

**SETA 67**  
**GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 15, 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)  
Barbara E. (District 31 GVR)

Miles W. (Caring & Sharing)  
Roland R. (SETA CFC GVR)  
Ricardo D. (Tri City GVR, District 52)  
Nicole Lowther (GVR Atascocita, District 31)

**Approval of Minutes:**

Cindy J. read the February minutes.

**Motion:** Tom K. made a motion to accept minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Kimberly L. Motion carries, minutes were approved as read.

**Grapevine Joke of the Month**

Miles W. read the joke of the month. (See agenda)

**Grapevine News**

Copies of the March 2018 Grapevine News were given to those present for their review.

**Grapevine Workbook:**

Chapter 3, *The Making of the Magazines*, was read out loud with those present taking turns reading

**Discussion:** Barbara asked where this reading was from and Melanie stated that it is an excerpt from "A Guide to AA Grapevine". The guide is on the Grapevine website under Resources / Workbook/GV Guide. A chapter will be read at each committee meeting. Tom K. gave a brief history of the Grapevine Magazine.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Goals**

- 1) Melanie M., as Area Grapevine Chair, stated that her goal for the committee this year is to have someone from Area 67 to submit and have that submission published. She requested that we emphasize announcing the different types of submissions that can be sent to the magazine and encourage members to participate. No previous writing skills are needed as there are editors which will critique and polish the written submissions. She also suggested that we announce the *Photo Contest* in meetings as not many members are aware of it. Guidelines for contributing to *Grapevine* and the Entry Form for the *Grapevine Annual Photo Contest* are on the *Grapevine* website.

- 2) Tom K. asked how many of us had given a short presentation on *Grapevine* to another SETA Committee to raise awareness of ways to participate and what services were available? None of the committee had done this.

**Discussion:** The committee felt that this would be an excellent way to promote *Grapevine*. It was suggested that short presentations could be given to other SETA Service Committees at the SETA Quarterly Assemblies.

**Action:** Kimberly L. will contact other committees regarding their willingness for a brief presentation and Cindy J. will work on developing a brief presentation format.

**B. 2019 SETA Convention**

Kimberly L. is the Grapevine Committee Chair for the 2019 SETA Convention to be held in Galveston, Texas. She reported that the 2019 SETA Convention Committee had held their first meeting which she attended. She requested time for a *Grapevine Workshop* and will update this committee if time will be allotted for this.

**Discussion:** Cindy J. suggested that this committee present a *Grapevine Play* at the Convention in order to raise awareness and interest in *Grapevine*. Several members were not aware of *Grapevine Plays*. There are three plays published by *Grapevine* which can be found on the website under *Resources*.

**Action:** This will be discussed further once Kimberly L. has confirmed a time slot.

**C. District 81 Grapevine Workshop**

Kimberly L. reported that the District 81 *Grapevine Writing Workshop* held March 3, 2018 at the Santa Fe, Texas AA Group went well. There were 18 attendees and 8 stories turned in for submission to *Grapevine*.

**Discussion:** Melanie suggested that this committee, as a group, have a workshop and each committee member write a story for the *Grapevine 2018 Special Section Topics, Sober for the Holidays (also Remote Communities stories)* and submit them prior to the June 5, 2018 deadline. This would give us personal experience with a workshop.

Kimberly L. reported that several of the committee members attended the March 3, 2018 *Grapevine Writing Workshop*, including Roland R. who submitted a story. Since several of this committee's members were in attendance it was felt that a workshop just for this committee was not needed.

**D. Grapevine Subscription Forms**

At the February meeting Craig B. and Mark W. both voiced a need for additional Grapevine Subscription Forms for their groups. Cindy J. was to research availability of forms on the *Grapevine* website ([aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)). She reported that a *Grapevine Subscription Forms* as well as a *Grapevine Complimentary Resources* form are on the website under *Resources*.

**E. 2019 Area 67 Grapevine Budget**

Kimberly L. reported she attended the Area 67 2019 Budget meeting and that budget for this committee will remain the same.

**F. Meeting Space Rent**

Melanie M. stated that she does not know whom Delta Club.

**Action:** Tom K. and Melanie M. will find the appropriate person at Delta Club and pay rent.

**New Business**

**1. SETA Assembly, April 13-15, 2018**

**a) Area 67 Grapevine Committee April Meeting Location**

Melanie M. informed the committee that the Area 67 Grapevine Committee meeting for April 2018 will be held at the April SETA Assembly. The committee will meet at 4:30pm on Saturday April 14 at the Sheraton North in Houston.

b) **Assembly Display**

This committee will be responsible for a Grapevine Display Table at the Assembly.

**Discussion:** At the SETA Convention last month several books were purchased by attendees from the display books. These books had been provided for display by District 81 as well as this committee. There was definitely a demand for books that could be purchased “**on the spot**” rather than having to wait and order them. Cindy J. asked if the display books would be available for purchase and what the price would be. Kimberly L volunteered to provide books for display from District 81’s inventory to available for purchase.

**Action:** Kimberly L. will provide display books and be responsible for monies from any books purchased so that District 81’s books can be replaced immediately.

c) **Raffle for Grapevine/La Vina Magazine Subscriptions and Literature**

There will be a jar filled with grapes on the Grapevine display table and anyone can fill out a slip guessing the number of grapes in the jar. The person who comes closest to the correct number will win a free subscription to Grapevine Magazine or La Vina Magazine.

Free Raffle Tickets will be given out during the weekend for Grapevine Literature. We will be giving away 1 subscription to Grapevine Magazine, 1 subscription to La Vina Magazine, 2 pieces of Literature either in English or Spanish.

d) **Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to man the display table. If you are willing to participate by helping with the Grapevine Display table please come by the table!

2. **SETA Assembly Round Tables**

Kimberly L. stated the at the April SETA Assembly the yearly Round Table Discussions will be held. The questions for discussion and background on them is now available. There are several discussion questions that concern Grapevine this year. These discussions are designed to give the Area 67 Delegate an idea of the area’s view on these questions.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at 8:10 pm.