

**SETA 67 Grapevine Committee Meeting
August 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm
Delta Club, Room A
6400 Westpark
Suite 355
Houston, TX. 77057
Club Telephone: 713-972-0034**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Barbara G. A reminder was made in regards to silencing cell phones or other electronic devices during the meeting in respect for all members in attendance.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made and the sign in sheet was passed around. Members in attendance were as follows: Mike A. from the Spring Group, Kristina F. from the Rule 62 Group, Judy M. from District 81, Rodney G. from the LaBranch Group, Martha P. from Texas City, Lulu A. from the Tri-City Group, and Barbara G., our SETA GV Chair.

The meeting minutes from the July 2014 meeting were discussed. Some corrections were made to the hyperlink (<http://aa-seta.org>). Any questions, corrections, or concerns were called for, and attendees were given a moment to read over the notes. A reminder was given that minutes are always available to be posted at the group level to encourage participation and allow all group members to be more informed. Judy M. made a motion to accept the minutes with the one revision, Rodney G. seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously by all.

Open Grapevine Positions

The alternative grapevine chair position was brought up for discussion, and Barbara mentioned that the position was still available.

Old Business

Review GvR Handbook (16 page booklet will be available at meeting)- This was tabled until the next meeting

SETA Elections in October. Anyone from Grapevine Committee interested in standing as Grapevine Chair? Two year positions with qualifications at <http://aa-seta.org> . Martha P. asked who would be nominated for the chair upon elections, and Barbara replied that everyone would be. Barbara will be putting it on the agenda for September that if anyone from the committee like to stand, they would most likely end up with the position. Should anyone else stand for the position, it will go to election.

However, the prayer is that someone who has served on the committee will stand for it. Martha P. asked how long the term is, and it is a two year commitment. It was clarified that for this position, the January SETA Convention is paid by the Area and a one night stay for the Quarterly Assembly is also paid by the Area. Gas to and from these and any other commitments, however, is paid out of pocket.

New Business

District 31 requested if we will participate in a workshop at Shady Dale Group at 4609 Laura Koppe, Houston Tx 77016 on October 18 from 2 pm to 5pm. It will consist of a panel of four, one being a Grapevine Representative. That Representative will speak 5 minutes about the Grapevine and can talk about anything they want to about the Grapevine from “Why do we Call it the Meeting in Print”, “Pricing and General Information”, “Not Conference Approved, but Yes it is AA Literature”, etc..., and after that the group wants to do something they’re calling “Speed Dating”. The four panelists will be sitting in four different areas, and everyone will be moving around and asking questions. You would need to bring all supplies (Barbara will provide these materials), free grapevines, subscription forms, guidelines for writing, Grapevine Representative for this group is Cassandra and she will also have a Grapevine Display. If any representatives would like to assist with only one part of this workshop, they are more

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than welcome to just do one part of it and Cassandra will fill in. Judy, Martha, Rodney, and Lulu have volunteered to assist with this event. This would be a wonderful opportunity for all Representatives to bring their own God given love of the Grapevine to this workshop, and share their own experience with all visitors. Suggested topics are also La Vina, Adopt an Inmate, History, Subscriptions, Writings, and Stories. Rodney, with his previous experience at the other Workshop, will prove to be a wonderful resource at this workshop, and gratitude was expressed at everyone's willingness to participate.

SETA Alternate Delegate asked if we could have the Grapevine Display at the Gratitude Dinner at the VFW Post 8790 Spring Branch, 1560 Foley Street from 2-6 pm. Judy will be at the Gratitude Dinner, Barbara requested for representatives to sit at the table with her at the Gratitude Dinner to make sure that the books do not walk off. Kristina F volunteered.

Celebrate 70 years of Grapevine with a "whoopie party" at Intergroup on Dec. 6 from 1-5. Barbara reported that we were able to rent the building out for only \$50, and continued with discussion in regards to the panel that will be held. We will have someone from GV discussing our "meeting in print", Intergroup CFC rep encouraging participation to the "Adopt an Inmate" program, and a third person from Intergroup announcing new pamphlets & 75th Anniversary Edition of Big Book. We still need someone from the Grapevine Committee to participate on this panel and showcase all the books, planners, and respective literature the Grapevine has to offer. This person will also run the Grape Guessing Contest as well. We will take a break for refreshments (old fashioned ice cream floats, whoopie pies) and access to the book store. From there we will have writing and audio workshop with 3 panelists from GV Committee and one person displaying the PP Anniversary kit on large TV. Judy asked about the skit Barbara mentioned, in regards to the whoopie party called the Grapelet, Judy's sponsees will put it on and Lulu will put together the flyer for the Celebrate 70 Years of Grapevine. Barbara will send her ideas to see if she can pull any inspiration from any previous flyers.

Reminders of upcoming GV events:

"Traditions and Concepts Weekend on the Beach" at the Victorian Condo Hotel & Conference on September 19-21, 2014. Accolades were given for this event, how fun and wonderful this event is while still maintaining the importance of traditions and concepts to personal recovery. Space is filling up quickly; please make sure that if this is something you are interested in participating in that you sign up quickly, as the conference room only holds 200. The hotel rooms hold up to 5 people and are only \$99/night.

Updates:

-The Grapevine online cover contest received the most "likes" for the EGO cover. Seven winners will be drawn to receive GV books.

-A new GVR packet will be put together to provide to incoming Grapevine Representatives. Networking and sharing of experience, strength, and hope was encouraged between existing and incoming GVRs as far as what works and what doesn't. Martha made a suggestion that the last few meetings she has chaired she has pulled the topics out of the Grapevine in order to encourage interest in becoming a Grapevine Representative and overall interest in what our literature has to offer our group members. The Grape Guessing Game was offered as another wonderful way to encourage interest in the Grapevine.

The next Grapevine Meeting will be held at October 4th at 4:30 in the El Paso Room, at the Sheraton on JFK.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

**I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there. And, for that, I am responsible.**