

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee
(SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2013

OPENING

The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Conference Committee (CFC) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Jim K. on 4/13/2013 at Sheraton North Houston with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jim passed master roster to be updated.

PRESENT (26)

Andrew B., Belinda M., Earl G., Robert, Laticia, Marty, Fritz B., Herman F., Paul M., Harold D., Cole D., Victor R., Roy E., Roland R., Richard D., Don B., Kimberly B., Dori C., Rocco M., Harold J., Soledad B., Dolores R., Evelyn C., Patrick C., Ricardo and Ann

Secretary Elizabeth S. not present and Roy E. stepped up.

Roy asked everyone to read over the minutes and Roland made a correction in that he was now going into the Luther Unit, not the Estelle.

Belinda motioned to accept the minutes and Herman seconded and the amended minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Chris C.

Chris not present but Jim passed out report that Chris had given him, as is, except that a check had been issued to Intergroup Association Inc. in the amount of \$410.00 which brought the Blue Can Fund from \$3283.70 down to \$2873.70 which is now available for book purchases

Richard motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Belinda seconded and Treasurer report passed unanimously.

GENERAL SHARING

Visitors & New CFC's.

Roy E Intergroup CFC chair and goes to about 6 different unit's a month

Belinda M. Co chair for Intergroup CFC and co-chair for the SETA CFC conference and goes into about 9 meetings in TDCJ a month.

Richard D home group is the Heights and is now the SETA Intergroup Liaison at the CFC level and at the SETA Intergroup office level. Takes meetings into the Walls Wynn, Luther and a few others

Harold J been locked up and someone brought him the message and he would like to do the same.

Herman F. home group is the We are not Saints and is the Literature chair for SETA CFC and goes into 5 or 6 units

Don B. home group is Post Oak and got out of prison in April and looks forward to becoming a volunteers and went to the Walls with Chuck

Earl G. from Beaumont and been carrying the message since 1998 and goes to 6 prisons Sais there is a lot to do in Beaumont especially the La Blanc unit and he says it's so good to see someone do good when they get out...even if it's just 1 out of 50.

Roland R. goes into Darrington and Plain State and is going in with Paul M at the Luther unit and mentioned the CFC workshop at his home group 'Third Tradition' on May 18th

Robert been to prison a couple of times and wants to get involved.

Ricardo from District 62 and said it was his first time here and wants to get involved.

Marty never been to jail but ministers with the church at Huntsville and involved with volunteer work and worked on things like the Carla Faye Tucker case and got a few girls she is involved with who want to get involved.

Laticia got a nudge from the judge and wants to get involved and knows she has to stay involved.

Patrick C. Area 67 delegate and is on the GSC Public Info. Committee (PI), and he was noticing on our March minutes that 21 people were taking meetings inside the walls, and he is interested in the fact that there is so much 12th Step participation in CFC.

Victor R. District 66 CFC rep and takes a meeting into the Harris County Jail at 701 San Jacinto.

Ann wants to get involved

Harold P. home group is the East Benard Group which is the best group and takes meetings into Fort Bend County on Thursday night. Says there is 11 men volunteers going in and few women. Fort Bend rules say no more than 3 volunteers can go in at a time. Also says that if someone has a sex offender crime is a problem and if someone talks about that type of thing that it has to be reported. Needs Spanish volunteers.

Paul M. District 32 CFC rep and goes into the Luther unit and is the blue can dude and has blue cans. Mentioned the Luther unit Anniversary in Navasota on Saturday April 27th at 6pm. One at main building and one at Trusty camp at same time.

Dori C. IT chair for CFC and is trying to get a list together of the times, dates, units, and volunteers so we can have an effective data base to know who goes into what units on what day and what time. Is still waiting on approval from TDCJ

Kimberly B. going to apply for approval and working with Dori on that.

Andrew B District 32 rep. Went to orientation and went to Byrd unit anniversary with Chuck Been talking to people in district about Grapevines and sponsorship in the units

Cole D. Got sober in Florida and tried to get involved in corrections but they have a very extensive application process and he wasn't approved. Wants to carry message.

Jim K. Does a weekly meeting at Harris County Jail on 3rd floor at 701 San Jacinto. Also goes into DCJ units such as the Ferguson, Ellis Luther n, Ramsey, Walls and went to the Darrington Anniversary where we brought cookies and punch and to the Pack unit Anniversary were we heard one of the ex inmates who was the speaker and was locked up for 23 year, most of it at the Pack, and is now actively carrying the message into prisons. Also mentioned of the Harris County jail orientation on Thursday May 18th and if interested email cynthia.corder@sheriff.hctx.net for info. Jim is going to make an effort to get our area PI / CPC committees involved to help us start and maintain meetings in county jails and state / federal prisons.

Old Business

Spring Orientation at the Spring Branch Club had almost 60 people there for orientation and a lot of donuts. We did hand out cards and fliers to people doing the orientation and these cards had the names and phone numbers of a lot of the people that are actively 12 steppin in our committees and carrying AA into prisons and jails. We were just trying to get the new people to this type of service work someone to call so that they could get plugged in and start seeing how we do it.

There's a CFC workshop at the Third Tradition Group in south Houston and on May 18th and we will have Carrying the message videos and a panel with those who are actively carrying the message inside prison and jails and we will also be having BarBQ to lure them in.

The Houston Center on Sobriety has been sending emails to Jim K and Jim been sending them to the Area. This 'Sobering Center' is run by a private company - Houston Center for Recovery - for the City of Houston and its just a holding facility for those who may have got a PI and the arresting police officer feels that there is no threat or violence and that this sobering center might do them some good. Those arrested will get analyzed and offered other outside help if they want to stay sober. Upon release they will meet with a recovery coach and possibly try and establish a temporary contact. There will be a meeting there on April 19th for general information.

The Center for Sobriety could be a good place to help suffering alcoholics find AA. The Houston facility is to house 80 men and 20 woman.

Andrew was wondering if this was CFC service ?, and Richard mentioned that if you got handcuffs on and are put in a cage against your will that you are probably locked up.

Patrick C says this may be more of a CPC thing like what AA is and isn't, and could be a good opportunity for PI and CFC and CPC to work together.

Roland say you have to get in good with the recovery coach. Earl G says the recovery coaches in Beaumont are trying to get involved but they don't really talk AA.

Jim asked for responses to the CFC responses and opinions for Patrick C. (SETA del) to take to the upcoming GSC and was asking if anyone had any suggestions on what we can do to attract new volunteers and Jim also passed out response forms and Patrick C info if anyone thought of anything. Patrick C also mentioned of any suggestions on what the pamphlet ' If you are a Professional' should say about signing probation papers,

Intergroup Book Store issue on the messed up book order from way back has been resolved. Intergroup split the bill down the middle like we had discussed and voted on at the last meeting. Dick S will have a policy and procedure and new price list which Jim will have at our next meeting. Prices have gone up very little but they do stamp and package books like they always did before. Victor says that Spanish CFC stamp books with Spanish and English Intergroup phone numbers.

Hopefully someone will entertain a motion, at the next meeting to start buying some of our books through intergroup. Especially when it's more convenient for the volunteers We can still get our books through GSO and this is convenient for those far away, but these books are not always getting stamped and they especially don't have a phone number on it which may help these members when they get out.

Harold P did make the comment that he is very grateful that Jim K our CFC chair made sure Fort Bend got their books, even though the order was not big enough to cheaply send to Harold.

Committee Reports

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report Fran M

Fran not present but emailed report.

Received 12 letters in these 12 letters was 7 literature request, 4 correspondence, 2 continuing correspondence, 2 new correspondence and 1 letter asking what we do.

Fran suggested we let her order books without approval and we will allow her to do it as discussed at previous meeting. Mentioned bill not been sent from Intergroup.

Jim K says he has a bunch of flyers for correspondence and passed them around.

Blue Can: Paul M.

Paul got 31 cans and Jim will be helping him with cans.

SETA CFC conference

Belinda reported conference is at Crowne Plaza on SW freeway on September 13, 14, 15 and we will have orientation and our speaker will be Paul M past delegate Ray H Tina M Paxton H and Teresa M Spanish. Going to be volunteer and professional panel and going to try and get female wardens from Holliday and Byrd. Rocco agreed to be on our Panel. Will have other volunteer opportunity's and the Hospitality suite always needs help. Always need setup people too. We have a bunch of flyers here. We will have a workshop on other volunteer opportunity's relating to CFC. Passed out plenty of flyers so please register.

CFC Intergroup SETA Liason Richard D.

Richard reported that CFC intergroup will meet Monday but last month they changed the label on can so as to mention that money goes to **provide** literature instead of **purchase** which makes it more clear that we will pay postage. There was an issue on Grapevines purchased with Grapevine can money in that we ordered \$1000 of Grapevines thinking Intergroup would pitch in \$500 and we would pitch in \$500 from our Grapevine drive and we ended up ordering 1000 Grapevines which cost a lot more and since we didn't bring this to the Intergroup board, Intergroup CFC payed for the whole thing. They had 22 attendees last month. This year to date white can fund of \$7937.00 and had raised \$656.93 from intergroup 50 year of miracle. Mainly from the talent show but \$140.00 from hospitality suite white can.

IT/Web Report Dori

Dori reported she is getting info with all facilities, and meetings with day and time and contact info. CFC contact info too. Jim mentioned he is going to try and send out an email blast to get info such as contact info, wardens, chaplains and liaisons, names

Chair Report Jim K got fliers for correspondence

Literature Report Herman F.

5 request Cinthia Coder - Hariss county jail \$451.00, Charles G. for Ellis GRAD \$397.20 , Roland R - Darrington \$532.00, Sean Rose - Harris county \$451.20 and Bill C - Harris county \$300.80 TALLING **\$2132.20**

Richard motioned to approve book order and Belinda seconded and all in favor

New Business

State convention CFC workshop on Saturday June 8th from 5 - 6 pm in the Briar Park room. We are trying to get people that are involved in CFC throughout the state. Have contacted other CFC chairs and haven't heard back from some of them. Still needing to get someone from West Texas involved. TDCJ wants to get involved. There is no funds available but hopefully most people wh do this will be coming anyway. Fritz has some contact info from north texas.

Upcoming events CFC workshop at the Third Tradition Group in south Houston May 18th from 11:30 to 1:30

Next conference planning meeting should be May 4th at 10:00 a.m. at Distrito 66. But not confirmed. ***This has been changed to May 25th as of May 1st***

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting at the Delta Club May 15th 7:30pm