

The December meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17, 2024.

Present were Committee Chair Dan K., Alt Committee Chair Jim M., Carol F, secretary; Steffanie, Spring Group GSR and District 31 Literature Rep., Caitlin, GSR SIS TX, Shea, SIS TX, alt GSR, and Kris of SISTX.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as presented.

A conversation ensued about conference approved and non-conference approved literature. The group agreed that there are many good books that are not conference approved and members need to be educated about the meaning of conference approval. Steffanie mentioned the little black book as an example of a non-conference approved book that was used by many groups for years and sometimes still is, even though there is a conference approved daily reader called "Daily Reflections."

Caitlin mentioned that her group has been involved in a very heated discussion on this subject since the group's bylaws allow conference approved literature but some members were pushing for the group to take a vote on using the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) which is conference approved.

Jim said his group has had similar conversation concerning whether to purchase the PLBB. Jim said he was on Chapter 6 of the PLBB and thinks the book could have emphasized the allergy and mental obsession, but overall he finds it interesting and potentially useful as a tool with newcomers or people with limited reading ability.

Steffanie said her favorite part of the PLBB is the translation of the concepts.

The group discussed forming a PLBB study group online that might use the PLBB and Big Book side by side. Jim said he believes it will be popular if we form a group and said he would talk about it at the SETA convention.

There was talk about the Feb. 28-March 1 conference in Curtin, near College Station. Carol and Caitlin are attending for the committee to make a presentation Saturday morning. All service committees were invited so no lodging money is in the budget. Feb. 28 College Station conference.

Jim reported that he has gotten a response concerning the proposed agenda item (PAI) asking for a change in the pai submission deadline. Jim was told that the PAI will not be submitted for conference review. Jim said the PAI essentially asked for a complete revamp of the entire timeline for the conference which would be "quite a process." He acknowledged that it took a lot of work to submit the idea two years in a row, but that we all learned from the process.

Dan said he thinks there may be unforeseen benefits for the committee and the area having gone through the process.

Jim said only actual agenda items will be released this year; not all the proposed items as has been done in the past. He thanked the committee for all its hard work on the PAI.

There was discussion about literature sales at the January SETA convention and the meeting adjourned with the responsibility statement.