

AREA 67 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 21, 2019

Kimberly L. called the meeting to order at 7pm, opening with the Serenity Prayer.

Attending: Kimberly L. Cindy J., Ricardo D. **Attending through Zoom:** Nicole L., Jackson S., Rachel P.

I. Approval of October 5, 2019 Minutes

Minutes were emailed prior to the meeting for review. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Grapevine News for December

Grapevine News for December, 2019 was emailed prior to the meeting for review.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grapevine Workshop Standard Presentation

No report

B. Ways to Increase Grapevine Subscriptions

1. On-Line Subscription Poster

No report

2. New Ideas on Increasing Grapevine Subscriptions

Ricardo D. suggested the idea of a "Grapevine Donation Can", (like the blue can currently used by CFC to collect money for literature for inside the walls). GVRs would introduce these to their groups and money collected would be used by the group to purchase Grapevine Subscriptions for institutions, members, etc.

Discussion: The committee discussed ways monies could be used by the groups and introducing the "Grapevine Donation Can" at the SETA Convention in January 2020.

Actions:

- Ricardo D. and Cindy J. will make sample cans and bring to the December Meeting
- To be discussed further at December meeting

C. District 31 Grapevine Workshop for Huntsville Groups

Nicole L. reported that this wasn't going to be possible in the near future.

D. SETA 2020 Convention Update

No updates

E. Southwest Regional Forum & 3rd National CFC Conference

Cindy J. and Jackson S. attended and had a Grapevine display table set up throughout the Conference. Saturday night a Grapevine Raffle was held with two Grapevine Gift Subscriptions being given away.

F. Intergroup GV Presentation Request

Kimberly L. will make this presentation at the Delegates Meeting December 12, 2019.

G. June 2019 Issue of Grapevine

Cindy J. reported that 30 issues of the June 2019 issue of *Grapevine Magazine* are here.

H. District 40 GV Presentation

Scheduled for January 14, 2020

I. District 31 GV Presentation

Nicole L. and Cindy J. gave a Grapevine Presentation on December 17, 2019 which went well.

J. District 32 Request

Cindy J. to check with DCM regarding scheduling.

K. Presentations to Area 67 Service Committees

Kimberly L. reported that none have been scheduled yet.

Action: Cindy J. will email Area 67 Standing Committee Chairs to schedule.

L. December 2019 Grapevine Committee Meeting

Ricardo D. presented two restaurants as options for the location of the December meeting:

- Don Carlos Cantina Mexican Restaurant
- Pappas Bar-B-Q

Menus for each were reviewed and it was decided by acclamation it would be held at Pappas Bar-B-Q, 7pm, December 19 2019. There will not be a meeting at Delta Club in December nor will zoom attendance be an option. A White elephant gift exchange will be part of the meeting (gift limit of \$10). Cost of the meal will be approximately \$12.00 per person. Everyone will be responsible for their own meal cost.

Action: Cindy J. will send email re: Christmas Party/Meeting and request RSVP from those planning to attend.

M. Grapevine Committee Presentation/Participation Schedule

Reviewed

N. Grapevine Meeting Presentation

The Grapevine Meeting Presentation currently being used for District meetings was made available for review by those present. The packets are handed out at the District meetings and GSRs asked to take the information back to their home group.

O. 2020 Subscription Contest

- Ron researching ways to track each Districts new and renewed subscriptions
- Kimberly will develop flyer once plans finalized
- Kimberly will order Grapevine Costume
- A small trophy will be presented and 1 night's stay at SETA Assembly to winning District
- Will check on custom t-shirts for committee to wear at SETA

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Promoting Special Pricing from Grapevine through December 31, 2019

- Free Shipping on all Grapevine orders through December 31, 2019
- Buy 1 GV Subscription at regular price (\$28.97) and get second one at 55% savings (\$13.00)
- Save 25% on Selected Book Sets (2 books for \$17.25)
 - The Heartbeat of AA
 - Experience Strength and Hope
 - For Beginners

B. New Promotional materials from Grapevine

Pocket Pink Card – 12 Ways Grapevine helps with our Daily Twelve Step Work

C. Grapevine U-Tube Channel

You can now subscribe to the Grapevine U-Tube Channel on the Home Page of the Grapevine website.

D. Spring Group Grapevine Workshop

This workshop will be held in March 2020, either on the 14th or 28th. This committee will help with facilitating the workshop.

E. Promotions for 2020 Contest

Actions:

- 1) Kimberly will order a grape costume
- 2) Kimberly will design and order Grapevine T-shirts for committee members

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm