

**SETA 67**  
**GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2018**

Melanie M. opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Serenity Prayer.

**Roll Call:**

Melanie M. (Area 67 Grapevine Chair)  
Kimberly L. (Alter. Area 67 Grapevine Chair, District 81 GVR)  
Cindy J. (Area 67 Grapevine Secretary)  
Ricardo D. (Tri City GVR, District 52)  
Nicole L. (GVR Atascocita Group, District 31)  
Barbara E. (District 31 GVR)  
Mark W. (GVR LaBranch Group)  
Sarah C. (District 51 GVR)  
Tom K. (GSR Caring & Sharing, District 51)  
Roland R. (SETA CFC GVR)

**Approval of Minutes:**

May, 17, 2018 Minutes were made available prior to the meeting for review. Melanie M. requested the following amendments to the May minutes:

- Melanie M. is the Area 67 Grapevine Committee Chair, not District 51 Chair
- Patty B. and Cynthia R. arrived after the meeting started

**Motion:** Mark W. made a motion to accept minutes with amendments as read. Motion was seconded by Sarah C. Minutes were approved as read with amendments.

**Grapevine Joke of the Month**

Kimberly L. read a joke from Grapevine online.

**Grapevine News**

Copies of the June Grapevine News were made available for review. (attached in Records Book)

**Grapevine Workbook: *Chapter 5: AA Grapevine Online***

Chapter 5 was read out loud by the committee. (attached in the records book)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Grapevine Workshop at SETA Assembly**

Kimberly L. reported that the Agenda for the July SETA Assembly is now available online. The agenda does not have a Grapevine Workshop scheduled. She is not sure what happened that this is not on the agenda. She has tried to reach Michelle regarding the lack of scheduling but has not reached her yet. The October Assembly Agenda is full. It was decided that we would not be presenting a workshop in July, 2018 however we will plan to present a workshop at a future SETA Assembly.

**Actions:**

- Kimberly L. will contact Michelle regarding the miscommunication and lack of a Grapevine Workshop being placed on the July SETA Agenda.
- Nicole L. reported that she had obtained a cost for 3” buttons of @ \$200.00 for 100 buttons with printing.
- Cindy J. has not drafted a presentation at this time
- Kimberly L. will check pricing for a vinyl banner “Heard it through the Grapevine, Sent it to the Grapevine” as possible wording. Participant would sign the banner.

**B. Meeting Space**

Not discussed at this meeting

**C. Grapevine Gifts Baskets from Area Funds**

Melanie M. brought remaining items she had purchased for the 3 Grapevine Gift Baskets she has distributed in her District as an example of what she has used. She estimates the cost of these baskets at \$3.00 - \$5.00 per basket.

**Discussion:** There was discussion of how the committee could handle the question of Area Committee funds being used equally between the Districts, whether it be 3 baskets per district represented or simply funds given to the districts to be used as needed. It was stated that it wasn’t the amount spent on the baskets but that the Grapevine Committee was not consulted before area committee funds were spent on one district.

- Melanie M. suggested baskets be made at monthly committee when requested by a district
- Sarah C. suggested an allotted amount of money be divided equally between the Districts
- It was suggested that individual groups requesting giveaways make the request to their district rather than to the area committee chair. If the district does not have available funds for the request, the district can then request area funds from the Area Grapevine Committee.

**Recommendation:**

- Area Grapevine Committee Chair refrain from spending Area funds without approval from the committee.
- No action to be taken at this time to correct area funds being spent without committee approval for one district.
- Request for giveaways be voted on by the committee on a case by case basis.

**Pending Requests**

The committee has a pending request from District 52 for a giveaway to be presented to the Star of Hope. Ricardo D. provided contact information to Melanie M. at the May committee meeting.

Melanie M. reported that she has attempted to make contact with the person requesting the giveaway but has not yet been able to.

**Action:** Melanie M. will contact District 51 and report back at July committee meeting her recommendation for the giveaway.

**D. Updates**

**a. District 52, Ricardo D.**

Ricardo D. reported District 52 has not made a decision on having a Grapevine Workshop.

**b. District 31, Barbara E.**

District 31 has scheduled a Grapevine Workshop for September 8, 2018 at the Kingwood Group. Patti (District 31) has spoken to Melanie M. and requested a facilitator from the Area 67 Grapevine Committee be provided.

**Action:** The committee will provide a facilitator for the Workshop.

**c. District 82, Teri V.**

Teri V. was not present at meeting.

- Subscription forms/cards from Grapevine are available for distribution.

**E. 2018 Area Grapevine Committee Budget Spending**

Melanie M. provided the committee with a breakdown of her spending of committee funds as of today (attached in the records book). She also stated she was concerned over the way Kimberly L. was approached as to committee spending rather than asking her, as Committee Chair. She will address this at the July SETA Assembly publicly.

**Discussion:** There was some confusion over the format of the accounting presented. Melanie M. explained the format. There is currently \$145.72 still available to the committee in funds to be distributed/spent. This does not include funds still in the Area 67 Budget for Grapevine SETA Assembly accommodations

**New Business**

**I. Grapevine Workshop Standard Presentation**

It was suggested that a template for presentations of a Grapevine Workshop be developed by the committee.

**Discussion:** The standard presentation could be used by any committee member to facilitate a Grapevine Workshop when requested by a District or Group.

**Action:** The committee agreed to development of a Standard Grapevine Presentation Workshop. The presentation format will be discussed at the July committee meeting.

**Announcements:**

The July Area 67 Grapevine Committee Meeting will be held July 14, 2018 at the SETA Assembly in the Texas Room at 4:00pm.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:15 pm.