

SETA AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETING
Clarion Inn – Houston, Texas
SATURDAY July 8, 2006

I. Open – Betsy G and Terri V

Betsy opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Betsy recognized Past Delegates Mike D [REDACTED], Paul M [REDACTED], and Harold P [REDACTED], Past Delegate from Alaska.

II. Roll Call – June C (Please see attached)

III. Approval of April 2006 Area Committee Minutes – Emily McF

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Barbara C

At our last quarterly, the Assembly voted to separate our convention money from our operating budget. This Treasurer's Report reflects that change. The first page still gives a summary; the second page gives the details. The first page has three parts: the total amount we have in the bank is at the top; the operating funds are in the middle of the page; and the bottom shows our convention money. The second page only gives detail about the operating funds.

We're watching the group contributions carefully because we're trying to rely on them to fund the Area. Included this quarter is a history of group contributions showing the total number of groups contributing, and the total contribution per year.

Last quarter the Assembly approved a Treasurer's mail out to be sent to groups registered with SETA. Two types of letters were sent: one was a thank you to groups who have contributed to SETA, the other letter was to groups who have made no contributions since January 2005. There were 368 letters sent. So far a two groups who haven't contributed since 01/05 have sent contributions. She's considering asking for funds to do another mail out in six months.

V. Delegate's Report – Charles P

I'm currently honored to serve as your Panel 55 Area 67 Delegate. Gus and I have started our Gus and Charlie show for the district visits. We're anxious to visit all the groups. Something we started this year was a Delegate's Day, a separate day set aside to provide the opportunity to bring people who have never been exposed to the GSO to ask questions and provide information, and was held June 24. It was self supporting. Before the meeting there was an ad hoc committee meeting and a district meeting, then the Delegate's Day included lunch, presentations, question and answer sessions, and a workshop. It was well attended. We hope to do this again.

At the DCM/Delegate session, 14 DCMs attended Friday night at 7:30, and there was a lot of good information flowing both ways, having very good interaction with all of us. We discussed updating the GSR list so the Area Registrar and GSO have current information. A big issue was buying and selling non-AA Big Books, particularly the small red pocket books. Mainly the problems seem to be misinformation, and price difference. Hopefully we can get this resolved.

At the next Assembly in October, we plan to have a DCM orientation session on Friday night at 7:30 during the DCM/Delegate session for the newly elected DCMs. Hopefully this will help them better understand learning what to do as DCM.

The Southwest Regional Trustee, Gary K, is rotating out of that position. A new Trustee will be elected in April of next year. Each area is asked to present a candidate for that position. At the October Assembly we need to elect a candidate to stand for that position.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship that saved my life.

VI. Alternate Delegate's Report – Gus H

At the DCM/Delegate session last night, we had a good discussion on the Gratitude Dinner. All but one district is committed to serve in some capacity at the event. The speaker is lined up, flyers are ready to distribute. The date is November 18 at the Deer Park facility, which we used two years ago. The address will be on the flyer. It will be fully funded by the districts in our Area and will not be using Area funds. We still need a PA system, and Bob B, District 52, will look into it. For decorations, the committee thought that anyone who might have pieces stored away relating to Gratitude or Thanksgiving might bring them and we can use them for the tables.

SWRAASA will be held on October 13-15 in Wichita, Kansas, and flyers are available. This Area has been asked to chair four sessions – DCM/Delegate communications will be facilitated by Charles P.; Area Chairs and Alternates will be chaired by Betsy G.; Area Secretaries will be chaired by Terri V.; Area Treasurers/Budget Committees will be chaired by Barbara C. The Spanish Districts will be meeting to see how they can help the event be totally Multi-Lingual. Funds for SWRAASA will come from registration and will be self-supporting. What they've asked is that we send out the flyers using our mailing labels, so I've requested that June print those out and I'll take care of mailing them.

VII. New Business – Terri V

Tomorrow we will be having an election for a Liaison to the Spanish Intergroup. The ad hoc committee on the Newsletter will present a report. The ad hoc committee on the funding of the Gratitude Dinner will provide an update. A request was made by Parth M to remove the pie chart from the contributions page. This request will be voted on Sunday.

October Assembly items include a workshop on the third legacy. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for October Assembly workshops, please let us know.

Penny W. Webmaster, reported the ISP they've been using changed servers. This has been causing problems with the website e-mails for several months. They are working on it. At this time they're trying hard to resolve the problem. If we can't get this resolved, the only alternative they can see is to swap ISPs. Right now, with the all-SETA forwarding, no one knows what's going on. Every group, every committee now has an e-mail address on the web. It is possible to go to these and not have any of them forward to the individual e-mail, but this would have to be done consistently.

Keeping a calendar on the website was discussed. The problem would be to have volunteers available to input the information. Right now there are not enough people on this committee to work on this project in the immediate future.

VIII. Announcements – Betsy G

Thanks to District 60 for the marvelous job they're doing in hosting this Assembly. The host district for October will be District. 33. Thank you for that. The committees eligible for the October Assembly suites are the Website Committee, the Archives Committee and the Corrections Committee. If you are on those committees and don't want a suite, please let Terri know.

Our room nights are based on a sliding scale, so if you're staying in the hotel, please be sure to include your name and room nights on the Hotel Tally sheet so we can check the hotel records and verify our credit for rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily McF
Area Secretary