

SETA 67 Grapevine Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2013

The meeting opened at 7:08 pm by Barbara G. at the Delta Club. Grapevine Reps present were Andres P. (D-66 Rep and Sobriedad y Atraccion), Chuck P. (25th Hour Group), Cindy T. (Kathy Big Book Group), Judy M. (D-81 Rep), Sandy K. (D-40 Rep), Lisa V. (Good News Group), Lulu A. (Area Grapevine Secretary).

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and made introductions. Sign-in sheet was distributed. Tom K. from SETA PI was visiting along with Gerald H. from the Caring & Sharing Group at Delta Club. Judy brought 3 ladies from D-81 who sat through the service meeting then they all stayed for an 8:00 AA mtg.

Lulu A. made motion to approve minutes for July with Judy M. making second. Unanimously approved by group.

Barbara G. announced Angie P. stated she must resign the Alt. Grapevine Chair position.

New Business:

- a. Barbara stated the next meeting will be at SETA Assembly, Saturday at 4:30 on Oct. 5, 2013.
- b. Barbara invited anyone to sit with her at the Grapevine Display Table during assembly. She said workshops are on Saturday and voting on some important issues Sunday. Great opportunity to observe Area business.
- c. Discuss future GV monthly meetings and activities:
 1. Review sections of GV workbook (99 pages)
 2. Review GV Handbook for GvRs (16 pages)
 3. Grape-A-Thon (page 53 of GV Workbook)
A Grape-A-Thon is a day-long series of discussion meetings on the Steps, Traditions, Concepts, group problems, spirituality, and other topics of concern to AAs based on articles from Grapevine. The idea for the marathon came from an area chair in Colorado. The first Grape-A-Thon took place in Denver, Colorado, on January 4, 1986.

Everyone seemed to like the ideas presented above. The Grape-A-Thon will not be held until 2014.

Sharing Session:

Barbara asked all those present to state how the Grapevine is an important tool in your personal recovery:

- a. I was working offshore and on the water for 2 weeks. Grabbed a bunch from my group. Actually knew someone who wrote for the magazine. They were an inspiration to me.
- b. This was an open service position at my home group so I'm excited to join the Committee and learn more about our "meeting in print". Also helping with ICYPAA who won the bid for next Convention in Houston.
- c. Friend gave me my first subscription. Excited to stand for GV position that takes me outside the realm of my home group and district.
- d. I participated at TX State Conv. and had a great time. I hope to approach other groups who do not have GvRs and make them aware of our magazine. Asked if purple bookmarks could be considered as freebies. Barbara said that was a good idea and will see how GV Budget looks at year end.
- e. I went through treatment and the GV was the first piece of literature I could actually understand. It was easy to identify with the magazine before I could follow the Big Book. It is portable & can be easily passed on.
- f. Read LaVina early in recovery (first three months). Once active in LaVina/Grapevine service, I felt connected to the Fellowship. I can reach people & places that I normally can't reach, i.e. jails, prisons, institutions, loners, etc. The message continues to get passed on after each reading.
- g. I was told to get in the middle of the circle. While cleaning the meeting hall, I found a box of Grapevines and asked why anyone would save old magazines. It was quickly explained that our message is consistent and never changes. I had the sobriety requirement to stand for GvR and glad I did. I put it before our Group

Conscience to order a subscription for the group. They voted against idea because of financial issues. One lady said, "Well, let's pass the basket right now so we can get a GV for our Group." We collected the money.

The next meeting will be held at the **Delta Club at 7 pm on November 14, 2013.**

We closed with "The Responsibility Statement".

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