

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes October 5, 2013

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 4:32 PM by Jim K. on October 5, 2013, at the Assembly at Sheraton North Houston Hotel with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Secretary's Report:

- The September 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. Richard motioned to accept the September 2013 Minutes as distributed. Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chris presented the monthly Treasurer's Report as of 1 September 2013 with a Ledger Balance of \$10,078.57,
- A Blue Can Balance of \$5,699.37 available for October's book purchases,
- And a CFC Conference Fund Balance of \$831.60.
- Harold questioned whether the \$2735.92 Blue Can Subtotal was for just the month of September, and yes, it was.

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

18 Present

- One first-time visitors: Jessica
- Additionally, Angel, Anthony, Candie H., Chris D., Daniel F., Earl G., Elizabeth S., Jim K., Harold P., Herman F., Larry L., Paul M., Pedro, Richard D., Roy E., Victor R., and an interpreter were present.

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Richard/Intergroup CFC Liaison - Visits 4 prisons a month. Has 6 years of sobriety. The folks of CFC did it for him, and that's why he's doing it for others now.
- Herman/Literature Chair - Regularly takes meetings into Joe Keegan on Tuesday nights, where some guys seem to want it. Also, the Chaplain at Darrington has been hard to contact, so they've been having a hard time getting Special Volunteers into that unit.
- Harold P. - Looking for a new home. Needed information on who to call to determine if he's received his Approved Volunteer status.

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- Jessica/ICYPAA Service Liaison Co-Chair - She previously became an Approved Volunteer, but then never went into prison.
- Anthony - Having trouble getting volunteers interested in going into prison in the west Baytown area.
- Larry - Personal thanks for the CFC Workshop.
- Pedro - District 66 - Happy to be a member of CFC. He's not allowed to go behind the walls, but he encourages others. The people behind the walls need to hear our

experiences. Our message is needed. He heard the message of AA while he was behind the walls, and he is very grateful.

- Daniel - Needs to know where to retrain - to take the orientation. He lives in Jersey Village. Luther Unit is having training on October 26th.
- Victor/CFC Co-Chair - Takes meetings to San Jacinto every Friday, to the 4th and 5th floors. Both are Spanish-speaking meetings.
- Angel - Came to the meeting to see if he could help. Previously took meetings to Baker St.
- Paul M./District 32 CFC Rep. & Blue Can Dude - Ola has been approved as the first female volunteer to the Luther Unit. Tomorrow morning's breakfast meeting will decide the subject of the upcoming workshop. He will be pushing for CFC to be the subject matter.
- Earl G./District 90 CFC Rep. - Currently has 2 new volunteers and is breaking them in. He is very interested in getting Spanish-speaking involvement in District 90, and was interested in looking at the Houston area Spanish districts for guidance.
- Chris/Treasurer - Had to shout down a couple of guys at a meeting a few weeks ago, but for the most part, meetings are really good at Keegan.
- Roy/Intergroup CFC Chair - Visiting 5 to 6 units a month. He's upset with the Chaplain at Darrington for not better helping AA. Expects to have a printout of the TDC Volunteer Newsletter soon to include the Conference.
- Elizabeth/SETA CFC & Intergroup CFC Secretary - Made her first meeting at the Henley Unit with approximately 35-40 women in attendance. Called Volunteer Services on Oct. 4th and hadn't yet been approved, but was told to call back on Monday, Oct. 21st.
- Jim/Chair - Missed a unit meeting because of his sponsor's birthday. Harris County is requiring the completion of an online Rape Prevention class for continued volunteer status.

OLD BUSINESS

Huntsville Conference

- Elizabeth questioned why we don't relocate the conference to a hotel closer to Huntsville, but still accessible to Houston, like The Woodlands.
- Jim didn't think we could get into a hotel for the price that we've been getting in south Houston.
- It was reiterated that we will vote on the Huntsville location at the end of this year.

Sharing Office Space at Intergroup

- The space is being rented to NW Unity Group for meetings, which would make it virtually impossible to use as office space.
- Consider this a closed issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Jim, in Fran's absence)

- 7 Correspondence Letters
- 11 Requests for Literature
- 4 Other Letter
- 0 Pre-Release
- 0 Group
- **Total Letters 22**

Blue Can (Paul, aka Blue Can Dude)

- Did give out some cans at today's CFC Workshop
- Still intends to go to every District, but has not done so yet

SETA CFC Conference (Jim)

- Forgot to put Wrap Up Meeting on Events - Nov. 9th at 10 AM - Meet at Spirit of Houston

Chair Report (Jim)

- He believes the Powerpoint presentation for the CFC Workshop was very effective.
- The man complimenting on it and wanting a copy was from the SETA Archives.

Literature Report (Herman)

Charles G	Ellis GRAD	\$397.20
Tammy Z.	Plane State	1965.00
Roy E.	Luther	464.50
Fran M. (GSO)	Ramsey	436.00
Total 4 Orders	4 Individual Units	\$3262.70

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

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- 22 Attendees/4 New
- \$5643.92 White Can for the month
- \$27,690.92 YTD
- Spent \$3,553.65 on Book Order for the month
- Chuck passed out Volunteer Phone #s at the Orientation
- Approximately 80 attended Orientation
- Will be giving CFC Workshop presentation at Spirit of Houston

IT/Web Report (Dori - at the Walls)

NEW BUSINESS

How to get CFC Reps to Conduct their own Meetings

- Likely not enough interest to support the need - same as with the need for prison volunteers

Upcoming Events

- District 81 CFC Mtg, 6:00PM Oct. 9th, Bay Area Club, 2111 Webster St., League City, TX
- Southwest Regional Forum 2013, Oct. 11-13, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK
- Spirit of Houston, Nov. 8-10, Sheraton Houston Brookhollow, Houston, TX
- Conference Wrap-up Meeting, 10:00 AM, Nov. 9th, @ Spirit of Houston
- SETA Gratitude Dinner, Nov. 17th, Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. 13th, Deer Park, TX

Richard motioned to close the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Wed., Nov. 20th, 2013, 7:30 PM at Delta Club, 6400 Westpark Dr.