor what was already voted in. It could roughly be \$650 which would leave literature for the table \$50 and asked if that is going to be enough money for the Area to purchase literature for the table for the rest of the year.

Melanie replied that she was already purchasing literature for the table and Tara asked if that was coming from the \$700? She replied yes. Tara mentioned that she was not aware of that. Mel mentioned that she can purchase whatever she wants and Karen said it was previously mentioned that she can go ahead and purchase literature, that it was her job as chair. Tara mentioned that she had no idea that that was what she was doing. Karen said that was already talked about and Tara replied that she writes the notes and had no idea about that. The rest was tabled for next meeting.

Up Coming events listed on the Agenda was not discussed.

Closed with Responsibility Statement (time not noted)

Next meeting September 21st - 3rd Thursday@ Delta Club

Up Coming Events-(this was copy and pasted from Assemblies meeting)

- D31-Old town Spring Saturday 7/22 1-4pm

1-2 subscription drawing/giveaway/Guess how many marbles? (see Barbara)

- Shady Dale in D31-September 29, 30-Oct 1

1-2 subscription

1 drawing (see Cassandra)

- 3rd traditions Group in D60- TBA in September

1-2 subscription and drawing (see Roland)

- D90 Convention 18-20 Holiday Inn Beaumont (see Warren)

Santa Fe's 45th Anniversary August 12 (see Kimberly)

