

On Tuesday, 9/3/2019, GV/LV Committee members present were: Joe K. of Holyoke Daily Reflections, John S. of the Randall Group, Signe O., Doug A. of Florence Iopener, Renee K. of Belchertown Saturday Night, Tania H. of Hadley Womens Language of the Heart Grp., and also Area 31 Committee visiting member, Alternate Delegate, Paul H.

Meeting opened at 7:30 pm by Chair, Tania H., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Welcome back to our Co-Chair, Renee K.! AA Grapevine Statement of Purpose read aloud by Renee K. Tradition 9 read by Signe O. FREE Daily Quote read by Renee K.

Tania H. passed around the September 2019 issue of GV magazine & Sept/Oct LaVina issue along with the newly released La Vina Catalog.

We discussed the upcoming Area 31 Grapevine Committee Special Event on Saturday, 9/14/19 from 12-4 pm Celebrating Grapevine's 75th Anniversary which will be held at Becket Congregational Church in Becket, MA!

Renee K. offered to donate paper plates, cups, napkins, forks, spoons, knives, pens & writing pads. We do not know how many people will attend, seating capacity is 75-100. Committee voted to buy 8-10 party pizzas. Tania H. contacting Joan & Tom for help with local pizza shops in Becket. It was suggested to save money we can purchase 2 liter bottles of soda & water from discount stores versus at the pizza place. Desserts = It is a Pot Luck so hopefully folks will bring a variety of desserts. Committee voted that we will have sheet cake and Joe K. volunteered to get it. He will order a marble sheet cake from a local grocery store and ensure that the frosting on it says '75th Anniversary of the Grapevine' on it. Karen L. from the Berkshires has booked ASL signers; Amalya will be the Spanish interpreter from Area 11. Signe will bring raffle tickets from her Home Group and run the raffle. Tania H. will call Area 31 Treasurer, Karl H., to get access to \$500.00 allotted to the GV/LV Committee budget. We agreed to contribute \$50 to the meeting site hosting our event to cover their expenses (They had mentioned monies only enough to cover for paper towels, toilet paper & trash bags) On the subject of whether we should donate coffee to the Becket Grapevine Group as they will be making coffee for this event, Renee K. mentioned we might think of purchasing a can of coffee to replenish their supply. Committee is comfortable with that expense built into the \$50 contribution. We agreed to raffle off 1 subscription to LaVina & the Grapevine magazine plus 3 Grapevine books. Electronic copy of the 75th anniversary flier has been posted on the home pages of Western MA intergroup site, Area 31 site and Berkshire Intergroup site.

DJ Al, from Area 11, will be there with his Grapevine library items for sale.

Alternate Delegate, Paul H. remarks: Paul shared copies of the Final Report from the 2019 General Service Conference which our Area Delegate, Mike S., attended in New York City in May, 2019. Fall Assembly is coming up on Oct. 12th & 13th in Westfield, MA – On Saturday, there will be an Area 31 inventory facilitated by a former GSO staff member, Rich P. On Sunday, we will be electing a new Area Treasurer, Area Secretary, Area Chair, Alternate Delegate & Delegate. Please remind GSR's or Alternate GSRs to attend and vote. 2019 Nov. 8-10 MA State Convention will be held in the Framingham Sheraton hotel with fun changes to the Program such as Fri. Night Comedian(s), Saturday morning Home Group Celebration, Game Room w/ Board Games and 3 movies will be shown during the weekend: 28 Days, Flight, & Days of Wine & Roses. There will also be 12 Step Sessions throughout the day on Saturday covering all Twelve Steps. He distributed a flier created as a visual presentation of the convention weekend's program. Pre-register online: mastateconvention.org

Old business reminder that we will refresh the GV/LV Boards to prepare them for the 2019 AA State Convention in November.

GVR Reports to resume at next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019 at 730p in 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA

We closed with the AA RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION.

Addendum to SEPT minutes: The Committee also voted to pay the live music DJ \$20.00 out of our budget and agreed to have a TIP JAR for him.