

Grapevine Minutes December 2025

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Moment of silence & Serenity Prayer

Quote of the Day: Bonnie (Jan volunteer, Jill)

Statement of Purpose: Anisa (Jan volunteer, Beth)

Attendees:

Carl - Ludlow "I" Opener - 1st time

Susan - SOS Lee - Hasn't been able to attend in some time. Nothing to report

Jill - Clear Cut Directions - Nothing to report; Still new

Bonnie - Hand of Hope - Hasn't been due to personal situations; reported GV Black Friday sale (20% off) at biz mtg. Little interest from group.

Beth - Southwick Sunday Big Book - Group sponsors a subscription to Gandara. 3 yr subscription goes to W. Mass Hospital.

Dylan - Haydenville Sunday Night Life - Purchased 2 new Carry the Message Subscriptions.

Total of 6 purchased so far from group contribs

New Grapevine Reps

New Reps are encouraged to check GV/LV website (aagrapevine.org) or the app for the following information:

- Editorial Calendar
 - Report this at business meetings
- Submit a story
 - Help contributors submit content here
 - Jokes, Stories, Photos
- Cartoons (Submit a caption; vote on a caption)
- Rep Resources
 - New reps encouraged to sign up
 - Contains lots of helpful informational materials about what to do in GV/LV Rep service position

Old Business

Boards have been redesigned and look fantastic! Old boards given to Accessibilities committee.

Penny story: There is a penny glued to the boards with a neat story. Joe was talking with another member at the MA State convention when he noticed a penny on the ground that he hadn't seen earlier. Picking it up, he noticed it was a wheat penny minted in 1944, the same year the Grapevine was first published. He put it on the boards because of this interesting coincidence. (Note, some folks may be concerned that a wheat penny is too valuable to have on our boards.

As of December 2025, a Wheat Penny like the one on our boards, in average condition with no mint errors, is valued at 15 cents.)

Budget:

- Nov committee meeting discussed \$800 budget for 2026.
- The area budget meeting noted that the area is very low on funds and may be accessing the Prudent Reserve come January 1.
- Joe requested \$600 in light of decreased contributions and increased costs to the area. This breaks down to \$150 earmarked for events every 3 months, or \$200 every 4 months.
- Committee may pass a basket at events to offset cost of food

Boards will be present at Southwick Sunday Big Book meeting anniversary (6 pm food, 7 pm speaker)

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None

Chairperson Report

NERAASA coming Feb 20-22 Portland, ME.

Calling all reps - We need your sober networks! We are always looking for local AA members who have contributed to the Grapevine to share for ~20 minutes at our Creators' Retreats. Please send any suggestions to the chair and co-chair.

The committee can always request positions at local and state conventions (MSCYPAA, Round Up, State Convention) to put on events. Individual reps may stand to be a liaison to help coordinate GV/LV Committee events at conventions