

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes March 19, 2014

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:31 PM by Jim K. on March 19, 2014, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

20 Souls Present:

- Angel, Chris D., Dolores R., Dori C., Elias, Elizabeth S., Herman F., Jim K., Juan, Larry L., Laura Z., Marcial G., Mariano T., Paul M., Paul W., Richard D., Roland R., Roy E., Sam S., Victor R.

Secretary's Report (Elizabeth)

- The February 2014 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. Minor corrections were made to General Sharing, SETA CFC Conference and the Chair Report. Richard motioned to accept the February 2014 Minutes as amended. Paul M. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Chris)

- New contributors to the Blue Can Report
- Blue Can Contributions for the month were \$5,412.32
- Blue Can Balance as of Feb. 28 is \$9,364.27
- Total Expenses for the month were \$2,775.29
- Total Ledger Balance for the month is \$11,494.59
- Annual Budget is the same for next year as it is for this year. Will be presented at next month's Assembly.

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

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Elizabeth/Secretary - Still attending the VOA with Dori and Donna, but her sponsee was asked to leave the facility. Attended meeting at Henley, but attendance was down further to a single inmate.
- Paul M. - Dist. 32 CFC Rep. & Blue Can Dude – District 32 Workshop will be held Aug 2nd at Intergroup, starting at 10AM with Traditions, then How to Chair, followed by lunch, then Role of GSR, Accountability, CFC, and finally Patrick will deliver a Delegate Report. He also attended a meeting at Luther, where there were only 4 inmates in attendance at trustee.
- Dori/IT Nerd - Attends meetings at the Walls, but is having to drop Henley Unit. Also has a request from the Walls for a Red & Yellow First Addition Big Book. Ordered a set of DVDs for the Big Book and 12 & 12 in American Sign Language for Rebecca at the VOA at \$8/ea.
- Dolores - Attends meetings at Ramsey every other week. Kim Dudley, the head Chaplain at Ramsey, took a cut in pay, but will not be leaving. Dolores will not be continuing with Harris County Jail, but will be passing the baton to Michelle.
- Paul W./Dist 40 CFC Rep. - Needs Kim Dudley's contact information. Is working on getting a Blue Can into West U Group.
- Elias/Dist 63 - Has been organizing for the March 29th Orientation.

- Mariano - Still taking meetings into 701 San Jacinto. Natasha informed him he needed a sponsorship letter, so he made his own.
- Victor/Dist. 66 CFC Rep - Takes meetings into HCJ every Friday (4th & 5th Floors). Another rule change has gallon-sized ziploc bags in use.
- Marcial - Finally received his Volunteer approval status, and was approved to go into Holliday Unit.
- Angel - Goes into Baker St. and Holliday. Needs contact for the Walls. Also needs Spanish version of Corrections Workbooks.
- Richard/Liaison - Sam is here and will be taking over Intergroup -> SETA Liaison. Richard will maintain his position as the Liaison for SETA for the Area.
- Sam - Has been attending some unit meetings with Chuck.
- Larry/Dist 20 CFC Rep. - Spring Workshop will be on Writing Grapevine Articles. Paul took care of the La Vina subscriptions. Larry is still waiting to see if he's an Approved Volunteer, but he will start attending meetings in HCJ in April.
- Laura - She's awaiting approval from Feb. Orientation. Board meeting at Lambda determined they did not want the liability of a can at the coffee bar, but she will hit the individual groups when she has her car back.
- Roy - Still attending multiple meetings, and wants everyone to remember Byrd's anniversary on April 6th at noon.
- Herman/Literature Chair - Keegan now limiting their meetings to 24, as no one is allowed to sit on the floor.
- Chris D./Treasurer - Still taking meetings into Keegan, and the meetings are awesome.
- Jim/Chair - Went into Eastham solo last time. More changes at HCJ; Gallon ziploc to be used for books. Must be out of the facility by 9PM. No volunteers on the weekends. No musical instruments.

OLD BUSINESS

Harris County Jail

- Desperately need more volunteers
- Keep encouraging people to join
- Some prisoners still aren't getting meetings
- Add to Intergroup Agenda to announce HCJ Orientation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Fran absent)

- Correspondence Letters
- Requests for Literature
- Other Letters
- Pre-Release
- Group
- **Total Letters**

Blue Can (Paul - AKA Blue Can Dude)

- Brought a few cans with him, and will buy more before Round-Up and the Conference, etc.

SETA CFC Conference (Larry)

- Talked to Dick about using Intergroup to meet for the Saturday morning planning meetings
- Roy asked about speakers, and Jim recommended Paxton again

- Discussed criteria to be a speaker at the conference - Active in CFC, man or woman, must know the content of their talk - no surprises

Chair Report (Jim)

- We are in need of a new Multi-Lingual Chair for the Area. The Area Assembly always speaks about CFC needing such a position. Elizabeth motioned to create a Multi-Lingual Chair responsible for the creation of Spanish material. Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Literature Report (Herman)

Dori C.	VOA	\$276.00
Paul M	Luther Trustee	\$219.00
Richard D.	Luther, Wynne, Ellis	\$949.00
Jean D.	Holliday	\$803.00
Victor R.	Harris County	\$1039.00
Sam B.	Hightower	\$261.20
Gene H.	Montgomery Cty	\$468.40
Diane M.	Carole Young	\$528.00
Roy E.	Byrd	\$536.00
Total 7 Orders	8 Individual Units	\$5,079.60

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

Dori motioned to add the Big Book and 12 & 12 in American Sign Language on DVD to Intergroup’s Approved List for purchasing. Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- \$5982.40 Balance for the month
- \$3540.66 Book order placed
- No White Can Report for the month - Accounting problem
- Chuck passed around the Anniversary sign up lists for Pack and a picket list for Eastham
- 19 Wardens were mailed letters requesting craft items for Round Up

IT/Web Report (Jim, in Dori's absence)

- SETA-AA.org web site.
- We do have a SETS CFC email address
- On the web site we have a What We Do flier, How Can We Help flier
- SETA wants fliers in e-format
- Intergroup’s web site says SETA meets from 8:30-10:00

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Third Tradition CFC Workshop, Apr. 19, 2014, 5656 Belarbor, Houston
- Dist. 81 CFC Workshop, May 17, 2014, 2:00-7:00, Clearcreek Club, 1310 5th St., Seabrook, Food, Speakers (Tammy Z.-Keynote, Roland R., Paul & Zaz)

Upcoming Events

- Step 11 Prayer & Meditation Workshop, Saturday, Mar. 22nd from 9A to 1P at Intergroup, 4140 Directors Row, Houston.
- Special TDCJ Orientation at Intergroup, Saturday, Mar. 29, 2014, Noon-4:00P, at Intergroup
- Third Tradition CFC Workshop, Sat., Apr. 19, 2014, 11:30A-1:30P, 5656 Belarbor, Houston

- Intergroup Appreciation Dinner, Sat., Apr 26, 2014, 6:00-9:00PM, Intergroup Conference Ctr
 - District 81 CFC Workshop, Sat., May 17, 2014, 2:00-7:00, 1310 5th St, Seabrook, TX 77586
- \$24 Contributed to 7th Tradition Fund and donated to Delta Club.

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Sat., April 12th, 2014, 4:00 PM at Sheraton North Houston, 15700 JFK Blvd, Houston, TX 77032