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Area 64 Grapevine Committee Meeting Minutes 1st Quarter Assembly 2005 Knoxville, TN

**Friday – 1/7/05**

- The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
The 12 traditions and The Grapevine Statement of Purpose were read.  
There were 14 people in attendance representing 12 districts.  
\$15.00 was collected for the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition  
The chairperson began the Friday Night Sharing Session with a message from both Alternate Chair and Middle TN Pool Rep expressing their regrets in not being able to attend this assembly
- ~ There was a brief review of the workshop planning.
  - ~ Several gift subscription orders were placed from anonymous contributions during the holidays
  - ~ In District 12, new subscriptions are still going into the schools.
  - ~ Past issues continue to be distributed to other standing committees, particularly Corrections & Treatment, newcomers and groups across the state, as reported by several members.
  - ~ The West TN Pool Rep stated the newly formed GV committee in the Memphis area has changed from a District Committee to a Citywide Committee being supported with a lot of enthusiasm. The members are learning as they go and very excited. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. each month at 6PM in Memphis.
  - ~ The East TN Pool Rep shared the two weekly GV meetings held on Sat and Sun were growing and they are working toward starting a 3<sup>rd</sup> GV meeting during the week. The subscriptions sponsored for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary drive continue to be filled.
  - ~ District 34 started a GV meeting over a year ago and has been a great vehicle for letting people know about the GV, especially newcomers
  - ~ There was a very informative discussion on GV meeting formats used and suggestions on how to start one in your district.
  - ~ Questions concerning Back Issues of GV were answered and the role of the 3 Area Pool Reps was explained to assist members in receiving past issues for use in carrying the message.
  - ~ District 50-51
    - GV chair reported the Nov meeting had the largest turnout ever with 11 members present.
    - They will be hosting a workshop on Feb 19 from 3-5 at Park 40 in Knoxville.
    - Poster boards were placed at Park 40 and Flat Iron with subscription forms attached.
  - ~ Many members shared on their use of the GV and the wealth of resources available to us through the GV website, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).
  - ~ The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Saturday – 1/8/05**

- The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.  
The GV Statement of Purpose and the 12 Traditions were read.  
There were 9 people present representing 7 districts.  
\$26.00 was received for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.  
The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.
- ~ The newly elected treasurer stated funds had only been recently received and bank account has not been established. Motion was made and passed giving Treasurer Right of Decision in setting up an account with the lowest or no service charge fees.
  - ~ The chairperson submitted gas receipt for PI Workshop attendance. Motion made to reimburse expense and passed.

GV Committee Treasure Information

The beginning balance =	\$467.64
Donations received =	\$41.00
Expenses =	<u>\$16.00</u>
Ending balance =	\$492.64

**OLD Business**

- ~ Motion made to fulfill the committee's quarterly ordering of GV back issues (1 box of 50) for each of the Pool Reps passed.
- ~ Members were encouraged to use literature available at display because there is plenty and the GV committee would like to extend this to all in attendance today. Also New GV books and calendars were mentioned.

**NEW Business**

- ~ Two motions seconded and passed for the chairperson to exercise Right of Decision in Proposed Structure Changes and any motions presented to Assembly Body.
- ~ Southeastern Forum GV information and exciting facts were shared.
- ~ News from AA GV, Inc. included call for AA military articles, introduction of New Spanish Editions of "Gifts of Sobriety" – The GV mini-catalog, and "The Best of Bill", a new guide to the AA GV replaces the existing workbooks and are available at no cost to registered GV and LaVina reps. Additional Guides are also available at a cost of \$4.00 each.
- ~ Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed for Area 64 GV committee to purchase 10 copies to be sold at assemblies or other GV functions.
- ~ Updates were given on format or 2005 State Convention committee workshop plans which GV will be participating in at the upcoming convention.
- ~ Chairperson passed along encouragement from NY GV office to help boost a dwindling circulation of GV. Current monthly subscriptions average 106,000 down from 126,000 10 years ago.
- ~ Remember "the GV last a lot longer than flowers" and "They [GV's] keep coming even when the alcoholic doesn't". The international magazine carries the message of AA and helps others to recover from alcoholism. If you agree, please, "Pass them on" too!
- ~ Motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.
- ~ The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

**WORKSHOP REPORT**

The Grapevine committee gave a workshop on Saturday and had a blast doing so! Thanks to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter assembly host committee for putting us on the agenda. The presentation was well received and participation was encouraged with signals for applause from the audience. It was followed by a Question and Answer session. The workshop was formatted after favorite TV game shows with the Title; "Grapevine Jeopardy". The host introduced himself, his assistant and the 3 contestants. The categories consisted of "Submitting or Writing GV Articles", Grapevine History", and "Grapevine Literature and Products". There were two commercial breaks supporting Grapevine; "Grapevine Airways" and "Testimonial: It works!!". Thanks to an anonymous contribution the "winner" of the game received a custom made GV necklace and a Happy, Joyous and FREE journey with us as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny.

Please let us know if any groups are interested in the GV committee putting on a workshop in your district or at a special AA function/event.

Walk Softly & Carry a Grapevine

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