

## **Area 31 AA Grapevine Meeting Minutes for meeting on 2/6/2024**

Meeting opened at 6:30pm by Bob the Area 31 Chair.

This meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm.

Grapevine Purpose was read by Bob as follows:

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism, Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

AA Grapevine Resources for Grapevine Group Representatives can be found on the AA Grapevine App or at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) under GVR Resources.

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Area 31 Calendar: <https://area31aa.org/calendar/>

### **Voting for Area 31 AA GV Committee positions took place.**

Results of voting:

Joe I. will serve as the Chair – [redacted]

Anisa L. Will serve as the Co-Chair – [redacted]

Danielle A. Will serve as the Secretary – [redacted]

Danielle shared the general format of GV committee meetings in the past. Provided sites for GVR resources and encouraged other members to send for a Tool kit from the AA Grapevine headquarters that includes fliers, bookmarks, GV materials and resources for dissemination. Also your group can purchase old subscriptions at a discounted rate in groups of 12 that are great to handout to newcomers or take to outgoing commitments. Danielle usually reads from the most recent GV subscription the submission guidelines and what types of stories that GV is looking for with deadlines. She shares this at her group's business meetings.

**Future meeting format discussed:**

Quote of the Day; GV Purpose; go around to each member in attendance for a report out of how they are sharing the message with their home groups; then hear from an Area 31 delegate or chair who will share upcoming events and news.

**Discussion on budget for the year:**

Budget is \$800.00

Danielle Suggested getting the Writer's Workshop for Area 31 off the ground this year. It was discussed last 2 years but never held. Maybe this could be a quarterly event in the future.

There was a vote completed to approve **Robert's Rules** to guide these future meetings. All in attendance were in favor.

Robert's Rules is a framework that is comprised of a set of codes and rules of ethics that helps groups hold orderly meetings that allow the majority to rule while allowing minority voices to be heard. There are four primary types of motions in Robert's Rules of Order:

1. Main motions
2. Subsidiary motions
3. Incidental motions
4. Renewal motions

Robert's Rules of Order for meetings is the general standard for how nonprofit boards, committees and other established groups govern discussions and decision-making.

**In attendance:**

Joe I (Wildcats)

Anissa L.

Danielle A. ( Sunday Southwick Big Book)

Nathalie (Language of the Heart) [redacted]

Susan (Joy of Living?)

Lianne P. (Wilbraham) [redacted]

**\*We need to Confirm attendance for the minutes. There were a few others on Zoom.**

**Future discussion:**

1. The **Archives** Chair is asking GVRs to go on a Scavenger Hunt for past GV subscriptions that are needed for Archives.

**GV Subscriptions needed:**

All 2023 x's 2 copies; Jan 1993 (2); Jan, March, Oct 2009 (1 each), June 2010;

2012 – April (1), May (1), June (1), July (2), Aug (2), Sept (1), Nov (1)

2013 – Jan (2), Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, Aug, Oct, Nov (2 each); July and Sept 1 each.

2016 – Oct. (2); 2017 – April (1); 2021 (2) August.

2. **Traditions Checklist** – from AA Grapevine. Review the Tradition Twelve portion of Checklist and Consider revising it to Address Tradition 12 rather than being a summary of all the Traditions.

Tradition Twelve: “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AAs current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of an remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition - or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine Subscription?

Also, the archivist suggested we bring an item to the area committee about the 12 traditions checklist, which we would then bring to GV/La Viña in New York. It's a study guide to the Traditions printed by the GV office.

3. **Purchase a storage unit**, with keys going to each committee chair, so that we can store all our area items. The last two are moreso chairperson responsibilities, but it makes sense to add them for future discussion.
4. Find the **Grapevine Boards** and keep in storage unit.