

SETA Literature Committee Minutes

Date: July 8, 2017

Start Time: 4:30 PM

I Open with Serenity Prayer

II Introductions – Amy E. Chair, Lisa T. Alt Chair

III Review last month minutes

IV Chair Report: Literature Committee was asked to be present at District 51 workshop. Our responsibility as a committee is to make people aware of A.A. Literature, not peddle it.

V Report from Alt Chair – Our literature committee email address is; setaliterature@emaildodo.com and your email will go to all who have signed up. Remember you must sign your name at the bottom of the email.

VI Discussion:

- a) **Pamphlet:** Try choosing a pamphlet to talk about for three minutes at a district meeting or group conscience meeting. If you need help with this, please call Amy. Do not read it word for word or you will put people to sleep.

“Entice people to read the pamphlet by asking catchy questions that the pamphlet has the answers to. The questions in the front of the pamphlet, “*The A.A. Group*” are a good example. A.A. Pamphlets are coded on the front with an R for recovery, S for Service and U for unity. Tom and Ron are previous Lit Chairs. Which pamphlet has a scratch page? Circles of Love and Service are one big circle group?”
- b) **Spread the word:** set up literature tables at conventions. I’m looking for more ideas. Starting at the district level, GSR’s to groups. Pass down from DCM to GSR, the idea of starting a literature meeting at the group level. Announce at the districts and at SETA. Invite Amy to district meetings. Has experience with literature meetings at his home group. They use one meeting a month to read different A.A. literature. Hold pamphlet workshops. But even the most heavily advertised pamphlet workshops have had pathetic attendance. To get a better turn out, it is best to personally invite A.A. members. The more you know, the more you grow. Suggests the group give pamphlets away.
- c) **Conference Approved Literature:** Emailed to us the Service Material from the General Service Office titled; “*Conference –Approved Literature*”.
- d) **Safety:** Emailed to us the Service Material from the General Service Office titled; “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare”. Send “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” to all DCM’s. This Service Material for GSO is just suggestions, it is not conference approved. Ask your home group, “What is conference approved literature?” Has anyone gone to another district meeting besides your own? Read the A.A. Group pamphlet.
- e) **AA Guidelines Internet:** Emailed “A.A. Guidelines – Internet”

- 1) **Anonymity:** In simplest form, this means that A.A.s do not publicly identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos. For more information on anonymity online, see the section of this Guideline, “Guarding Anonymity Online.” What is the difference between membership and fellowship?
- 2) **Facebook personal pages:** discussion/questions/answers (the best way to protect your anonymity on Facebook is CONTROL what gets added to your page and who can tag you. My settings on my FB are set for me to approve anything post and tag before it is posted)
- 3) **Facebook posts:** is it breaking your anonymity if you post your birthday chip on Facebook? Referred to A.A. Guidelines – Internet section; General Social Networking Website: Some A.A. members feel that as long as you do not identify yourself as an A.A. member, there is no conflict of interest. While others feel you shouldn’t post any “A.A. jargon”, some feel it is OK as long as the program of A.A. is not specifically mentioned. Some members have chosen to create A.A. related groups but still that is not 100% anonymous. See below.
- 4) **Facebook secret groups:** anybody in a group can invite others to the group. If you set up an Event; you still cannot control other’s posts. Posts break anonymity.

I) **What to do if you see someone breaking anonymity?**

Contact our Delegate, Ron. He has experience in dealing with this issue in a gentle and loving way. He will only inform the person of the tradition and why.

II) **Online Meeting**

III) **Email: BCC – email address** – Controls anonymity breaks.

Old Business: This committee used to meet monthly. Needs help with computer.

Suggests we use emaildodo.com to communicate in between quarterly assemblies.

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VII New Business: is anyone interested in going to workshops with her and hang out by the literature table? The people who said yes are listed by name and district number; Tina-82, Diane-70, Lori-40, Jackie-40, Loring-33, Steven-51, Tom-51. This is the most attended Literature Committee in a long time.

Events coming up: CFC Convention

Action items: Each month present a different pamphlet to your group or district for 3 minutes or less

VII Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Minutes taken by Literature Committee Secretary: Jackie S.