

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes DECEMBER 18, 2013

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jim K. on December 18, 2013, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

20 Present

Candie H., Chris D., Cliff G., David N., Elizabeth S., Eugene H., Fran M., Jim K., Herman F., Jim K., Kelli M., Larry L., Marcial G., Mariano T., Melissa S., Richard D., Roland R., Roy E., Tammy W. and Victor R.

Secretary's Report:

- The November 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. The last line of the Minutes was changed to reflect the date and location of the meeting to Dec. 18, 2013 at Delta Club.
 - Cliff questioned whether the current shortage of money was normal
 - Jim responded that no, it was not, but we had previously ordered large amounts of books
- Richard motioned to accept the October 2013 Minutes as read and amended. Herman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Blue Can Contributions for the month were \$3446.79
- Blue Can Balance as of Nov. 30 is \$6982.55
- No expenditures for the month
- Total Ledger Balance for the month is \$9518.87
- Check to Intergroup for Book Order of \$3637.46
- Total available for Book Purchases tonight \$3345.09
- Chris will crunch the YTD Blue Can numbers over the holidays and have it available for the January meeting

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

Correspondence/Pre-Release: (Fran)

- One Pre-Release and one Correspondent requested they be assigned a new volunteer, which eventually did occur but with misgivings.
- 5 New female volunteers, but no new male volunteers
- 10 Correspondence Letters
- 4 Requests for Literature
- 0 Other Letter
- 3 Pre-Release
- 1 Group
- **Total Letters 17**

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Melissa - Is a Volunteer Correspondent and was assigned an inmate, but was unsure of what return address to use. She called Intergroup and spoke to Dick, who told her to use Intergroup's address, but she didn't know when or how she would receive mail. General discussion followed about no correspondence mail having been distributed in Monday's Intergroup CFC Board Meeting. Also discussed SETA's address being different from Intergroup's.
- Elizabeth/Secretary – Continuing to go into Henley Unit with Dori on 1st, 3rd & 5th Thurs. and doing Step Work with the women. Finished Step 1 and started Step 2. Had previously made contact with VOA on Lavender Rd. to start up a meeting there, but Ms. Granger has not returned calls. Coincidentally, Dori ran into a busload of the women from that VOA and we now have our foot in the door of the facility and are again trying to start a meeting.
- Mariano - Visiting 701 San Jacinto every Tuesday and averages 12 to 15 inmates per meeting. Still going to Estelle Unit on the first Monday of the month.
- Richard/Intergroup CFC Liaison - Takes meetings into Wynne, Luther, Walls, Ellis and Eastham, and is very grateful to be able to give back.
- Victor - Goes into 701 San Jacinto every Friday with 5 Volunteers. Meeting is in Spanish. They are spreading the word to the families about the importance of meetings and Grapevines and La Viñas.
- David - Got his driver's. license back, but isn't yet an Approved Volunteer. He can still go in as a Special Volunteer.
- Cliff - Is a Public Safety Advocate and glad to be part of the meeting
- Marcial - Visits Baker St. Jail on Tues., Sun. & Holidays. Holliday Unit turned him down and said he needed to be retrained, but he just completed training at the September Convention. Richard gave him Lisa Langley's phone number at Volunteer Services in Huntsville.
- Larry/District 20 CFC Rep. - Someone contacted District 20 regarding 3 or 4 orders of La Viña. Who would be placing that call? No one knew. Also, there are 60-70 meetings in District 20 alone. They are trying to get CFC Reps to go out and announce how to volunteer for the CFC cause. There is a training session scheduled for Harris County Jail on Jan. 11th at 1:00 PM.
- Roy/Intergroup CFC Chair - District 32 has La Viña subscriptions. Need Victor & Mariano to come up with inmates to send the scripts to. All meetings he's attending are going well. And don't forget that Darrington Anniversary is coming up.
- Roland/In-coming Chair (Intergroup CFC) - Attends meetings at Darrington, Luther and Plane State Jail. He sent the Anniversary attendance list to the Chaplain at the Darrington Unit, but he hasn't heard back yet, so he doesn't know if anyone on the list will be declined.
- Chris/Treasurer - All is going well at Keegan, and the meetings are really well attended
- Jim/Chair - Made most all his meetings this month, with the exception of Holliday - because his sponsee wore shorts. Ramsey Anniversary was awesome! With a theme of Bridging the Gap. But the situation at Harris County Jail has gotten so bad, that he's loosing his partner, Machete Eddie. We need more folks to step up for Harris County Jail.
- Herman/Literature Chair - Attends meetings at the Walls, Darrington, Luther, Ellis, Ferguson, Joe Keegan, and Henley Units. Keegan had a turn over from about 8 months ago.

OLD BUSINESS

Vote on Huntsville Conference

- Roland - When we went to Huntsville for the Workshop, it was all Houston folks that showed up. Out of everyone there, there were only 4 or 6 folks from Huntsville.
- Jim - Having it in Huntsville is in the spirit of rotation. Area 67 is not Houston, but Houston and a whole lot of other cities. That's why the convention will be in Beaumont in 2015.
- Richard - No one from District 31 has stepped up, and they would have to do a lot of the work
- Vote for holding 2014 Convention in Huntsville
 - For - 1 Against - 4 Abstained - 10
- Elected Larry L. as Chair for the Convention and David N. as Co-Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report

- Presented earlier in the meeting

Blue Can

- Paul not present

SETA CFC Conference

- Luis not present

Chair Report (Jim)

- Had hoped to move the convention around the Area. He also hopes that whoever takes the Chair when his term expires will keep the principle of rotation in mind.

Literature Report (Herman)

Elizabeth S./Dori C.	Henley/VOA	\$338.00
Jean D.	Holliday	\$635.00
Sam B.	Hightower/Plane St.	\$431.20
Roy E.	Byrd	\$376.00
Fran M	Harris County	\$484.00
Mellissa S.	Henley	\$957.10
Total 6 Orders	7 Individual Units	\$3,221.30

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

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- Very festive meeting with gift giving and food
- 33 Attendees/2 New
- Sad that it was the end of Roy's term as Chair, Jim's as Bridging the Gap, and Richard as the Intergroup CFC Liaison
- \$2,042.20 available for Book Orders
- White Can Contributions for the month equalled \$2050.13
- White Can YTD are \$35,673.46
- Total of 3 Book Orders in the amount of \$1,603.50
- Eastham Unit to hold its first meeting in 6 years on Saturday, Dec. 28 from 2:30-4:30PM
- Bridging the Gap was the theme of the Anniversary at Ramsey Unit
- Larry from Round Up Barbeque has passed on.
- Estelle Unit still needs volunteers
- Darrington Anniversary is January 12th
- Plane State needs Volunteers on any Wednesday - See Tammy Z. for information

- Grapevine Drive collected \$300, plus the \$300 match from Intergroup

IT/Web Report (Jim for Dori)

- Dori is not here, but she sent a message saying she planned to do a better job next year. :)
- She's working on trying to create a child website

NEW BUSINESS

No New Biz

Upcoming Events

- Darrington Anniversary - January 12th - See Roy or Roland for information
- 52nd SETA Convention, Jan. 10-12, 2014, MCM Elegante Hotel & Conference Center, 2355 I-10 South, Beaumont, TX 77705 (409) 842-3600

\$23 Contributed to 7th Tradition Fund and donated to Delta Club.

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

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 15th, 2013, 7:30 PM at Delta Club, 6400 Westpark Dr.