

GV/LC Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2019

\* Renee K., Co-chair, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer. The Grapevine Statement of Purpose was read.

\* The sign in sheet went around. Present at the mtg. were 5 GVRs, the Co-chair, and the Area 31 Delegate presented his report. There were 2 new GVRs present tonight: Susan W., representing the Shelburne Falls Thursday night Group and Jody B., representing the Wilbraham Grp. Also present were Mark, from Haydenville Sunday Night Grp, Joe from Daily Reflections and Mark C. from the Joy of Living Group.

Susan W. took minutes for the mtg.

\* Tradition 4 was read.

\* Each GVR introduced himself/herself and stated which group they represented.

Discussion:

1. Does everyone have a Grapevine Subscription? YES
2. Some groups raffle off an individual Grapevine and another Grp does a whole subscription monthly.
3. PI Radio Show 2019 option for 75th Anniversary of the Grapevine discussion included concerns/issues to involve ourselves with the radio show, the primary purpose of the radio show, GV is a tool and not for advertisement. The radio show is to share experience, strength and hope to the still sick and suffering.

\* Ideas: someone who wrote a story come and read their story?

\* GV 75th Anniversary MAYBE could be announced but not the whole show

\* Radio show airs on the radio dial 1450 AM every Sunday morning at 6am EST, western MA intergroup has a link on their website to the Radio Show. The last 10 radio shows are on the website.

\* GV "Boards" are being brought to Group Anniversaries. The boards will be brought to the next GV/La Vina Mtg. in May.

\* Mike, Delegate for Area 31 Report.

[Delegate@area31aa.org](mailto:Delegate@area31aa.org). Concept mtg,. happens on the 1st Thursday at 7:30 pm, Service Manual Mtg. 3rd Thursday at 7:30 pm, 474 Pleasant St, Holyoke.

\* Spring Assembly, April 27th, Saturday 10 am to 3 pm & April 28th, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm, Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield.

\* May 31st to June 2nd, Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) which is GSO's "AA Road Show," General Service in Tarrytown, NY.

\* Download New AA mtg. APP. Icon is blue with a folding chair. Easiest way to find a local mtg. at any time of the day while on the go.

\* New Book coming out directly from GSO in nearly 30 years: "Our Great Responsibility", Bill's Conference Talks from 1951-1970.

\* Discussion regarding a Grapevine Book: "Beginner's Book" best stories from newcomers.

\* Renee spoke about when you register as your groups GVR/RLV you will receive a packet from GV and La Vina, which will include a catalog of all Grapevine books. As well as the GV Booklet in English & Spanish, respectively.

\* June 14 to 16th, 50th Anniversary of the Area 31 AA Round Up. Clarion Hotel in West Spfld.

- \* "Stay sober AND Grow" by participating in these AA events.
- \* 2019 GrapeJam in Area 11 on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> was brought to everyone's attention. There is a flier. GVRs can announce this at meetings.
- \* 75th Anniversary of the Grapevine. Discussion had regarding needing to come up with more structured plans for this event. Look at previous Grape Jam itineraries and talk about what worked and what could improve. Do we hold this 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary GrapeJam in collaboration with Area 30, the Berkshires &/or the Spanish speaking district (which is part of Area 11)?
- \* GV Liaison to the Berkshire's Region. As well as seeking out a La Vina representation to participate in our monthly mtgs.
- \* WE ARE BOTH LA VINA AND GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVES.
- \* Hearing impaired member, Joe, wrote a story for the Grapevine and sent it out. He spoke about wanting to reach out to more deaf members and getting them to write their story. It was stated how wonderful it would be if the Grapevine designated 1 whole issue to deaf/hearing impaired members of AA. Working on a deaf/hearing impaired pamphlet. The benefits of receiving stories from members who were born deaf.
- \* One GV representative inquired about the process to obtain numerous copies of April's issue of the Grapevine, Relapse. It was suggested to call the 800-631-6025, customer service line.
- \* The meeting ended with AA's I Am Responsible pledge.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 730pm EST at the same location.