

Grapevine Committee September 3, 2024

Joe opened the meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

Grapevine Quote of the Day - read by Steve B.

Statement of Purpose - Grapevine read by Steve B.

Joe I. Chair

Anissa Co-Chair

Group Representatives Reports.

A. Mark T.- South Hadley

B. Bob - Area Chair

C. Steve B. - Haydenville, they have a Grapevine lenders library. Talks about the App and the Podcast.

D. Danielle - Sunday Night Southwick BB - tell them about future topics if they want to submit a story, present the order forms if anyone wants to order a subscription, also share an old subscription with a newcomer.

E. Allie R. - Tuesday Night Afterwork Group tells people about the subscription and ways to order.

F. Laura - Webhost

G. Launa - guest

Joe recently spoke at the Hope Center - shared how it is nice to have some GV magazines available at commitments. Another way to Share the Message.

Next month Anissa will read the Statement of Purpose

Mark will read the Quote of the Day.

Grapevine Meeting in Enfield - has a group anniversary October 13th at Noon at Sunrise Park on Mountain Road, Suffield. There will be food/fellowship followed by a 2 speaker meeting at 2:00 PM. They would like the Grapevine Boards available at the Group anniversary.

Can we get a copy of Vera's PPT slides to share with group members who could not attend the Writer's Retreat? Anissa will ask if we have permission to share the slides.

Danielle gave the August 6th Secretary's report.

Old Business: Traditions Checklist was tabled in the past for future discussion.

Tradition 12 of the Grapevine Checklist pertains to other traditions and not Tradition 12 specifically. The Program office would like to hear our input.

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?

Steve B. provided input - that Tradition 12 is a combination of ALL of our Traditions. He does not feel the questions are off base.

Steve - Area chair - thinks answering the questions is humility in action.

Mark - motion to take this off the table. Each one applies to a specific preceding tradition.

Anissa - there is value in looking at this in terms of anonymity and spiritual foundations. Feels humility is missing from the topic. This affects all parts of the program if not mentioned.

Committee Voted to remove the Tradition 12 from committee work and future discussion.

Discussion on the Grapevine Writer's Retreat:

Danielle: thinks it was wonderful. And great feedback. No changes except to advertise more leading up to the event.

Mark T. loved the retreat and enjoyed it. He feels we did a great job covering the process. He did not walk away with any questions. Maybe consider adding in other forms of submission - photos, jokes, and video/voice story, artwork, homegroup photos.

Steve B: guest speaker was fantastic and knowledgeable, flowed really well. Received alot of great feedback. Others who attended have been spreading the message.

Allie: I think it went really well. I thought the speaker was good to help get the information out in a way they would understand.

Anissa - very happy with the turnout, people's interest, flowed well. People were also able to eat and socialize. It was a nice process. She was able to complete the story and plans to submit soon.

Steve (Area Chair) very educational, biggest thing I got out of it is I can take may story and compartmentalize it and submit parts to different topics. "Smashing Success"

Lara - was there to be the webhost but she was grateful to attend as a participant. I am intimidated by writing but when Vera gave her presentation it made me feel like I could write. Just make sure more notepads are available.

Steve Area Delegate Area Report - past delegate will come to help with an inventory of your home group.

Traditions Meeting on Thursday night at 7:30pm first Thursday of the month 30 Carew St., South Hadley, MA 01201

Mini Workshop coming up District 2 Concept Meeting this Saturday 459 Mill Street. Agawam Methodist Church. District 2 Forgotten 12 September 7th

District 6. Hazardville Church on Route 90 is having a Carry the Message workshop. September 14th.

District 3 Stockbridge October 5th Workshop

Plain Language Big Book will be published November 1st if you want to order one.

Future meeting topics: Ways you can submit to Grapevine- photos, jokes, and video/voice story, artwork, homegroup photos.

Plan next Writer's retreat.