

SETA AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETING
The Elegante Hotel – Beaumont, Texas
SATURDAY January 28, 2005

I. Open – Betsy G and Terri V

Betsy opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

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

III. Approval of October 2005 Area Committee Minutes – Emily McF

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Barbara C

We ended the year a little better than we started with. This is much more than what we had at the end of 2004. The reason for this is the groups have stepped forward and contributed more, the Committees spent less money than they were budgeted, and the prudent reserve is based on a smaller budget for the year 2006. The second page gives the details of what was spent and the income. The districts and the groups contributed much more than budgeted. With the convention money we just about broke even. The last pages show the group contributions. This list has grown from 3 pages in 2005 in the beginning of the year to 5 pages at the end of the year. When your group sends in money, please ensure that you put the group name and group number on the check. Several groups have the same name.

Charles P asked if SETA has paid to fully fund the Delegate. Barbara stated that SETA has only paid GSO the \$800 minimum. The Finance Committee is considering whether to fully fund the Delegate, which would be another \$3,700.

Barbara will be sending new, updated expense reports. If the Committee Chair or the Committee Treasurer sends her a bill to be paid, if there are multiple items, she needs to be able to itemize the amounts for future budgets.

V. Delegate's Report – Charles P

As a point of explanation the cost to fully fund the Delegate is \$3,700 for our Area. The General Service Office has requested that each Area send in a minimum contribution of \$1,200 for their Delegate. The Southeast Texas Area has been fortunate enough to be able to send more than the minimum to GSO. The total cost to the General Service Office for each delegate amounts to \$4,800. If SETA can fund the extra amount to GSO, it helps, particularly for those areas that do not have the funds, so it would help GSO to offset the cost of putting on the conference.

The Southwest Regional Forum was outstanding, with over 500 people attending. He was very pleased to see so many people from Southeast Texas represented. We had 8 DCMs, and 33 people from this area registered. That's a great turnout. SWRAASA will be in Wichita, Kansas, in 2006, then the next Forum will be in Denver in 2007.

He also wanted to express his gratitude to Ricky L and his committee who put on this convention. We thought we might have to put the convention off until April. But they put it together and did a great job.

The Budget Committee meets on February 25. That should be an interesting meeting, to see how we can adjust the budget to match the funds. He did want to congratulate all the districts for stepping up to the plate with their contributions, along with the groups. That information will be a great help in our Budget Committee meeting.

Gus and he will be going to the Southwest Regional Delegate's meeting in March to prepare for the next General Service Conference. Paul, Marvin, and other former delegates

will be there to help the present delegates the incoming delegates prepare for the next General Service Conference.

At the April Assembly we will have the 56th Annual General Service Conference agenda items. As in the past, we will have chairs for round-table discussion on these topics. The feedback helps him a lot when he goes to the conference. Right after the assembly, he'll be going to the Conference. Hopefully the District 81 proposal on changing the self-support pamphlet will come out of the Finance Committee and will go on as an agenda item. He's on the Report and Charter Committee which deals with the Service Manual, etc.

He received a "self-support" letter from Gary K, Regional Trustee regarding contributions to the General Service Office. Gary's letter mentioned that out of the 11 Areas in the Southwest Region, only Colorado has over 50% of the groups contributing something to GSO. The groups contributing in Area 67 7 are up to about 35-40%.

He also wanted to thank all the groups and districts who supported the District 90 Intergroup office after Hurricane Rita. It helped them get back on their feet to begin functioning quickly.

VI. Alternate Delegate's Report – Gus H

The 2006 Convention Committee did one heck of a job. After Hurricane Rita, a lot of people were thinking we should pull the plug on this convention, but they were able to pull the whole thing together. The best two decisions he made was first, to pick Ricky Longo for his co-chair, and then second, to resign to let Ricky run the show.

District 32 hosted and District 31 co-hosted a great Gratitude Dinner, and District 31 has volunteered to host the 2006 Gratitude Dinner. Now all that's needed is a co-host for next year, with the possibility of hosting the year after that. If a district would like to co-host the Gratitude Dinner next year, just contact him. District 31 has a challenge since there are no area funds to work with. He's gotten some ideas about how to manage funds for the dinner, and one he really liked is if all 17 districts contributed \$100, the funds would be taken care of.

Most of you remember assemblies last year where things were tenuous. We needed to go back and re-do the budget to cut back on this year's budgeted expenses. Thanks to the groups, the districts, and everyone in Area 67, contributions are up the last two quarters of 2005. Self support is not an event; it's a way of life.

Flyers for the next SWRAASA are available. The folks from Kansas are doing a good job following in our footsteps, but not making the same mistakes we made.

VII. Finance Committee – David H

During this weekend all area officers and standing committee chairs need to pick up their budget worksheets. Joanne has a package ready for everybody. Please fill out the worksheet for your position, make copies for everyone at the budget meeting, and bring your wish to the meeting for the rest of us to mangle. Remember – the budget meeting is scheduled for February 25 at 1:00 at the Post Oak Club. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please send your alternate armed with the information they will need. (That's what I'm going to do.)

In my report tomorrow morning I will go over a few items in more detail. These are in regards to how well y'all did last year. So if you want the whole store, show up in the morning.

VIII. New Business – Betsy G

We will be having two elections tomorrow – one for a Liaison to the Spanish Intergroup and one for an Alternate Registrar.

She was asked to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into what to do with convention proceeds. She asked Jane S, past Delegate and member of the Board of Directors for AAWS, to chair that committee. She agreed, and the other committee members have been selected. However, because of personal circumstances, Jane will be unable to chair this committee. Betsy asked Beth R, past Delegate and past Trustee, to chair this committee.

They will be meeting today and give a report to the Assembly Sunday, with a final report at the April assembly. Also at the April Assembly the Treatment Facilities will be giving a workshop. The Literature Committee will be giving a puppet show in July.

Those who were funded by SETA who attended the Regional Forum have been asked to give a report at the April Assembly. There were 33 people from this area who attended, and all the workshops were covered, so we'll have a general report on all the workshops.

Betsy wanted to get a sense of the Area on the district count and will discuss it on Sunday. Also, John S will be giving a proposal on the Newsletter.

IX. Announcements –Terri V

The committees eligible for the April Assembly suites are CPC, Finance, and Grapevine. If you are on those committees and don't want a suite, please let me know. Our host district for April will be District 31. They are going to be busy this year.

The dates for the remaining 2006 SETA Assemblies are: April 8-9, July 8-9 and October 7-8.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily McF