

Area 31 Grapevine Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Meeting opened with Statement of Purpose and Quote of the Day

Group reports:

Allison - new to rep position

Beth - has reordered a subscription for Gundara Center in Westfield

Mary - (Daily Reflections) working on Carry the Message project in response to letter from publisher asking for support.

Kathy - (Mixed Nuts) Give subscriptions to newcomers

Launa - (Friday Night Wilbraham) Older issues were donated to the group. Hope to entice subscriptions

Dylan - (Haydenville Sunday Night) Has a lending library. Purple Carry the Message can has allowed for 4 subscriptions. Next month they will raffle an issue. Makes announcements to the group.

Drica - (Agawam Wild Cats) new to rep position

Susan - (Lee SOS) Reported on letter from publisher. Group considering sending a subscription to an institution.

Open positions; Secretary and Co-Chair

Joe encouraged people to talk to other people; "I think you'd be good at this."

He listed the responsibilities of the chair:

Committee meeting on the first Tuesday

Area meeting on the second Wednesday and give month's report

Spring and Fall assemblies and give six-month reports

Bring boards to group anniversaries

Respond to emails sent to Area Grapevine address

Grapevine Boards Redesign Update

Susan reported for Bonnie who could not make it to the meeting

A revised layout was presented which included La Viña

A budget was proposed of approximately \$180 for new boards and carrying bag, \$17.50 for Velcro Dots and \$120 for professional printing on vinyl

Some errors in Spanish spelling were pointed out

Questions were raised about the idea of laminating instead of printing at a lesser cost

A suggestion was made to somehow include Area 31

No motion or vote was made to move forward

Requests for Boards

Suffield Beginner Grapevine event. Beth will take them.

Dylan requested for group anniversary either November 16 or 31

Area 31 (Steve)

Asked how many tables are needed for convention (one)

There is a Grapevine scavenger hunt on the Area website

Issues are needed for the archive

NERAASA will be February 19-22 in Portland

Fall assembly will be October 18-19 in Holyoke (No Area meeting this month)

Plain Language Big Book on Saturday morning, lunch then committee chairs and what they do

Business meeting and elections on Sunday afternoon

MA State Convention – registration goes up \$5 on 10/15. Register now!

One more planning meeting on 10/28; pizza and stuffing of registration packets. For a ride, contact Ray (altdelegate@area31aa.org) or Steve (delegate@area31aa.org)

Grapevine is looking for a new non-trustee director

NERF December 5-7 in Providence. Free to register. Chris, publisher, will be there

Area services; outgoing commitment, concept meeting 1st Thursday, group inventories (requests can be made to chair@area31aa.org)

Western MA alkathons; Thanksgiving Morningstar Baptist in South Hadley and Christmas Eve 6pm to Christmas Day 6pm at St Paul's

Berkshire Intergroup Chili Cook off (and Macaroni and Cheese) October 12, Pittsfield State Forest

District 3; Plain Language Big Book workshop November 22 First Congregational, Stockbridge