

SETA 67
GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2018

Kimberly L. opened the meeting at 4:50pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call:

Kimberly L. (Alter. Area 67 Grapevine Chair, District 81 GVR)
Cindy J. (Area 67 Grapevine Secretary)
Nicole L. (GVR Atascocita Group, District 31)
Ricardo D. (Tri City GVR, District 32)
Patty B. (GVR God Meeting, District 40)
Cynthia R. (Alternate GVR God Meeting, District 40)
Roland R. (SETA CFC GVR)
Teri V. (District 82 GVR)
Robert M. (Sharing & Caring Group GVR, District 51)
Nick H. (District 60)
Michael T. (District 60)
Ola T. (Visitor)

Approval of Minutes:

September 20, 2018 Minutes were made available prior to the meeting for review.

Motion: Ricardo D. motioned minutes be approved as presented, 2nd by Roland R. Motion passed.

Grapevine Joke of the Month:

What is the difference between a therapist and a sponsor? A sponsor only says "closure" when it's followed by "shut your mouth".

Grapevine News

There is a Fellowship Feed Back Project located on the Home Page of aagrapevine.org. The survey takes only a few minutes and everyone is encouraged to participate. Deadline for participation is October 26, 2018. Grapevine has a new book out, **One Big Tent**. The book is a collection of stories, originally published in Grapevine, which represent the shared experience of secular AA members who have struggled with alcoholism, yet ultimately found a common solution on AA.

Grapevine Workbook: Chapter 6: AA Grapevine, Inc.

This was deferred to the November Area 67 Grapevine Committee meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Grapevine Workshop Standard Presentation

Kimberly L. briefly went over the contents of the **Grapevine Writing Workshop** Power Point Presentation that this committee presented at Kingwood Group, District 31, in September. A hard copy of the presentation was passed around for review by those present. Kimberly L. reported that she is working on another presentation which will be discussed under New Business. She explained that is a goal of this committee to place workshops developed by the committee on the SETA web site so they are available to everyone to use.

B. Ways to Increase Grapevine Subscriptions

Kimberly L. stated that one of the goals for the Committee in 2019 is having District or Group GVR's speak at as many group conscience meetings as possible in order to encourage Grapevine participation. Area GV committee members would help with the presentations. Robert M. asked where and how GVR's get funds for presentations, literature, etc. Kimberly L. explained that group GVR's would ask their Group conscience for funds and District GVR's would request funds from the District.

Teri V. questioned how District GVR's could find out who the group GVR's in their District are. Kimberly L. suggested each District GVR get with their District's DCM requesting groups in that district give contact information on the group's GVR if they have one or state that that position is vacant in their group.

C. Committee Party November/December Meeting

Cynthia R. suggested Molina's Mexican Restaurant for the committee's Christmas party. She stated that the restaurant has good food, is reasonably priced, and is in the area of Delta Club (7901 Westheimer, Houston, Tx. 77063). She can make reservations as soon as the committee picks a date.

Discussion:

The committee discussed possible dates, either the November meeting date, (November 15) or the December meeting date (December 20). It was decided that the December date would be better so that there would be time for everyone to be notified.

It was suggested that we have a White Elephant Gift Exchange with a \$10.00 limit at the party. Everyone thought that a great idea! The following actions were agreed upon by those present.

Actions:

- **The December meeting of the committee will be held Molina's Mexican Restaurant, 7901 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77063 starting at 7:00pm**
- **Each committee member will be responsible for their own expenses**
- **Cynthia R. will make reservations at the restaurant**
- **There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange at the party**
- **There is a \$10.00 limit on gifts**

D. 2019 SETA Convention

Kimberly L. reported that Area 67 Grapevine Committee will be chairing at least 2 of the Marathon meetings during the 2019 SETA Convention, January 18,19 & 20, in Galveston Texas. Kimberly asked for anyone willing to chair or co-chair these Grapevine meetings to let her know. There was a question of how a Grapevine is conducted? Kimberly explained that a story out of a Grapevine Magazine or Grapevine Book is read at the beginning of the meeting which will be the topic of the meeting. It increases participation if those present take turns reading the chosen story.

New Business

I. Presentation "How to Be A Grapevine Representative"

Kimberly L. explained that District 32 has requested that this committee present a brief presentation at a workshop, October 27, 2018, on what a Grapevine Representative does and how to become a GVR. Kimberly L. is currently working on developing the presentation. She asked for volunteers from the committee to help with the presentation, and whom ever could attend the presentation. Cindy J., Ricardo D., and Teri V. volunteered to help. Kimberly will send out an email the confirmed date, time, and location as soon as she has them.

II. Use of Remaining Area 67 Grapevine Committee Budgeted Funds

Due to time constraints this item was moved to the November, 15, 2018 meeting agenda.

Announcements

Grapevine is offering FREE SHIPPING for the month of December, 2018

The meeting was Adjourned at 5:55 pm.