

Grapevine Agenda for GSO meeting:

Item 1

Consider that AA Grapevine, Inc. be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as, but not limited to, smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.

We voted “no” because of the word commissionable. That could mean Amazon, or some other web site, would make a commission off of our products. To us, the wording was unclear. We voted that any money to be made would go to the Grapevine.

Item 2

Consider permitting the AA Grapevine, Inc. to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contributions policy, to be used for operating expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.

It’s no secret that GSO has been supporting the Grapevine, although we are supposed to be our own entity, therefore supporting ourselves. However, that hasn’t been the case for quite some time now. If we hadn’t received support from GSO, we would have folded a long time ago. We voted to keep it as it has been with GSO supporting us, therefore keeping all contributions going to GSO.

Item 3

Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in 2012 or later.

We had no problem with that. It would merely be a Grapevine 4. We already have Grapevine 1, 2, and 3. We voted yes to that.

These are the main questions that GSO needed our area votes on:

Possible Committee goals for 2011 and 2012:

Increased subscriptions – Much lower production cost, profit from digital to support printed version.

Encourage more Districts to form Grapevine / La Vina Committees and to send representatives to our Area Quarterlies.

Get the Linguistic District involved in the Committees – Area 15 Chairman has sent a couple of e-mails to the Chair of the Linguistic Committee, but has received no response.

Other topics for discussion:

Grapevine swaps – July Quarterly?

Rebinding workshop – Has anybody done this?

A permanent Grapevine display to use at Area Quarterlies.

The role of the Area Committee with regard to literature and subscriptions –
Needs further discussion.

Ideas for promoting the use of the Grapevine/La Vina and related material.

Area Grapevine/La Vina committee Legacy of service – Providing gift
subscriptions for raffle on Saturday nights at Area Quarterlies.

Humbly submitted by your District 1 Chairman,

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