

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes May 15, 2013

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jim K. on May 15, 2013, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Present:

- Anthony B., Bill C., Chris A., Chris D., Cole D., David S., Elizabeth S., Fran M., Jim K., Luis P., Mariano T., Paul M., Richard D., Roland R., Roy E.,

Secretary's Report:

- The April 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion.
- Chris D.'s initial was corrected under the Treasurer's Report.

Roland motioned to accept the April 2013 Minutes as amended. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chris presented the April 2013 Treasurer's Report with a Ledger Balance of \$9,068.00.
- The Report showed a Blue Can Balance of \$ 3,241.24 available for May's book purchases.
- There was a \$409.50 entry as SETA's 50% payment for the Intergroup Bookstore agreement.
- Chris noted that the check for the April book order was written after the Treasurer's Report was finalized at a cost of \$1994.80, making the current Ledger Balance \$7073.20.

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

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Paul - Purchased new blue cans, and with the help of Jim, was able to get them punched. If you need Blue Cans, see him after the meeting.
- Chris D. - Having a hard time looking for a new apartment. Has a really good group of guys at Keegan; guys who really want it and things are going well.
- Anthony - CFC Rep for 600 Group and Lunch Bunch in Baytown but not going behind bars right now. He had just less than a year and was not approved the first time he sent in his application, but he has 2 years this month. Jim will give him the phone number to call to check on his approval status.
- Fran - She and a partner going to Ramsey 2 to 3 times a month on Tuesdays at 4:30. She's also getting more requests for Pre-Release Coordinators from Harris County Jail. As District 52 Rep, she heard from a guy in Montgomery County that wants information as a Special Volunteer. Richard gave her his number.

- David - District 81 Rep. He received the GSO Corrections Workbook and is forming a team in his district to go through TDC training, fill out applications, etc. He is currently awaiting approval but is going in as a Special Volunteer. Needs a Blue Can from Paul.
- Richard - Current SETA/Intergroup CFC Liaison and attends meetings at Ramsey, Luther, Wynne (where there are 5 new guys), Holliday, and The Walls.
- Roland - Attends meetings at Darrington, Planes and anywhere else he's sent. Accidentally went into Luther with his cell phone. They let him go ahead and do the meeting, but he then had to write up a report. The command also wrote a report that he had to sign, and he was told that the reports would be sent to Huntsville. Also, the Hensley Unit is in need of volunteers.
- Cole - Trying to get involved. Lived in Florida, where AA can't bring meetings into units, so he grateful for the opportunity to help the cause.
- Chris A. - New to SETA. God has a sense of humor to be sending him back to prison in this way. He's glad to be on this side of the bars.
- Mariano - From District 65. Takes meetings to 701 San Jacinto Jail every Tuesday and Estelle Unit on the 1st Monday of the month. Usually meets another guy at Estelle, but this last Monday he was by himself. He waited a while, then went inside the unit, but no one showed up for the meeting. Turns out it wasn't Monday.
- Roy - Goes to Darrington every other Sunday, where the Chaplain was able to show the Bill W. movie. Also goes to Byrd, Luther, Walls and Estelle. Will be attending the 3rd Tradition Workshop this coming weekend.
- Luis - Committee Co-Chair. Goes to 701 San Jacinto every Friday, where they take meetings to 2 floors now.
- Bill C. - Former SETA Chairman. Currently goes to Ramsey Trustee Camp every other week. Finds that he achieves better attendance if he goes directly into the pod to speak to the guards and announce the meeting.
- Elizabeth - Baking and freezing cookies for upcoming State Convention. Helping coordinate the female speaker for the SETA CFC Conference.
- Jim - Missed going to Holliday this past time because of cooking for Cinco de Mayo BBQ. Goes to Ferguson, The Walls, Ellis Trustee, Ramsey, and Harris County every Tuesday. Agrees that going around the pods and speaking with the guards helps build meeting attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

3rd Tradition Workshop

- Jim will be there at about 6AM and is in need of help.
- The workshop will be attended by both SETA and Intergroup CFCs for the panel.
- Main focus is creating and developing new volunteers.
- Roy is working on getting movies for showing at the event.

Sobriety Center

- Jim and Herman are attending meetings regularly.
- The center is being run by a non-profit company but is not AA-oriented.

Intergroup Bookstore

- New procedures, which are more professional.
- Biggest change is that all books purchased through the Bookstore will be stamped.
- Some differences in prices, which will pay for stamping and support Intergroup.
- Fran questioned whether only the individual ordering the books could pick up the books, and yes, that is the part of the new procedure. Jim pointed out books may still be ordered from www.aa-seta.org and shipped directly to your house.

Richard motioned that we accept the new procedures and new pricing. Roland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Chris D. pointed out that there will now need to be 2 forms posted on the website.
- There are now 3 ways to order books from Intergroup; online, by email, or in person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Fran)

- 13 Correspondence Letters
- 9 Requests for Literature
- 3 Other Letters
- 3 Pre-Release

Total Letters 28

Fran had just sent Chaplain Rose a Book Order Form, so will now need to send him the new form.

Blue Can (Paul, AKA-Blue Can Dude)

- If you don't have a Blue Can, get one.

SETA CFC Conference (Luis)

- .Convention Chair - He's doing a good job!
- Spoke with Rudy from the hotel and needs a \$600 check for the deposit.
- The next planning meeting is 10:00 AM, May 25th at District 66.
- Evelyn resigned as the Host Chair, so we need a replacement who has transportation.
- Spanish District meets once a month, and Luis will take flyers to pass around.

Literature Report (Paul)

Tom D.	Ellis	\$320.00
Fran M. (Shipped)	Ramsey	\$687.20
Bill C.	120 Baker	\$270.00
Roland R.	Planes/Darrington	\$303.00
Roy E.	Byrd	\$534.00
<u>Richard</u>	<u>Ramsey/Luther/Wynne</u>	<u>\$919.00</u>
Total 6 Orders	8 Individual Units	\$3033.20

Richard motioned to accept the Literature Report. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- No meeting until next Monday, so no report for SETA this month.

IT/Web Report (Jim)

- If you haven't sent your information in to Dori for the spreadsheets, please do so.

New Business

Eastham & Ellis Units

- Both units in need of volunteers.
- Richard to meet with Linda Clinton, who works at Eastham.
- Goal is to coordinate a group of 20 people - 4 people a week - 2 for main unit, 2 for trustee camp.

SETA Conference in Huntsville

- Fritz is looking into site cost & availability with his contact, Anne Broussard.
- Knows the date is 2nd weekend of Sept., which may interfere with football.
- Jim read the letter Fritz wrote to Ms. Broussard.

Upcoming Events

CFC Workshop at 3rd Tradition

- Saturday, May 18th from 11:30-1:30
- Jim's cooking BBQ & beans, and the women from the club are providing slaw and dessert.

SETA CFC Conference Planning Meeting

- Saturday, May 25th at 10AM, District 66.

State of Texas CFC Workshop

- 67th Texas State Convention
- Saturday, June 8th, 5-6PM
- Marriott Westchase Hotel, Houston, in the Richmond Room 2.

Roland motioned to close the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th, 2013 at 7:30 PM, located at the Delta Club on 6400 Westpark Dr., Houston TX, 77057.