

Area 67/Grapevine Meeting
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 Jon F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, TX 77032

July 18, 2017

Open-4:36PM with Serenity Prayer

Introduction-Attendees, Melanie, Tara, Christine, Zasu, Cassandra, Roland, Alyssa, Evelyn, Kimberly, Warren, Barbara

Secretary Report- There was a need for correction on minutes for June. Kimberly was not mentioned in attendee and Christine's name was spelt incorrect. These were told will be corrected and Cassandra made motion to accept, Christine 2nd. Minutes were accepted

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

There was question of our \$700 dollars needed for literature at Assembly and Melanie reported that the \$700 dollars was rolled over from last year's budget.

Melanie mentioned every monthly meeting we have discussed what to do with the money and Melanie assured we will learn how to spend the money

GVR Report-

Tara-Has started a grapevine meeting at her homegroup, announces every first Thursday of the month the new grapevine magazine and its title. She has made a poster with an envelope attached to it to insert grapevine subscription and lets the group know there is mail in subscriptions sheets available and to see her with any questions. Her group has also paid to send one grapevine subscription to an inmate for English and one La Vina for Spanish speaking inmate. They also have a subscription for the group to have available for the group and newcomer.

Barbara-District 31 Dayton Group-Has copies of grapevines, put in frame and hands them out. They give away two subscriptions. Old Town Spring group will have a workshop and they will be giving out two subscriptions there and they also announce at meeting.

Christine-Old time Spring Group pays for grapevine and puts out at table. They would like to do a poster with grapevine subscriptions- they do not have funds to purchase grapevine literature-They love the grapevine!

Cassandra-Shady Dale Group-District 31 Every Tuesday they have a meeting from one of the grapevine stories. They make copies of the story and hand them out for the meeting. They have a poster with grapevine literature-Their meeting is in process of moving due to weather and the effect of water damage to foundation. They order subscriptions and give them away to newcomers. On their Anniversary they ask the grapevine chair to donate subscriptions for the celebration. Their next Anniversary is Sept 29th, 30th - Oct 1st celebrating 30 years!

Zasu-New Day Group-District 81 was a GVR and started a grapevine meeting 2 years ago. She suggests going to grapevine.org to be more familiar with grapevine. It's a great way to know grapevine. Her group passes out grapevines and bought five subscriptions. They had a drawing each week and she would always announce the deals grapevine would offer. Every Fall grapevine would do a buy one get one ½ off. She would always say we only need \$13 dollars to get a subscription who has it. She would also photo copy three subscriptions on one page and would take information from people and fill them out. She would decorate a box and put used magazines in them to promote the grapevine, she also would go to grapevine.org and bring to the group what she found informing them grapevine has this, grapevine has that. For Example, at times grapevine offers free shipping.

Roland-Third Tradition Group and Seta Rep for prisons-The area had elections and he came to grapevine. Roland is active in five different prisons in which they have open meetings. They use the grapevine and pass them out.

Cassandra left due to family emergency. Tara turned over notes and Zasu graciously took notes.

Alyssa-friend of Aunt (Evelyn)

Warren-St Francis GRV Rep, District 90. Got ideas from La Vina and made display for district! Also has a GV box for recycling and use at jail and free for the newcomers.

Evelyn-La Branch GVR, District 81 First commitment outside of group. Group has box for recycling. Group bought one subscription

Kimberly-District 81 Grapevine Rep-Group has special literature for grapevine and shelf for display. She is visiting other meetings to inform and promote grapevine

New Business-

- I. Where do we begin? Barbara was going to give history (unable to attend).
History: Area had drawings at districts/conventions

Delegate Ron C. sat in at meeting and expressed the fact that the money budgeted for literature ought to be used and literature is given away to carry the message. We are not in sales, we are in service. Mel gave away literature inherited from Harold.

II. Do Not Sell-Spiritual Principals vs. Responsibilities of Individuals

-Budget questions at Area Assembly were only for explanations of intents of the expenditures by the committee. Expenses can be reimbursed by Area Treasurer.

Announcements

- 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)

Next meeting August 17th 3rd Thursday@ Delta Club

Closed-(time not documented)with Responsibility Statement