

**AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**  
**The Plaza Inn and Suites – Bryan college Station Texas**  
**Area Committee Meeting**  
**Sunday January 20, 2008**

- I. Open – Bonita W.** – opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Recognize Guests - Bonita W – Past Delegates – Beth R. P39, Mike D. P49, Paul M. P53**
- III. Preamble - Tandy B.** – read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual
- IV. Recognize - Tandy B.** – **5 New GSRs, 2 DCMs and First timers**
- V. Roll Call – Bill B.** (Please see attached)
- VI. Minutes – Deborah D** – Approved - Motion to approve October minutes by Deb U. second by Gus H.
- VII. Treasurer’s Report – Don B** - Approved – Motion to approve report by Deb U. second by Gary S.
- VIII. Delegate’s Report – Gus H.**

I would like to thank Tim, Debbie, and the whole committee for a great job in putting the convention together this year. In spite of hotel and weather difficulties, things still came off well.

I would like to welcome Johnny T. as the new DCM for District 70, and Jeff V. as the new Alternate for District 20. Welcome aboard, and any way Betsy or I can help you, just holler. I encourage any Districts who do not currently have active Alternate DCMs now to take a look at this. Now is the time we need to be thinking about continuity and Unity of our Districts, with another election season and rotation on the horizon.

We had a brief DCM / Delegate sharing session yesterday, and were able to schedule eight District visits for Betsy and I to present the Conference report. Hopefully by April, we will be able to schedule all remaining visits.

Personally, I've had a nice break in my schedule for about six weeks, but things are fixing to change. I go to board weekend in New York the end of this month, and it looks like this will have a full agenda for about five days. We've got the District 33 Unity Conference in February, SWRDA and our budget meeting in March, and our pre-conference Assembly in April.

I'm starting to get some pre-conference material in from GSO, and the pace of this will quicken over the next few weeks. The preliminary agenda items were so incomplete that I did not waste the time and paper making copies of these. The final agenda items will be ready in mid-February, and I will get these distributed as soon as I can. Betsy is already working to organize our Conference agenda workshop. Some of you have probably already been buttonholed to chair one of these panels. District 65 has volunteered to facilitate a multilingual table at this workshop. I've asked Don to cut me a check today for \$ 1200 to cover our portion of the 2008 conference. I will send this along with my other pre-conference submittals in March.

As soon as I get home today, I will extend our invitation to Conley B., SW Regional Trustee, for him to visit our Area at the July Assembly.

As most of you have probably noticed, we have a significant amount of unrestricted funds in the Area Treasury. Our Groups have really stepped up to the plate to support their Area. Some might look at this amount of funds as a problem. I choose to view this situation as an opportunity. There are, no doubt, many projects and twelfth step opportunities that have been passed on or overlooked in the past due to our limited financial resources. Well today we have the resources, and I challenge each person here to come back to the Assembly in April, with at least one idea for new services or twelfth step opportunities, to better reach people who may currently be underserved by our Area.

Last October, I reported to you in some detail about a situation going on at the level of the General Service Board concerning length of service for the General Manager. I promised you then that I would report more to you when I could, but unfortunately there is nothing new to report. There is plenty of rumor and speculation floating around,

but rumor and speculation are not worthy of report. Hopefully I will learn more when I go to New York later this month.

olks, I have enjoyed the convention, enjoyed the Assembly, and have thoroughly enjoyed spending this weekend with all of you. If I can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to call.

Gus H.

#### **IX. Alternate Delegate's Report – Betsy G.**

Thank you to the members of District 33, the Convention Committee, and all the volunteers who have helped bring this convention to fruition. I have had a great time so far, and it has been a real treat to get to spend time with so many sober people.

**Regional Forum:** The Regional Forum was held the weekend after our last Assembly in October, in Denver, and what a success! There were over 800 people there eager to learn about service and to meet the staff from the General Service Office and some of the members of the General Service Board. We had 39 people present from SETA. I greatly appreciate being given the opportunity to attend the Forum and participate. Gus was asked to give a presentation on "Self Support and the Informed Group Conscience," and his presentation was excellent! We also had a great opportunity to get to know our new Regional Trustee, Conley B., as he chaired his first SW Regional Forum. I hope that we will have an opportunity to invite Conley to participate in one of our assemblies this year so that everyone will get to meet him. He presented an outstanding workshop at the SWRDA last year on the Concepts, and I would love to hear it again. Saturday evening, we broke into smaller workshops, and I was able to attend workshops on "Service Problems, Challenges and Solutions," "Ways for DCMs and GSRs to Better Carry the Message of the Seventh Tradition in the Whole Service Structure Back to the Group, and "Inclusiveness in AA." If you missed this Forum, the next one in our Region will be October 9-11, 2009, in Dallas, Texas.

I can report to you that Everado P., Chair of our Multi-Lingual Committee, represented us very well. He was one of the bi-lingual translators and was paid great compliments for all his hard work by the host committee.

**Gratitude Dinner:** The Gratitude Dinner was held in November, on a Sunday for the first time. The date competed with a Houston Texans home game and the World Cup soccer finals, and we had a great turnout in spite of it. Our speaker was Beth R., past SETA delegate and past SW regional trustee and it was a pleasure to spend time with her and hear her story of sobriety and service to our fellowship. There was a great spirit of cooperation between all the districts, and the food was great! Thanks to all the districts that participated and made this self-supporting event a success!

District 40 is our host district this year, and District 33 is our co-host district. We collected \$513.66 at this past event, and there will be excess funds returned by District 52 to pass on to District 40 for its use in reserving a facility for this year.

And, finally, please accept my thanks and my gratitude for allowing me to be a part of this Assembly. I started this journey as Alt. Delegate last year believing that you had chosen the wrong person. But, through Gus' guidance, a little work on my part, and a lot of support and guidance from God, I feel more comfortable as we begin our second year. I feel that I will be a little better prepared to attend SWRDA this year, and look forward to "paying it forward" to the new Alt. Delegates from our Region. Thanks to all who have supported me during this last year.

#### **X. 2008 College Station – SETA Convention Report - Tim C. –** This has been an interesting and great weekend. Thanks for the outstanding effort everyone has made this weekend. Final registration count was 750. We collected \$405 (budget \$300) in scholarship donations, \$1890 (budget \$450) coffee tags. We also met our hotel room count. This was a great convention weekend with wonderful speakers.

**2009 Houston – SETA Convention Report - Debra R. -** SETA 2009 January 9, 10, 11- Wyndham Hotel (should be a Hilton soon) Greenspoint. First planning meeting slated for February 28th at 7pm at the Wyndham. If you're interested in being a part of please come. Committees are forming and some speakers are confirmed. We hope to have a preliminary flyer at the April Assembly. David H. is the Co Chair, Emily Mc., Secretary and Gary S is the Treasurer. Houston is well known for a great Convention and attendance. We hope that many will utilize the Hotel and stay with us for the weekend. **Room rates will be \$105** across the board and there will be **Hospitality Suites**. As far as I have been told there will be smoking rooms and set aside areas to smoke. We will let you know as soon as you can make your reservations. **Pre-registration will be \$15. At the Door \$20. Coffee Tag \$5. Dance only \$10.** Due to the changes in the Alateen policies there will not be a separate fee or permission slips. Alanon will have a meeting space and a great speaker and a place for literature. Come and enjoy the fellowship and Service

**XI. Roll Call for Voting – Bill B.**

**XII. New Business –**

**La Vina recommendations – Everardo P.** – Request to add La Vina as a Standing committee with a budget and Voting Chairperson to have the same responsibilities as the Grapevine, to promote La Vina in Area 67. We have been working on this for a year and would like to avoid confusion and a lot of discussion within the Spanish districts. La Vina and the Grapevine have never been together. For the first time, there was a recommendation in 1995 at the San Diego International Convention to create committees to serve better in the Hispanic Areas. There was a motion and a second out of the committee.

**Some discussion notes as follows:**

- No Ad-hoc committee
- Sense of the area was to add as a new standing committee
- Call to question – Debi U and second Debra R.
- Vote with 4 minority opinions heard
- Minority opinion heard – the area requested to bring a budget and they did not bring it today
- Once heard 9 people wanted to change their vote based on the minority opinion
- Vote to re-vote - 41 voted
- Re-voted with discussion
- Voted again – 41 for and 14 against
- **Motion passed**

**Finance Committee – Barbara C.** – We have set the date for the 2009 Budget meeting, March 15, 2008 at the Post Oak Club. We are also in the process of producing finance committee guidelines. We would like to have something in writing as to how we operate. A question came up about what happens when a committee has a budget and needs to increase the budget or has a new item to add to the budget. We looked at what is being done currently and this committee would like to propose to the area committee a change. This proposal will not be requesting a change in policy only a change in how we do business. We would like to address items not discussed in detail. Such as what do we do when a committee spends more than its budget?

**Ad hoc Committee – Tandy B.** - The ad-hoc Information Technology Committee was formed as a result of the October 2007 assembly discussion on the area information storage and our technology needs. The committee has been charged with the development of IT guidelines, which will include licensing, upgrades, maintenance, software, storage for all computers and other electronic assets. We have been asked to make a recommendation to who will manage these assets. Tandy would like to thank Marshall W, Duane P, Marcia P and Betsy G for taking time away from home and family to help in this endeavor for our area. The committee has met twice. Both times were at the Spring Branch Memorial Club. Tandy would like to thank them for their hospitality and for allowing us to meet at their facility. We will be meeting there again in late January.

We hope to have a full report and our recommendation at the April assembly. Thank you for allowing us to serve the area.

**Hotel Search - Bonita W.** – We have signed a contract with the Sheraton for 2009. The only change from 2008 is that July room rates will be \$75 in 2009.

**Suggestions for April Agenda items:**

- Roundtable workshop General Service Conference Agenda items.
- Standing Committees – What are they doing to Carry the Message?
- Elect 2010 Chairperson

**XIII. Announcements – Tandy B.**

**Events:**

Open Door Group 5th Anniversary – February 9, 2008 New Waverly  
TX Conference of Young People in AA – February 15-17, 2008 On the River in Concan  
Beginner's Group 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – February 16, 2008 Clute  
Annual District 33 Unity February 29 – March 2, 2008 College Station Conference Center  
63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas State AA Convention – June 13-15, 2008 Odessa, Texas

**XIV. Close – Bonita W.**

We closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah D.  
Secretary