

Grapevine Minutes 7/2/24

Attendance:

Joe I (Wildcats group)
Anisa (Thursday Night BBSS Agawam)
Danielle A. (Southwick Sunday Night BB)
Lianne P
Mark T. (SH Falls)
Ricky (Wildcats)
Steve B - (Haydenville)
Sue - (Joy of Living)

Secretary report - Danielle
Updates on emails of members

Anisa made motion to table the Tradition 12 Checklist discussion/vote until after the Writer's Workshop is planned. Lianne 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Time Change: voted on

Steve Area Delegate cannot start before 6:30pm

Group is willing to start at 6:15pm

Final vote is to bring back motion to change meeting time to 6:15-7:15pm goes to the Area for vote. Cannot change time until approved by the Area.

New Business:

1) Is Vera able/willing to come to our first writer's retreat? - Anisa spoke with Vera and she is available one of the first two Saturdays of the month.

2) Finalize Agenda:

*Ice Breaker - What brought you here?

*10 Minutes Free Write (mind dump) from the Artists' Way

*Read Submission Guidelines

*Bring Vera from District 3. Have Vera discuss her experience from the past with writing for GV (20 minutes)

* Editorial Calendar

*Write for 25-30 minutes

*Break

*Write 25-30 minutes

*Share and Close (20 minutes)

Finish in 2 hours.

3) Finalize Date/Time and location - August 10th 3-5pm below the Daily Grind - donation for the Church can be sent by check from the Area Office. Danielle will follow up with Denise at the Daily Grind to ask about a date change from 8/17 to 8/10.

4) Can we use GV funds to pay for Color Copies and Collate (30 of each) to make the packets at Staples for example? - Danielle given permission to make the copies and get reimbursed by GV funds later. (save receipts).

5) Purchase Notebooks and Pens- Approved to buy 2 Notpads (legal pads) and 2 packages of pens. Danielle will also bring a package of lined loose leaf paper.

6) Food and Drink will be discussed at next meeting.

Steve Area Report:

On Thursday Concepts meeting 7:30pm at 30 Carew Street. Read concept manual. Hybrid meetings. First Thursday of the month.

MA State Convention Planning Committee meeting in Marlborough MA Best Western 7pm 7/30 carpool hosted by Ray from Mercedes Benz lot end of 291 leaves at 5:30pm.

Group Inventory by Past Delegate AreaChair@area31aa.org

Area members will come as an incoming group to talk about Service

District 5 on 7/20 Morning Star Baptist Church N. Main Street. 12 Traditions Play.

Western MA Young People in AA at Serenity Club on Main St. in Spfld.

MSCYPAA - going for the bid

Berkshire intergroup Picnic 7/13 1-4pm Ski Lodge Pittsfield State Forest.

8/18 Western MA Picnic Moose Family Lodge

The quarterly Financial Report is now available.

Archives looking for Grapevine Issues:

2 more copies of the Grapevine from the entire year of 2022

August 2021

Single copy of July, Sept, April 2013

All other months of 2013 need 2 copies

1 copy of June 2010

1 copy of Jan March Oct 2009

2 copies of Jan 1993

Steve suggested adding the GV scavenger hunt list to the Area website.

Motion to close at 7:25pm. All in favor.

Hilltowns Groups in Huntington is requesting the GV boards for their Anniversary Meeting end of July.