

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

## **OPENING**

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 4:30 PM by Jim K. on July 13, 2013, at the Sheraton North Houston in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## **Present (28 Souls)**

- Five first-time visitors: Gary H. - Rocco carried the message into the prison for him and made such a difference. He decided when he got out he would hit the ground running.  
Victoria R. - Did time in Planes State, is new in recovery, and wants to go back in to show hope and share the message.  
Larry L. - Never been arrested, but has heard people share about leading meeting inside the walls, and it sounds like something he wants to do.  
Joe - First-timer and interested in carrying the message.  
George M. - Alt GSR for District 90 and already carrying the message into several units in the Baytown area.
- Additionally, Belinda M., Brad P., Candie B., Chris A., Chris D., Deborah D., Diane, Dori C., Earl G., Edwin C., Elizabeth S., Harold P., Herman F., Jim K., Laura Z., Luis P., Marcial G., Mariano T., Paul M., Richard D., Roland R., Roy E., Victor R.

## **Secretary's Report:**

- The June 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. Chris D. requested the identification of an individual in his report to "Donnie".

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

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Chris D. presented the June 2013 Treasurer's Report with a Ledger Balance of \$6,832.55.
- The Report showed a Blue Can Balance of \$3,916.29 available for June's book purchases.
- Richard questioned last month's approximate \$600 discrepancy, to which Chris explained a check having accidentally been counted twice.

Herman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Dori seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **GENERAL SHARING**

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Herman F. - Visits Joe Keegan every Tues. Night @ 7PM w/ Chris A. Darrington 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. @ 6PM. Holliday 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. @ 3PM. Ferguson 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. @ 7PM. Ramsey 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. @ 2PM. Luther 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. @ 7PM. Walls 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. @ 7PM. Ellis 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Goree 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. @ 6PM.
- Laura Z. - Holliday needed a 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom opened this past meeting because of the overflow. Definite need for a Spanish speaker. Really need to have simultaneous meetings - Spanish and English.
- Richard - CFC Liaison - Luther 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. @ 7PM. Wynne 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur @ 6PM. Walls 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Ramsey 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. @ 2PM. Ellis 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Upcoming Goree 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thur. @ 6PM.

- Chris A. - Currently still a Special Volunteer, and will be at the Huntsville Orientation. Willing to go. Has gone to Holliday, Ellis and the Walls, and will be going to Goree and Keegan soon. (Jim interjected with the definition of a Special Volunteer, being someone, not a felon, with less than a year sobriety, that has not completed the orientation, who can visit up to 4 times, possibly per unit before completing orientation.)
- Paul M. - District 32 Rep. Luther 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. @ 7:30. Need more people. Currently just two of them. Leland is the coordinator to contact.
- Diane - Planes State 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. @ 7PM. She, Holly and others meet at the Heights Starbucks.
- Harold P. - Fort Bend County every Tues. @ 6:30. They have a prisoner interpreter and they have been recycling Big Books.
- George M. - District 90 Rep. Stiles every Wed. @ 8AM. Jefferson every Sat. @ 11AM. Gist every Sun 12PM. Ellis 4<sup>th</sup> Thur 4PM
- Mariano - District 65. 701 San Jacinto Jail every Tues. @ 7:30PM. Estelle 1st Mon. @ 6:30PM.
- Marcial G. - District 64. Baker Street Jail every Tues. @ 7:30PM. Holliday 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. @ 3PM.
- Deborah - The Walls 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 1PM and every Friday @ 6PM.
- Roland - Darrington 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 1PM. Luther 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. @ 7:30PM. Planes State 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. @ 7PM.
- Belinda - The Walls 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 1PM. Lynchner 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. @ 6PM. Ramsey 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. @ 4:30 PM. Ellis 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Estelle 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon @ 6PM.
- Roy - Ferguson 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. The Walls 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Ellis 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. @ 6PM. Byrd 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue. @ 6PM. Darrington 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. @ 6PM.
- Luis - District 66. 701 San Jacinto Jail every Fri. @ 7:30PM. Hasn't been able to attend regularly for a while, but a lot of guys are still taking the message in.
- Chris D. - Keegan every Tue. @ 6:30PM.
- Elizabeth - Tried to go to The Walls, but got there with no ID, so attended meeting at Huntsville Group and spread word about the upcoming Workshop.
- Jim - Harris County/701 San Jacinto 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor with Machete Eddie L.
- Harold - Questioned the \$2000 expenditure for Grapevine backorders mentioned in the report. This item was listed under the Intergroup CFC Liaison, and was an Intergroup CFC expense. But it was pointed out that SETA does support Grapevine/La Viña purchases for Prisons and County Jails. Belinda's Adopt An Inmate program was also discussed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CFC Workshop**

- Donations for BBQ are being accepted
- Volunteers are still needed

### **Goree**

- Warden not taking any volunteers until he meets you face to face
- No special volunteers at this unit at all
- Belinda - At all units, the warden sets the rules. We have to set an excellent example for all current and future volunteers

### **Wynne Unit**

- General Services Office recognized Wynne Unit as a List Group with a Group Service #
- Now inmates at Wynne can have meetings without a volunteer on hand

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Fran submitted by email)

- Jim gave a brief description of the program
- 6 Correspondence Letters
- 5 Requests for Literature
- 1 Other Letter
- 2 Pre-Release
- 0 Group
- **Total Letters 14**

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

- Brought several cans to the meeting for distribution.
- Chris D. wants to send out Thank You Notes and a Quarterly Blue Can Distribution Report.

### SETA CFC Conference (Luis)

- Has received a lot of help from Roy
- There is a Planning Meeting after today's meeting
- Mataline Ortiz wants to be on the Professional Panel
- Cpt. McWhorter has expressed an interest in being on the panel, as well

### Chair Report (Jim)

- Will be delivering his report to the Assembly directly after this meeting, and will tell them that we desperately need volunteers
- This is the time of year to draw inmates into meetings - they come for the A/C
- The 20-30 approved volunteers we currently have committed to the program is a pretty pathetic number considering how many AAs are in Houston

### Literature Report (Herman)

Harold P.	Montgomery County	\$278.00
Earl G.	Polunsky	\$746.40
Bill A.	Harris County	\$622.00
<b>Total 3 Orders</b>	<b>3 Individual Units</b>	<b>\$1,646.40</b>

In addition to these 3 orders, there was a \$2051.40 order for Michael S. for multiple cases of books, but that order was voted down.

Richard motioned to accept the above 3 orders included in the Literature Report, plus spend an additional \$1000 on a 70/30 split of Grapevine/La Viña backorders. Roland seconded the motion. The motioned passed unanimously.

### Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- No report, as there has been no Intergroup CFC meeting since our last meeting
- Next Intergroup CFC Meeting is at Houston Intergroup, Monday, July 15, 2013 @ 8PM
- Paul questioned the difference between SETA and Intergroup CFC and was advised to look for the similarities

### IT/Web Report (Dori)

- Requests Finance Reports from January 2013 to present
- Cautioned use of last names in Minutes, but Elizabeth noted some last names are necessary when they refer to folks on the outside, such as a warden or hotel contact, etc.
- Will put a referral title in parenthesis for these individuals in future references
- SETA will have its own child domain in future

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2014 Annual CFC Conference**

- The Conference will be held in Huntsville this year.
- Fritz is working connections with Sam Houston State University as our possible location.
- We will talk up the Conference at the up-coming Huntsville Workshop.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Intergroup Open House**

- Sat., July 20, 2013, 10-3, 4140 Directors Row, Houston, TX 77092

### **Huntsville Workshop**

- Sat., July 27, 2013, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Wesley United Methodist Church, 700 Hwy 30 E, Huntsville, TX 77320

### **Wynne Anniversary**

- Sat., August 10, 2013 9:30 - Noon
- Email or call Fritz B. or Chuck M. for more information

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

Those in attendance closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st, 2013 at 7:30 PM, located at the Delta Club on 6400 Westpark Dr., Houston TX, 77057.