

SETA 67
GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2018

Kimberly L.. opened the meeting at 7:02pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call:

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)
Patty B. (GVR God Meeting, District 40)
Cynthia R. (Alternate GVR God Meeting, District 40)
Barbara E. (District 31 GVR)
Craig B. (GVR Third Tradition Group)
Mark W. (GVR LaBranch Group)
Sarah C. (District 51 GVR)
Melanie M. (District 51 Grapevine Chair) (*came in after meeting started*)

Approval of Minutes:

Cindy J. read the April minutes.

Motion: Barbara E. made a motion to accept minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Ricardo D. Minutes were approved as read.

Grapevine Joke of the Month

A joke from the May issue of Grapevine was read.

Grapevine News

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Grapevine Workshop at SETA Assembly

Kimberly L. reported she has spoken with Michelle and there is a place on the July Assembly Agenda available. The October Assembly Agenda is full.

Discussion: There was discussion as to the content of the Workshop. Kimberly L. and Cindy J. reviewed some of the content District 81 used during a Grapevine Writing Workshop presented earlier this year. The type of workshop and time frame was also discussed. It was suggested we have a give-away for attendees who submit stories or pictures during the weekend.

Actions:

- Kimberly L. will contact Michelle and request that a Grapevine Workshop be placed on the July SETA Agenda. The **Goal** of the workshop is to raise awareness of Grapevine and LaVina Magazines, areas of possible participation to increase involvement in the magazines and increase subscriptions to the magazines in print and online.

- The Workshop will also provide an opportunity for attendees to participate by either writing stories or pictures to be submitted to the magazines. There should be a deadline of Sunday morning for attendees to turn in their submissions.
- Nicole L. will research buttons as possible give-aways.
- Cindy J. will draft possible content for the presentation.

B. Meeting Space

Cindy J. spoke with Connie at the April SETA Assembly regarding rent. The rent can be dropped into the Safe at Delta Club. It should be in an envelope stating Area 67 Grapevine Committee rent.

Action: Melanie M. will drop the rent in the safe at Delta Club on May 18, 2018.

C. Grapevine Gifts Baskets from Area Funds

Melanie M. explained that very little money has been spent on the grapevine gift baskets she has given out in her district. Members in her district had requested Grapevine materials to use as give-aways. Her district does not have much money so this was her way of helping to spread the Grapevine Magazine. She feels other districts are better equipped financially and do not need area funds to provide give-aways nor have requests for give-aways been made in other districts.

Discussion: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the needs of other districts. During the discussion several points were made:

- Other Districts were not aware that they could request give-aways for their districts
- The Area Grapevine Committee should treat each District equally regardless of financial status
- We would need to decide what would be spent for each basket as well as how many baskets would be available for each district
- Ricardo D. reported that District 52's DCM is requesting a gift basket for Star of Hope

Action: Area Grapevine Committee members will check with their districts and report the district's interest/need at the next meeting. At that time we will further discuss cost and availability.

D. Updates

a. District 52, Ricardo D.

Ricardo D. reported District 52 that District 81 has not made a decision on having a Grapevine Workshop.

b. District 31, Nicole L.

They are planning a Grapevine Workshop in September for District 31. She will send out an email when plans are finalized.

c. District 82, Teri V.

Teri V. was not present at meeting. Cindy J. reported subscription forms/cards have been ordered from Grapevine however she has not yet contacted Grapevine to verify we would not be breaking any traditions by placing them on public bulletin boards.

New Business:

I. 2018 Area Grapevine Committee Budget Spending

Kimberly L. informed the committee that she was approached at the April SETA Assembly and asked how this committee has spent the allotted budget. Kimberly couldn't answer this question. It was then brought to her attention that the current SETA budget reflects that the only funds still available to this committee are those for

accommodations. Melanie M. explained that she had requested the Area Grapevine funds in order to purchase literature. She stated if committee members needed money for committee work she would reimburse them with a receipt. The committee had several questions:

- How much did Melanie withdraw from Area funds?
- How much of these funds are still available for use by the committee?
- What have funds been spent on?
- It was questioned as to why funds were withdrawn before they were needed?
- Shouldn't the committee approve what funds are being spent on?
- Should we return available funds to the Area Treasurer until the committee decides what they are to be spent on?
- Has literature been purchased and, if so, what literature was purchased?

Action: Melanie M. will bring an accounting of all committee funds to the June meeting. The committee will further discuss this at that time.

Motion: Melanie M. motioned the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ricardo D.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:30 pm.