

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77032
Area Committee Meeting
Saturday April 9th, 2016

I. Open – Troy B – opened the meeting with at 8:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Preamble – Kris H – read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

III. Roll Call- Brad H. – called roll for the committee members present.

III. Minutes – Jim K – Jim presented the minutes from the January Assembly. He thanked Troy B. and Kris H. for helping to put the January minutes together for this April SETA assembly. The committee accepted the minutes as they were presented.

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Dave P – Dave mentions that we had a operating beginning balance of **\$72,658.00**. Deposits were made totaling \$12,146.58. Checks were written totaling \$19,547.20, giving a net change of -\$7,400.62. Leaving a total bank balance of **\$65,257.38**. Dave mentions that there are some changes that need to be made to their report, and that he will make those changes and get them out to the DCMs before tomorrow’s assembly meeting.

V. Delegate’s Report – Melissa R.- Melissa mentions that the agenda for this committee meeting says “Delegate’s Comments” so she will save her report for tomorrow’s assembly, and make some comments instead. She wants to let everyone know what’s going on with the agenda item that was submitted by this area. The agenda item is about the GSC’s agenda item selection process.

She reads from the A.A. Service manual about our right of participation.

She mentions that in her early group conscious meetings, that her opinion was always the right opinion, that it had to be the right one. She says she remembers that element of surprise when someone brought up some other way, or idea, that she never would have thought of. Her surprise was that it was “better than mine.” “I was shocked, and it happened over, and over, and over again.” What she learned is that there can be more than one right. She also learned that there are ways of thinking, and her mind just doesn’t go there. “It expanded my horizons, it opened up my world.”

That is what participation is about.

She says the proposed agenda item, though not on the GSC Agenda, is still alive in a way. The agenda conference committee just doesn’t have the scope, but they could make a recommendation. She mentions that the delegate from Eastern Missouri also submitted this agenda item also, and has a different plan to see it move forward. Melissa speaks about the process.

“After much prayer, thought, and consultation she plans to go ahead and do a floor action, and upon advice it will go onto the 2017 GSC. She mentions again that as a early newcomer to group conscious, she did participate, she did get to have her say. She used her right to participate...

What I would like to see at this General Service Conference is that the conference gets to have a discussion, and if, after the conference has a discussion, and they say, “you know what, we trust the trustees”, then we’re good. I mean, at least we got to have a discussion, we were heard, we got to participate.

That is where it stands right now. I want you to know that I will pray for that loving God to be present this coming week. Thank you.

VI. Alt. Delegate's Report – Ron C.- Ron mentions that he will save his report also, and give us some comments.

Ron says that his experience since January has been like boot camp. He studied the GSC background materials, and it was around 800 pages, and that he's about 750 pages in. When you read the background material you can see where you fit with A.A. He mentions that he went to the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly both years, and how the first year he was impressed with all the trustees and delegates who were there. The second year he got to participate, because he read the background materials, and it was an amazing experience. He then thanks the SETA Committee for giving him this opportunity to see, and to learn. "That is what this is about for me." He mentions that he is the kind of alcoholic who needs to stay busy, and that he needs to feel that he belongs. He thanks the committee again for the opportunity to serve, and tells a mule joke.

VII. Unfinished Business –Troy B.- Troy gives a rundown of the agenda for tomorrow's assembly meeting.

A. Open Positions – Alt. Secretary – Troy B. - Troy mentions that the Alt. Secretary position is still open and asks the area committee if anyone is willing to stand.

B. Convention Updates –

2017 SETA Convention- Julian not present.

C. Ad-Hoc Updates-

SETA Convention Guidelines- Dave A. was not present to give an update on the convention guidelines ad-hoc committee.

VIII. New Business

A. Additional Forum Motion-Troy B.- Troy informs the area committee that there will be a floor action tomorrow about funding some additional trusted servants to attend the upcoming add. Forum in Denver Colo. He tells us that this motion missed the 45 Day notice deadline, but it was sent out on SETA-Announce in a timely fashion. Hopefully everyone had a chance to see it. The motion is read as follows:

"The final "Additional Forum" to be presented by GSO is being held in Denver, CO on the weekend of June 3-5, 2016. The topic is Communication.

Because SE Texas Area 67 has advanced knowledge and experience in both of these areas, it would contribute to the success of this event to have Area 67 members from the SETA IT/Web Committee and the SETA Multi-Lingual Committee attend and share their knowledge.

No budget allowance has been set aside for any Area 67 member to attend this Additional Forum; however, because of the one-off nature of the event and because Area 67 has exceptional skill and talent in the areas which are the theme of this event, I make a motion that Area 67 fund one member from each of the above-named committees, to be selected by lottery, to attend the Additional Forum, not to exceed \$1200.00."

Troy asks for a sense of the Area 67 Committee on this motion, and a show of hands is called for. There is a substantial majority showing of hands in favor of the motion. Troy asks for the minority opinion, and the minority opinion is shared with the committee. Troy asks if anyone wishes to change their vote based on the minority opinion. No hands are raised.

Troy explains that at tomorrow's assembly the motion will go forward with the Area Committee's recommendation for approval.

B. Job Description Updates.-Troy B.- Troy asks for the area committee to give any edits or changes to your particular job description. He asks that those be sent to him, or to get with him about those changes this weekend. He says that the changes will be compiled and reported on at the July Assembly.

IX. Announcements – Kris H.—Kris informed the committee that the April host is District 33. There were no announcements at this time.

X. Close – Troy B – Troy closes the Area Committee meeting with the Responsibility Statement at approximately 9:10pm.