

SETA 67 Grapevine Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2013

The meeting was held at the SETA Assembly on Saturday from 4:30 until 5:30 in the El Paso Room, Sheraton North Houston Hotel on JFK Boulevard. Grapevine Reps present were Oona J. (LaBranch Group), Cindy T. (Katy Big Book), Judy M. (Texas City/D-81 Rep), Cassandra D. (Shadydale Group), Angie P. (Orange Group/D-90 Alt. GV Rep), Dave U. (Northwest Unity/D-32 Rep) and Tom R. (Atascocita & Big Book Group).

We opened the meeting at 4:35 with the Serenity Prayer and made introductions. Sign-in sheet was distributed. Lulu A. arrived late due to car incident but she stood for Secretary of the Grapevine Area Committee. Angie motioned we accept her offering and Cassandra seconded the motion. Those present accepted Lulu by acclimation. Minutes from February & March were approved with Cassandra making the motion and Oona making the second.

A brief Sharing Session to allow us to know one another better started with the question "Why did you stand for the Grapevine position?" Cindy said it gets her out of her comfort zone and feels it makes sobriety more successful and complete. Tom spoke of a lady in his home group who was remembered as the Grapevine Rep because at the end of each meeting she would raise her hand and say "I have a goodie for you." It would be a joke from the Grapevine so the meeting always closed in laughter. No one stood since her passing and he would hate to see this position dissolve. Cassandra announced the Shadydale Group has a GV meeting on the 1st Tues of the month. Another question was posed asking "How do we get more GvRs interested in attending monthly Area Committee meetings? Dave suggested we attend various District meetings to speak to GSRs to determine who is serving as their Grapevine Representative. Third proposal was "How do we make the Grapevine Committee stronger and attractive to others interested in our service?" One said to make service enjoyable and not a burden. Another suggested plays/skits that are posted on www.aagrapevine.org website. Barbara mentioned we might consider free subscriptions at Convention. At this weekend's Assembly, LaVina was giving away free T-shirts to anyone signing up for a subscription.

Under New Business, Angie asked if we could only meet at Assemblies. It was explained that we had a lot of business with Texas State Convention workshop, no display available, and a weak Committee that wanted to build its participation and interest. Barbara agreed to place Angie's request on the Agenda for July Assembly meeting. A mini writing workshop was held by passing out Guidelines for Contributing to Grapevine as well as upcoming topics and cut off dates. Everyone was asked to approach someone after hearing their talk or share asking if they would be interested in submitting a story online or using new video technology.

The next meeting will be held at the **Delta Club at 7 pm on May 16, 2013.**

We closed with "The Responsibility Statement" at 5:40.

In service and appreciation for all you do,
Barbara G.
SETA 67 Grapevine Chair