

SETA Literature Committee Minutes

Date/Time: May 19, 2020 / 8:30pm

Location: ZOOM Online

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, by Willie S.

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

Statement of Purpose: Sarah H. – “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 of the email from the GSO’s Literature Assignment Desk, concerning a Literature Activity Update, for the development of a Literature Committee Workbook. To assist the Members, the Chair would forward the email, and noted the due date for Shared Experiences of this Committee is June 10th, 2020.

Alt. Chair Report:

Hilton discussed “positive aspects of online A.A. meetings”. Of course face to face meetings are better, but we need to be resourceful and work with what is available. There is obviously no virus infection risk involved with the internet. The members also save time and money by not having to travel. Newcomers have an avenue to attend meetings where there might be no other alternative. Even though the online way of communicating has less personalized contact, the spirit of our fellowship is still intact. We can “go early and stay late” to help maintain program relations with individuals. Others who are new to conferencing can be assisted in learning the system of operation, thereby opening up another way to be of service. This is an opportunity to have a new recovery tool for the future. A resistance to change to be expected. We can practice acceptance and set a good example for others to utilize this technological gift.

Sarah, Lisa, and Jackie each shared their experience with online meetings, which included support at the Home Group level, and the ability to attend meetings of other Groups outside our region.

The April minutes were read by Willie S., and accepted as read by those present.

Agenda Item VII: The Members shared experience with responses to the carrying of this Committee’s purpose during Zoom meetings. Brady’s experience was “neutral”, and added he continues to raise awareness at the District level as DCM, and during Home Group meetings. Lisa’s experience at Zoom meetings have been “positive”, but added there seems to be a lack of interest in the “aa.org” website. Willie’s experience has been “positive”, and shared the response from a Literature workshop on the pamphlet “The A.A. Group”. Hilton’s experience has been “positive” and demonstrated for the Members, his method of highlighting pamphlet subject matter.

Agenda Item VIII: The Members discussed more ideas on how to fulfill this Committee’s purpose during the time of social distancing. Willie shared on an upcoming Speaker meeting commitment, where that

platform could be used. Brady would continue to forward information as DCM to members present at those meetings. Sarah shared her interest in pamphlets, assorted A.A. books, and would continue to carry the message in that manner. Lisa shared experience with technology, in carrying the message over social media Recovery Groups, being mindful of anonymity issues. Hilton would continue raise awareness using the same method as demonstrated during this Committee meeting.

The next ZOOM Meeting is scheduled for June 16th, at 8:30pm.

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.”