

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes June 19, 2013

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jim K. on June 19, 2013, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

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- Two first-time visitors: Debbie W. and Laura Z.
- Additionally, Anthony B., Belinda M., Candy B., Chris A., Chris D., David K., David S., Dori C., Edwin C., Elizabeth S., Fran M., Jerry F., Jim K., John L., Marcial G., Mariano T., Richard D., Roland R., Roy E., Tina F.

Secretary's Report:

- The May 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. Belinda motioned to accept the May 2013 Minutes as distributed. Dori seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Chris presented the May 2013 Treasurer's Report with a Ledger Balance of \$8,295.08.
- The Report showed a Blue Can Balance of \$ 2,107.58 available for May's book purchases.
- Chris noted that there is a discrepancy between him and the bank in the approximate amount of \$600 that he will clear up between now and next month.

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

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Belinda - Visits several units in Huntsville and serves on several committees. It's not the kind of work for everyone, but it can be very rewarding, especially when you're in a meeting on the outside and in walks an ex-inmate, and you see that light in their eyes.
- Roy - On the list for 6 units. Goes to at least one unit a week. Byrd is getting a big Spanish turnout - 20 to 30 people. Needs more help.
- Chris D. - He, Herman and Donnie have a real good group of guys they see regularly at Keegan, and things are going really well.
- Roland - Attended Luther, Darrington and Planes State last month. Huntsville let the cell phone situation slide, but told him to never let it happen again.
- Marcial - Representing District 64, and visiting Holliday on Saturdays and Sundays.
- David K. - Has gone to ISF, Ellis and Jester this past month, at Ellis he attended his first ever GRAD program meeting.
- Edwin - Represents District 33 in Navasota, and visits Harris County Jail Thursdays.
- Richard - Currently visiting the Walls, Ramsey, Ellis and Luther. Doing it so that he doesn't forget what CFC did for him. Goree Unit is currently in need of new volunteers, and he is going to contact Lisa Langley to look into this. The current meeting schedule is the 2nd and 4th Thursday.

- Dori - Hasn't gone into prison yet, but is planning to go with Belinda very soon.
- Victor - Attends the Spanish meetings at 701 San Jacinto Friday night on the 5th Floor. Luis is too busy to attend meetings right now - too much work.
- Mariano - From District 65. Takes meetings to 701 San Jacinto Jail every Tuesday and Estelle Unit on the 1st Monday of the month. Showed up to Estelle on the correct night, but this time there was no security guard available, so still no meeting.
- Fran - She and Andrea going to Ramsey 2 to 3 times a month on Tuesdays at 4:30, and it's going very well.
- Chris A. - Jim, Roy and Richard are showing him the ropes and took him to Ellis. He's really enjoying the journey so far.
- Debbie - Truly has a desire to carry the message behind bars. Sees so many young women who are lost and get in trouble, and she wants to help.
- Laura - Really getting into service work this time and sees that it's helping her recovery.
- Elizabeth - Hasn't gone into any units yet, but is planning to go to the Walls this coming weekend. Is in correspondence with one woman now, who she sponsors, and is willing to correspond with others. Is working on Round Up and on the upcoming SETA Convention.
- Jim - Visited Ellis, Ferguson, the Walls, Harris County and Luther. Missed Ramsey this passed month. Witnessing the guys at Ferguson shucking corn gave him a real sense of gratitude. He and Eddie L. take a meeting to the 3rd Floor Harris County Jail 701 San Jacinto every Tuesday, and it is a good meeting full of hope.
- David S. - Visited the Walls and was impressed by how seriously the guys took the meeting. He is very willing to take more meetings into prison, but is currently not able, due to personal circumstances. As the District 81 Representative, he will be involved with the Texas City Orientation this coming weekend.
- John - Visited Holliday Unit last weekend and wanted to be sure he was still on the master mailing, which he is.

OLD BUSINESS

3rd Tradition Workshop

- CFC Workshop and Panel went extremely well.
- Third Tradition and SETA CFC split the workshop contributions.
- Jim's Barbeque was a big success!

Sobriety Center

- Once an individual is dropped off at the Sobriety Center, they are no longer under arrest.
- The Houston S.C. is no longer an issue of consideration for the SETA Correctional Facilities Committee.

Eastham & Ellis

- David K. is working on filling this need. Charles from Spring and another approved volunteer were introduced to Veronica W. who worked at ISF. So the wheels are in motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Fran)

- 12 Correspondence Letters
- 12 Requests for Literature
- 1 Other Letter

- 7 Pre-Release
- 3 Group
- **Total Letters 33**

Fran had a 23 Year Sobriety Certificate for Deborah D. and a 39 Year Sobriety Certificate for Roger H.

She also needed a contact phone number for District 31 for a Pre-Release. Belinda had that information.

Blue Can (Paul, AKA-Blue Can Dude)

- Chris D. asked if we have a list of who has a Blue Can, and Jim answered that yes, we do. Evelyn had some printed and wrote thank You notes. She would be a good starting point.

SETA CFC Conference (Belinda)

- All the speakers are confirmed; Tina, Paul, Paxton, Ray, and the Spanish lady.
- Trying to get a warden to be on the panel.
- Will call Kim from Ramsey and see if she and Warden Mossbarger will come up.
- If not, a trip to Huntsville might be in order to see who may be willing to attend.

Chair Report (Jim)

- State Convention blew him away, and he wants to thank David K. for his participation on the panel. Most of the speakers for the upcoming conference were also there, and it was a tremendous success.
- Very excited about the upcoming workshop in Huntsville.

Literature Report (David K.)

Roland	Darrington/Planes/Luther	\$222.50
Catherine	Hennley	\$429.20
Victor	Harris County Jail	\$555.40
Total 3 Orders	5 Individual Units	\$1,207.10

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

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- 24 Attendees/2 New
- \$5701.32 in Treasures/White Can is 13,826 thru June 15th
- We voted to spend \$2000 on Grapevine backorders
- Spent \$3,091.00 on Book Order for the month
- It's suggested to announce at all outside meetings that we need volunteers
- We are scouting locations for a workshop in Huntsville, and we are allocating \$200 for BBQ
- Intergroup CFC is donating 10% of our 7th Tradition to Houston Intergroup, starting June 2013

IT/Web Report (Dori)

- In process of gathering AA Meeting Data
- Database will be downloadable
- We need to figure out how we want to set up the website
- IT Meeting is tomorrow, 6-20-2013, so more information will be forthcoming

New Business

Huntsville Workshop

- Richard motioned that we allocate \$200 toward Workshop. Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Settled on the date of July 27, 2013

2014 Conference in Huntsville

- TDCJ is involved.
- Fritz B. actively seeking locations in Huntsville.

Upcoming Events

Huntsville Workshop

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

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

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th, 2013 at 4:00 PM, located at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel on 15700 JFK Blvd, Houston, TX 77032.