

The July meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:32 p.m. July 16, 2024 by Jim M., alternate chair, standing in for Dan K. who is ill.

June minutes were accepted without changes.

Present were Jim M., alt chair area lit committee, Caitlin, SIS TX GSR; Kevin, DCM District 70. Carol, secretary, Kris and Shea from SIS.

Jim reported that the Proposed Agenda Item concerning the request to make Final Conference Fellowship no later than February 1 did pass at July SETA assembly. "We're trying to tell them we need more time, not trying to tell them how to do their job," Jim said. The vote was about 50-5.

Jim discussed updating the job descriptions on SETA website, where there are no job descriptions. He said that when he investigated job descriptions a little further, he learned that the Literature Committee is tasked with communications with GSO concerning literature matters and to carry that information back to the area, which he felt hasn't been done.

He also reported that a new literature catalog is expected to come out very soon, online first and then in hard copy.

Old business

The October workshop was discussed and the subcommittee, chaired by Caitlin, reported that the flyer is near completion. Also discussed was the slideshow and how to combine the information from various sources.

The group also discussed ideas for proposed agenda items to be used for practice of the process during the workshop in an effort to make the issues fun as well as pertinent to AA as a whole and not just to individual groups.

"The last workshop we did a great success," Jim said. "I think this one too will have a big impact."

Jim said he has heard that the Plain Language Big Book could be available by late fall.

In response to a question about the book, Jim said the book is meant as a supplement to the Big Book, not as a replacement, and may help people with lesser reading skills or no access to a sponsor to better understand the basic AA text.

New business

Jim reminded the group that Area elections will be held at the next assembly in October and encouraged everyone to stand for any positions for which they are qualified. Qualifications are noted on the SETA web site.

Caitlin shared that she and her sponsor recently reviewed the pamphlet called "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" and they both found it a helpful tool that is available for free on the AA website. Caitlin said she plans to use it with sponsees and with those looking for information about choosing a sponsor.

The meeting closed at 8:17 p.m. with the Responsibility Statement. The next meeting will be Aug. 20.