

Grapevine Chair – District 11 Report – March 19, 2017

I attended the March, 2017 as your Grapevine Chair for District 11 on March 12, 2017. After all of the various committee reports and discussions before lunch, after lunch about 5 members met with the Area Grapevine Chair, Chuck K., at the Grapevine display table. He had brought many Grapevine books to sell, most of which are paperbacks at about \$10.00 a piece. My home group bought 5 of them to sell to AA members who attend its meeting. Some of those titles included “Forming True Partnerships”, “Sober and Out”, “Spiritual Awakenings” and many more. I have a catalog with me and you are more than welcome to look at it. Chuck also had hardbound copies of “Language of the Heart” which were \$13.00 each, and a few books for La Vina.

Chuck is relatively new to the position as Area Grapevine Chair, so he said he is learning about his duties and responsibilities as he goes along. He answered some questions from the participants in the group, gave us each some ideas about how to encourage AA members to purchase the Grapevine magazine subscriptions, or the books, or the CD’s or any of the other materials that are available. I was not able to stay for the committee reports, so I did miss out on that that summarized our group discussion.

In the paperwork that was given to each of us was the Treasurer’s Report for the Area, and on the page for the 2017 Budget, the budget for the Grapevine Area Chair is \$700.00. Chuck intends to use these funds for the express purpose to purchase Grapevine literature for sale, and to provide all of the District Grapevine Chairs with access to what is available from Grapevine through its Website, which is AAGrapevine.org. Also, we can send emails to New York at gvrca@agrapevine.org to request more information and materials.

In addition, the 2017 General Service Conference will be considering 1300 pages worth of agenda items, most of which will have been whittled down to a manageable amount during the week the delegates are there for the GSC. I was presented with both a hard copy page of the agenda items as they relate to Grapevine issues, along with a CD that Steve S. provided to me. There are 11 items on this agenda, most of which will not make the final cut for discussion. Three of the items will probably make the cut: “Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales; Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Vina when they don’t have a GV rep or La Vina rep; and Review audio strategy update.” We’ll have to wait for the Delegate Report for the outcome of the agenda items.

Lisa has ordered and given me a box of past issues of Grapevine which District 11 approved for an expenditure of \$54.00 and I intend to distribute a couple of them, here and there in Macon County. Chuck K. made suggestions to us at Area Assembly where these might do some good in the community, many of which are the same places where our AA literature is placed by the PI Chair. Other locations include treatment centers, jail lobbies, Driver’s License offices, doctors’ offices, and, of course, various meetings in our District, so I will begin that process in the next week or so. If anyone has ideas about where to distribute them, I would be happy to hear them. You may email me at lasvegaslinda@comcast.net

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as your Grapevine Chair.
Respectfully submitted,

Linda H.