

SETA Literature Committee Minutes

Date / Time: April 21, 2020 / 8:30pm

Location: ZOOM Online

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, by Jackie S.

Introduction of Members present: Jackie S., Brady D70, Coach, Hilton (Alt. Chair), Lisa D52, Willie D32.

March minutes read by Willie, accepted as read by Coach; second by Brady.

Literature Committee Statement of Purpose: Brady – “The purpose of the Literature Committee is to raise awareness for A.A. Conference-approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items”.

Report from Chair:

Jackie informed the Members that the 2020 Literature Catalog had arrived. The Chair included an up-to-date (Area) Literature Committee report, which had been sent to the Area Secretary. The inclusion was for Committee Member use, when discussing with others in the Fellowship, the activities of the Literature Committee.

Alternate Chair Report:

Hilton reported on the progress of this Committee’s entry to the Area Newsletter, concerning the book “Our Great Responsibility”. The Newsletter Article had not been posted to the Area site (aa-seta.org) at the time of this meeting. Hilton added that the hope was to continue to move forward in planning for future contributions to the Area Newsletter.

Agenda Item VII: Discussion on how individual Committee Members have been carrying out the Statement of Purpose, during the pandemic. Lisa: discussed activity at District Meeting level in raising awareness about the Literature Committee, and Service in general. Jackie: discussed continued awareness of pamphlets, how they can be searched and read online at (aa.org). Also added that the A.A. Grapevine would be free of charge from January this year, through May, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Coach: discussed experience in general with pamphlets; that subject-specific topics could be searched for, and are usually available within Literature displays at meeting rooms. Brady: discussed experience with information exchange at the District level regarding literature in general. Hilton: discussed experience with literature, pamphlets, and the desire to “keep it simple” with those items in common use. Willie: discussed experience at the Group and District level with items in stock in display racks within the rooms. The Committee Members concluded the discussion with ideas on how to be more creative in sparking interest of literature in general, as in-person meetings have significantly decreased. Ideas included the carrying of this Committee’s message in meetings, at “announcement” time, and posting the web address of “aa.org”.

Budget Discussion: In the interest of spending money differently, Willie, Hilton, Lisa, and Brady would agree to have a collection of pamphlets mailed to their addresses. A discussion of that issue would be at the next ZOOM meeting: May 19, 2020.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible".