

Grapevine Meeting Minutes 5/7/24 at 6:30pm

Attendance:

Joe Chair (also represents the Wildcats Group Agawam)

Anissa Co-Chair (Agawam Big Book Step Study)

Laura (Web host)

Danielle A. Secretary

Mark (S.H. Falls Group)

Steve (Haydenville Sunday Night group)

Bob Area Chair

Brian W. District 3 DCM (visiting)

Joe read the Grapevine 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 under GVR Resources.

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Old Business:

- 1) Review the Grapevine Tradition 12 Checklist for discussion.

Danielle Read the GV Tradition 12 checklist:

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 or agree with AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, do I imply that membership requirements go beyond the desire to stay sober?

4. Have I a personal responsibility to help an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
5. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially?
6. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA attractive so that other drunks might want it?
7. What does anonymity mean to me?
8. In light of increased awareness of alcoholism and AA's program of recovery among the general public, why is the principle of anonymity still important?
9. Am I mindful to respect the anonymity of other AA members who may work in my place of employment or my industry? How about AA members who live in my area or neighborhood?
10. What does "principles before personalities" mean to me?

Discussion:

Only numbers 7-12 pertain to Anonymity.

The group decided to have Joe reach out to the GV headquarters to find out if there is already work being done on this and check to see if this issue/concern is already being addressed before we spend more time discussing and planning revision ideas.

Other Old Business: 2) Writer's Workshop - work with participants to submit an article. GV committee members may also consider submitting a story to GV the next topic is on Sober Holidays and submissions are due 6/15/24. The GV magazine is always looking for Step 4 and 12 story submissions. Maybe consider a GV Topic Discussion style meeting on a monthly basis.

Announcements:

Bob Area Chair - Round Up is \$20 can sign up on area31aa.org website. The round up is being held for one day only this year on June 1st at 9am-9pm at 60 Broad Street Westfield.

<https://area31aa.org/events/55th-annual-western-mass-round-up/>

Golf Tournament on May 25th.

Food Drive in the Meeting room 30 Carew Street South Hadley.

New Business:

- 1) There was discussion about a future writer's workshop. Ideas: Invite a Speaker who has written a GV article in the past. Have a Monthly GV focused meeting can be a different format (Joe) not just writing but maybe have a writing workshop Quarterly (Steve).
- 2) Plan an event pertaining to Spiritual Experiences (Joe).
- 3) Anisa asks if we can have a space in person for a monthly GV Event.
- 4) Danielle had an idea to rotate on a monthly basis a GV committee member to chair a GV focused meeting for Area 31 can be at our different meeting locations Where we would be the host on a given month where our home group meets. Steve is open to idea but thinks it should be on a quarterly basis.

- 5) Joe would like to look into having a Listening Party type event using the Grapevine Podcast and broadcasting on Zoom.
- 6) Danielle will check with the Lutheran Church in Southwick to see if the Room under the Daily Grind on College Hwy. could be made available for a monthly Grapevine Event. The Daily Grind is open 9am-3pm on Saturday and 8am-2pm on Sundays.

Final Motion made by Mark to make next month's GV Committee Meeting strictly a planning meeting for the Writer's Workshop. All were in favor.

Next month's meeting is on Tuesday June 4th at 6:30pm to plan our first Writer's Workshop.
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