

# **Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes March 20, 2013**

## **OPENING**

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jim K. on March 20, 2013, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## **Present (23 Members):**

- Andrea H., Andrew B., Belinda M., Chris D., Daniel G., David K., Deborah D., Elizabeth S., Fran M., Fritz B., Herman F., Manuel U., Mariano T., Onofre L., Paul M., R. Pupo, Richard D., Roland R., Roy E., Stephen B., Victor R. (D64), Victor R. (D66), William L.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- The February 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. Minor corrections were made to the CFC Rep Reports under General Sharing for both Fran and Dori.

Belinda motioned to accept the February 2013 Minutes as amended. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Chris presented the February 2013 Treasurer's Report with a Ledger Balance of \$7,534.44, and a Blue Can Balance of \$ 3,438.50.
- A check was written in the amount of \$3,214.66 for February's Literature purchase.
- Andrew questioned why there were two Serenity Group listings for Income/Blue Can. Were there two Serenity Groups? Chris determined it was one group with two contributions.

Richard motioned to pass the Treasurer's Report. Fritz seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

## **GENERAL SHARING**

### **Visitors & New CFC's**

- Victor - Chairperson for CFC District 66, which meets every Thursday at 5645 Hillcroft, Ste 410, Dist 66 meetings Tuesdays, and all Spanish speaking Districts meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

### **CFC Rep Reports:**

(District, Meeting, Facility, Group)

- Pupo - Attends meetings at the Walls, Darrington, Holliday and Ramsey, and he's grateful he comes out the same day.
- Herman - Joe Keegan is his baby. Goes every Tuesday.
- Roy - Current Intergroup CFC Chair, and goes to Darrington, Luther, Walls and Estelle.
- Victor (D66) - Takes Spanish speaking meetings to the 4th & 5th floors of 701 San Jacinto Jail. In need of Spanish Workbooks.

- Daniel - Visits Pam Lynchner at the Walls the first two Mondays of the month. He works with Belinda to get literature, and hasn't been having any issues.
- Deborah - Is a member of the Intergroup CFC board, and takes meetings into Montgomery County Jail and a few prisons.
- Manuel - Attends the Spanish speaking meetings at 701 San Jacinto Jail.
- Onofre - He is currently a Special Volunteer, but he has been able to visit the Walls and Holliday.
- Mariano - Takes meetings to 701 San Jacinto Jail every Tuesday and Estelle Unit on the 1st Monday of the month.
- Andrea - Had been a Special Volunteer, but has recently been approved and will begin taking meetings to Ramsey.
- David - Attends South Texas ISF. Also 23 individuals attended the new Ellis meeting, and he's hoping that meeting will get some new support from recruits from the Spring Branch Orientation.
- Dori - New to the program and is still waiting to hear if she has state approval.
- Paul - He is one of two volunteers at Luther Unit the 2nd Wednesday of the month. There are 2 meetings in two separate buildings, so if one volunteer can't make it, one of the meetings is cancelled. In serious need of at least one additional volunteer for this unit/night.
- Fran - Current SETA CFC Correspondence Rep., District 52 Rep, and attends meetings with Andrea at Ramsey and Harris County Jail.
- Chris - Current SETA CFC Treasurer. Attends meetings at Joe Keegan on Tuesday.
- Elizabeth - Current SETA CFC Secretary. Also a member of Intergroup CFC, and on the Planning Committee for the upcoming SETA Conference.
- Jim - Current SETA CFC Chair. Attends monthly meetings at Ellis, the Walls, Ramsey and Luther, and weekly takes a meeting to 3rd Floor of 701 San Jacinto Jail.
- Belinda - Current SETA Conference Co-Chair with Luis. Alternate GSR for Huntsville Unit Pathfinders. Co-chair for Intergroup CFC. Attends meetings at the Walls, Ramsey and Ellis.
- Richard - Current SETA/Intergroup CFC Liaison and attends meetings at several prisons when able.
- Roland - Stepped up to the plate and answered the call for a new volunteer at Estelle on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- Fritz - Visits Wynne Unit on Mondays, except for the 3rd Monday, which he spends at Estelle. Montgomery County still needs volunteers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Spring Orientation**

- Flyers for the event are located on the table
- Individuals are not notified by the state or anyone else when their certification expires
- No identification is required to participate in the orientation, but you must at least have your TDL# or state ID# to complete the application process.
- Allison W. created a "Here Are Some Steps We Took" Handout for the Orientation.

## **Literature Purchasing Decision**

- Roy motioned to settle the outstanding dispute with Intergroup's Book Store by paying half the cost of the lost books (\$405.90), and to resume doing business with the Houston Intergroup Association Inc.'s Book Store under the original agreement.
- Fritz spoke in opposition, saying that the only evidence that was given that books were ever delivered was a signature on an invoice for a person that no one can identify.
- David - Doesn't believe it's a good use of the Group's money to spend it on those books.
- Elizabeth - Motioned that we shelve everything to wait and see what Intergroup would do with our previous offer. This current discussion jumps the gun. We don't know if they even want our return business.
- Deborah - We've been doing business a long time with the Book Store. This division got rid of a lot of hot heads. We should look at what's best for the Alcoholics.

After two votes and much opportunity for discussion, the final tally **15 for** resuming business with Intergroup's Book Store, **5 against**.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Fran)**

- 9 Correspondence - 8 new, 1 repeat
- 19 Requests for Literature
- 2 - NA
- 3 - Other
- Received a request for someone to hear a 5th Step. Referred to SWTA.

**Total 32 Letters**

### **Blue Can (Paul, AKA-Blue Can Dude)**

- In need of more cans - definitely before the Conference this September.
- Fritz - Buy at least 36 at a time. Try Sherwin-Williams or Home Depot.
- Jim - He has the whole top punching method rigged in his shop.

### **SETA CFC Conference (Belinda)**

- Luis has talked to the hotel, and there is a meeting planned to discuss particulars.
- The Planning Committee is meeting the 1st Saturday of the month at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Ste 410.
- All speakers have been confirmed.

### **IT/Web Report (Dori)**

- Dori has created a pair of spreadsheets which show who attends meetings at which prisons and on what days. It should help disseminate information to new recruits from the Spring Branch Orientation and in the future.

### **Adopt An Inmate (Belinda)**

- \$29 for a year subscription to Grapevine, providing meetings to any number of individuals, as they tend to share their reading material.
- Please ask your Home Group to sponsor a subscription.

- As of Sunday, District 31 had adopted 10 to 12 inmates in this drive. The only requirement is the Name, SPN or TDC # and Unit of an inmate with 3 or more years remaining incarceration.

### **Grapevine (from Barbara Greene)**

- Grapevine is currently accepting letters for next year's issues, and Barbara thought letters from volunteers might be a nice touch.

### **Literature Report (Herman)**

Fran M.	Harris Cty	150.40
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Bill C.	Harris Cty	380.00
Jean D.	Holliday	631.20
Deborah D.	Mont. Cty	687.20
Roy E.	Luther	<u>293.20</u>
		<b>\$2,292.40</b>

Belinda motioned to accept the Literature Report. Jim seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **State of Texas Convention**

- Paul M. had proposed that we host a CFC Workshop at the upcoming convention.
- TDC is apparently interested in the idea.
- Perhaps Michael Ward would want to get involved.

#### **City of Houston Center for Sobriety**

- Jim and Herman visited the new center in Houston, located at 150 N. Chenevert St.
- It is comprised of 100 beds, sleeping 80 men and 20 women.
- When a person is stopped, the law enforcement official makes the determination as to whether the individual goes to jail or to the Sobriety Center.
- Discussion ensued as to whether SETA CFC should send volunteers to the center or if posting pamphlets there would be more appropriate.
- Jim mentions that this could be an area for CF prerelease temporary contacts..

#### **3rd Tradition Event**

- See the flyer - May 18, 2013. Unfortunately, the date conflicts with the Club's schedule, so we can't do a 4 hour TDCJ Orientation..

David motioned to close the meeting. Belinda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Those in attendance closed the meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 13th, 2013 at 4:00 PM, located at The Southeast Texas Area (SETA) 67 Assembly, 15700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard Houston, Texas 77032