

**SETA AREA 67 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Clarion Inn – Houston, Texas**  
**SATURDAY April 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 Regional Trustee and Past Delegate Beth R: Harold P, Past Delegate from Alaska; Herb Goodman, Class A Trustee, Past Delegates Mike D and Paul M.

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

Please let her know if you're supposed to be receiving the minutes in the mail but haven't. She handed out envelopes to all DCMs with two printouts – one is the SETA data list printout which is where she gets all the mailout information and the other is the GSO data list. Hopefully they match. Please check them to verify that all information is correct. If you are missing information on a group, please add it. GSO is also interested in having your meeting times and dates because that information goes into the directory. She needs those returned at the next SETA assembly in July. Let her know if you have any questions.

**III. Approval of January 2006 Area Committee Minutes – Emily McF**

The minutes were approved as written.

**IV. Treasurer's Report – Barbara C**

For our first quarter, it might be interesting to look at this treasurer's report not so much to look at how much money we have in the bank, but how much money we have budgeted for this year. On the second page you find that same number under the total for "BUDGET". That's what we estimate we'll spend this year. This is a tighter budget than past years, so it will be interesting to watch what happens. Always keep your eye on how much we're receiving and spending.

About half of the income listed is available for our daily operating expenses because we hold back prudent reserve and for the SETA Convention. Page 2 gives the details on income and expenses. Groups are doing well in contributions. Last year 240 groups contributed to SETA. Under "Conferences, other" we've received contributions from District 90's convention and from The Spirit of Houston. The quarterly coffee expense is \$0 since we met at the convention last quarter. Hopefully we can break even on this expense this quarter. The last three pages of the report show the groups who've contributed to SETA.

Please take back to your group the "Self Support" pamphlets provided. Take some home to your group.

**V. Delegate's Report – Charles P**

I've brought Conference Reports and contribution envelopes – birthday envelopes and contribution envelopes for GSO. Some DCMs have written to GSO requesting these envelopes. If anyone needs these, please contact me first. I usually have a supply.

Last night we had a DCM sharing session, with 14 DCMs attending. It's something we're trying. Saturday morning was always too tight a schedule. By the time we'd really get into discussions, it would be time to close. Those who attended gave positive feedback about that meeting time. We had a lively discussion about the Gratitude Dinner; we got a lot of work done, and it went well. If you have any suggestions for agenda items for the next session, just e-mail them to me. We'll probably schedule this meeting next assembly on Friday night.

This afternoon we're going to break up into eight tables, and each table will discuss different agenda items for the next General Service Conference. Following that we will ask the recorder/facilitator to report on what your table voted on for your particular items. This has been very helpful to me previously because it gives me a quick consensus of how the Area feels about these items and can bring different perspectives to the table. I get great feedback from you, and it's a wonderful learning experience. The agenda item from District 81 about removing the pie charts from the pamphlet, "Self Support, where Money and Spirituality Mix" will be considered by the Finance Committee. It must come out of Committee to reach the floor for a vote. The Spanish translation of the pamphlet, "Co-Founders of AA," which was requested in January at the SETA Assembly, is in the process of being translated now and should be out in print by the end of April. Both these requests originated in this Area.

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

#### **VI. Alternate Delegate's Report – Gus H**

Last night at the DCM/Delegate session, we had a lively discussion on the Gratitude Dinner. I think more will be revealed. We have set November 18 at the Deer Park facility we used before. The speaker will be Jimmy Jack B. from Kansas. He's the type of person you're drawn to immediately, and he'll bring a good message for us! It looks like we're well on the way to having a great Gratitude Dinner this year. Most of the districts have made their commitment for the different foods, etc. needed for the dinner. I want to recognize Gene Jolly for volunteering to cook pasta for 500 at the dinner! Actually she's heading up the committee to put the dinner together. Spaghetti will be the main course. Several districts have committed to make sauce, salad, bread, etc. If your district hasn't yet committed, give me a call.

. It seems that a little more than half the districts have decided to participate in the \$100 funding we discussed last assembly to help fund the Gratitude Dinner this year. Since SETA has no budget for the Gratitude Dinner, the districts are helping to pull the dinner off.

The roundtable discussions were a fun process to put together. These discussions are as close as you can get to the General Service Conference at the Area level. We have some good agenda items for discussion this year.

I'm proud to be serving as your Alternate Delegate. I look forward to the rest of the weekend.

#### **VII. New Business – Betsy G**

We will be having an elections tomorrow for a Liaison to the Spanish Intergroup.

Beth R, Chairperson for the ad hoc Convention Proceeds Committee, and the committee will be meeting today and may have a final report for the Assembly Sunday, but she will be there to give us an update.

The ad hoc Committee on the Newsletter consists of: Charles P as Chair; Paula D, Alternate DCM for District 51 and an editor of a magazine; Lee G, GSR for District 52; and Gene J, DCM for District 81.

In January a motion was brought to the floor to have the Treasurer send out letters, in a similar fashion as GSO, to the groups in the area. These would be letters sent out quarterly or semi-annually giving a report on what the group has contributed. That proposal was sent to the Finance Committee.

David H will be presenting the 2007 budget Sunday. Debi has requested a motion be put on the agenda to have the Registrar provide mailing labels to the SCAP Committee for use in mailing out the State Convention flyers. We do not provide the database, but we have provided the labels. A GSR from a group in District 90, T. W., has made a motion that the Gratitude Dinner be fully self supporting, which will be on the agenda Sunday.

During the last quarter, there have been some problems with the ALLSETA e-mail. The website was in the process of being moved from one server to another. In the process, they changed the way the software handled e-mail. With this change, we're now able to have

addresses so the address could come to each individual address instead of having to go to the SETA website. Betsy has asked Penny, Webmaster, to put the e-mail addresses back in that were there four years ago. When this is completed, you should be able to use those e-mail addresses so we can have anonymous e-mail that can pass from one elected person to the next one. If you would like to have an anonymous e-mail set up, get with Penny or Marshall. who can help you do this. There was some discussion on whether the e-mails would be anonymous in receiving and sending, This will be discussed further at the next assembly.

**VIII. Announcements –Terri V**

Thanks to District 31 for the marvelous job they're doing in hosting this Assembly. The host district for July will be District. 60. Thank you for that. The committees eligible for the July Assembly suites are Literature, Multi-Lingual, and Treatment Facilities. If you are on those committees and don't want a suite, please let me know.

The next SETA Assembly will be July 8-9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily McF