

Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:34 PM by Roy E. on January 15, 2014, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

16 Souls Present

- Three 1st Time Visitors: Connie H./Dist 70, Donna B./6:30 Eyes Wide Shut, and Jenn S./Cleaning House
- Additionally - Chris D., Dori C., Elizabeth S., John H., Larry L., Laura Z., Marcial G., Mariano T., Paul M., Paul W., Richard D., Roy E., and Tom D.

Secretary's Report:

- The December 2013 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed, followed by general discussion. The weeks Elizabeth and Dori attend Henley Unit were corrected from 2nd and 4th to 1st and 3rd. Richard motioned to accept the December 2013 Minutes as read and amended. Dori seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Chris)

- Blue Can Contributions for the month were \$1,524.27
- Blue Can Balance as of Dec. 31 is \$4,869.36
- Total Expenses for the month were \$3,637.46
- Total Ledger Balance for the month is \$7,405.68
- Chris delivered the YTD 2013 Blue Can Contributions Report by Quarter/Group, and he included an annual comparison of the past 4 YTD Totals.

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

GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Paul M. - Dist. 32 CFC Rep. & Blue Can Dude - Attended meeting at Luther Unit on Sunday.
- Paul W. - Dist. 40 CFC Rep. - TDC orientation is scheduled in Katy for Jan. 25th. Also Dist. 40 may be splitting into 2 or 3 separate districts due to substantial growth.
- Marcial - Dist. 64 CFC Rep. - He is still awaiting approval of his TDC application. Apparently there was an error on his previous application, he has sent in a new one, and is awaiting its approval.
- Mariano - Visiting 701 San Jacinto every Tuesday, and Estelle Unit on the first Monday of the month. His Harris County partner's information was lost, so he wasn't able to get into the last meeting.
- Richard/SETA CFC Liaison - Takes meetings into Wynne, Luther, Walls, and Ellis Units. He had a great time at the Beaumont Conference, where the Blue Can raised \$470, and there were approximately 800 attendees.
- Dori/IT Chair - Takes meetings to The Walls, Henley, and the VOA. There is now a new meeting at Carol Young Medical Unit, which had a rough time getting started, but they finally had their first meeting and will meet every Monday night.

- Elizabeth/Secretary - Attended training session for Harris County Jail, with another session scheduled for Jan. 25th. Went to 1st scheduled meeting at Eastham Unit with Jim K., but our names were not at the picket and there were no lay ins, so no one showed up to attend the meeting. Also attended the 1st meeting at the VOA with Dori.
- Roy/Intergroup CFC Chair - Takes meetings into Ferguson, among other units, but they are on lock down. Really enjoyed the anniversary celebration at Darrington. Support is still needed at Plane State, and if you go to the SETA website, you can see the times of all prison meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

SETA Convention/Beaumont

- Richard reported that the convention was a truly fun event
- Arthur was one of the speakers, and was a recently released inmate
- 800-some people were in attendance
- \$470 collected by passing the Blue Can in the main conference room

Darrington Unit Anniversary

- Rito, Pupo & Roy represented former Darrington inmates
- There's a concern that only inmates at Darrington with alcohol charges will be allowed to attend future meetings (because of the size of meetings)
- Seem to be trying to create a Relapse Prevention Program to replace AA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- 8 Correspondence Letters
- 3 Requests for Literature
- 0 Other Letters
- 3 Pre-Release
- 0 Group
- **Total Letters 14**

Blue Can (Paul - AKA Blue Can Dude)

- Gave away several cans at the convention
- Connie needs some cans - Paul had some in the car

SETA CFC Conference

- Larry is now receiving emails on costs and locations of previous years conferences

Chair Report (Roy in Jim's absence)

- Jim is home, sick with the flu
- He did get to go to Beaumont for the Convention, and when a speaker ran a bit short, Jim got up and put on a shortened version of the CFC Workshop

Literature Report (Paul M. in Herman's absence)

Elizabeth S./Dori C.	Henley/VOA	\$700.00
Roy E.	LaBlanc	\$653.00
Chuck L.	Polunsky	\$783.00
Charles G.	Ellis GRAD	\$757.20
Mariano T.	Harris County	\$160.00
Total 5 Orders	6 Individual Units	\$3053.20

Paul W. motioned to accept the Literature Report. Dori seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)

- No meeting so far this month - the Intergroup CFC meeting happens after SETA this month
- Intergroup will be sponsoring a Super Bowl party on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2
- Also a Step 11 Prayer & Meditation Workshop at Intergroup on Mar. 22

IT/Web Report (Dori)

- The overhauled website is up and running.
- It's still using really old technology, but at least it now targets use by volunteers instead of committee members
- The downloadables are in place (Meeting schedule & CFC Workshop PPT) and a link to TDCJ Training Schedule, with a flyer for Orientation

NEW BUSINESS

No New Biz

Upcoming Events

- TDC Orientation, Saturday, Jan. 25th from 9AM - Noon at Remnant Worship Center, 20914 Park Row, Katy, TX 77449
- Harris County Volunteer Training, Saturday, Jan. 25th from 10AM – 2PM, 701 San Jacinto, Houston
- Jenn will be the speaker at the Council on Feb. 1st, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston
- Tomball Unity Saturday, Feb. 1st having a Chili Cook-off starting at 1PM, with a speaker at 7PM
- Super Bowl Party at Intergroup, Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 2PM until end of game. BBQ and iced tea while it lasts. Bring your favorite party food.
- Heights Group 65th Anniversary, Weekend of Feb. 8-9th, 2115 Lawrence St., Houston, and celebrating with a Chili Cook-off and several speakers.
- Valentine's Day Dance at Bellaire Club, Friday, Feb. 14. An hour of free Latin Dance Lessons, followed by a dance.
- Step 11 Prayer & Meditation Workshop, Saturday, Mar. 22nd from 9AM to 1PM at Intergroup, 4140 Directors Row, Houston.

\$19.10 Contributed to 7th Tradition Fund and donated to Delta Club.

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

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