

The August meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 7:31 p.m. Aug. 19, 2025. Present were Committee Chair Jim M., Alt Committee Chair Carol F, Area Literature Secretary Shea; Steffanie, Secretary Area IT, and District 31 Literature Rep.; Caitlin, District 40 Literature Rep. SIS TX; Dallas, Literature chair SIS; and Kris of SIS TX.

Jim read the statement of purpose.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as presented.

Jim reported that our table had a great location at the state convention. He devised a way to conduct a trial run of AA videos, but found that there wasn't much interest in the YouTube videos suggested by GSO. Jim said he has enjoyed having a part in starting a new Spanish meeting in his district called Group of Faith and Hope.

Jim talked briefly about Hank P., whose story was in the first edition of the Big Book and is now in "Experience, Strength and Hope." Hank believed that the Big Book should be a psychiatric book and not include references to God. Jim called him a "super promoter" and said the book would never have been published without his ideas and energy behind it.

Stephanie said she thought having the literature sales table directly behind our literature table at the convention was helpful and we should try to do that again. She said she was asked what is the best book for a newcomer to get started on besides the Big Book and she said she likes "AA Comes of Age," "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers," "As Bill Sees It" and "Pass It On."

Jim discussed the video set up at the convention in which he used elements from his own collection. He asked GSO for video recommendations. He said the CPC committee has a large screen and has small slide shows on various relevant topics. Jim liked the idea of developing small slide shows for the Literature booth at events, perhaps using screen shots of all translations of the Big Book, and perhaps shots of the Traditions Illustrated pamphlet.

Talk ensued of the PowerPoint Caitlin and Shea presented at the Unity conference which discussed the AA service structure and was taken from the Circles of Love and Service pamphlet.

The group started brainstorming slide shows that could be developed for various audiences. Members of the group took a topic to develop a bank of slide decks for the committee, aimed at a group, a district, an assembly, a newcomer, an area committee, etc., divided up by audience.

Jim said we need access to a shared drive and he would work to establish that.

Jim also said he wants the committee to address the question of changing the founder's writings before next spring to decide our opinion on what exactly comprises the founders' writings and what would be required to change them.

Carol will represent the committee at the Oct. 4 Unity Day gathering organized by District 70. She will restock the committee's literature supply and obtain a couple of items to give away at the event.

Jim expressed his appreciation for the strong committee attendance and participation. "It makes my heart sing," he said.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 16, 2025 on Google Meets.

The meeting closed with the responsibility statement and 3rd step prayer at 8:33 p.m.

–submitted by Carol F., substituting for Shea who was injured.