

# Southeast Texas Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (SETA CFC) Meeting Minutes August 20, 2014

## OPENING

- The monthly Area 67 Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) was called to order at 7:30 PM by Jim K. on August 20, 2014, at the Delta Club in Houston, Texas with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## 10 Souls Present:

- **2 Newcomers:** Catherine G., Gary (Rosenburg)
- **Additionally:** Elizabeth S., Diane M., Jim K., Joe Z., Larry L., Mariano T., Paul M., Richard D.

## Secretary's Report (Elizabeth)

- The July 2014 SETA CFC Minutes were distributed and read, followed by general discussion. On the last page, the date of the next meeting was corrected. Richard motioned to accept the amended Minutes. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report (Paul, in Chris' absence)

• Starting Balance for 1 July 2014	\$11,152.88
• Blue Can Contributions for July	\$1,672.84
• Blue Can Balance as of 31 July	\$2,436.97
• Total Expenses for the month	\$5,813.11
• Total Ledger Balance for July 2014	\$6,812.61

It was mentioned that checks had been received since the report had been printed, and that Chris felt comfortable with using a Blue Can Balance of \$4,500 for book purchases. Richard motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Elizabeth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## GENERAL SHARING

(Group, District and Facilities Reps)

- Paul/Dist 32 CFC Rep - Dist 32 had its workshop at Intergroup. He couldn't make it, but approximately 50 people attended. Dist 32 will bring chips & salsa to the Gratitude Dinner. His sponsee Ray is taking the orientation at the conference to become a prison volunteer.
- Catherine - She came on behalf of her Group, in order to get involved with correspondence. The women at the Carol Young Unit are in need of sponsors.
- Diane - Goes to the Carol Young Unit, Galveston County Jail, Darrington & Dayton once a month.
- Larry/Pre-release & Correspondence Chair - GSR to Dist 20. Goes to Harris County Jail once a week with Jim. Stressed how important we are to the inmates.
- Joe - From Hispanic Dist 65. Secretary for Dist 65. They meet every Saturday. He & Mariano go to 701 San Jacinto every Tuesday.
- Mariano - Only had 1 guy Tuesday, but he really needed a meeting. Also has \$50 from Dist 65 for SETA CFC.
- Gary - Retired 2-1/2 years ago. Now heavily involved with the Roserich Group. Has a nephew in prison in Beeville and is interested in this service work. Came to get information.

- Richard/SETA to Intergroup Liaison & Area Liaison - Walls were on lockdown for his last scheduled meeting. He was going to 7 or 8 meetings a month, but had to find a balance and is down to 4.
- Elizabeth/Secretary - Has been able to find sobriety through service work to CFC. Takes meetings to 4 units, most regularly to Henley Unit. Has a son in prison, which makes this all the more personal.
- Jim/Chair - Takes meetings to Holliday, Ferguson, Walls, Ellis, Luther, Ramsey and 701 San Jacinto. Harris County Jail has been a great experience, and Larry has been a great partner.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Volunteers for Multilingual Committee**

- We are in need of translation software for Minutes & Agendas
- The 2 separate districts are too segregated (English-speaking & Spanish-speaking)
- Larry received a letter in Spanish but doesn't have a standard operating procedure on how to deal with it
- Spanish CFCs meet together once every two months to share information
- Larry - Maybe have co-chairs from the two districts on some of the committees. Jim - It would be too difficult to staff and coordinate getting folks together.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Correspondence/Pre-Release Report (Larry)**

- 18 Correspondence Letters
- 8 Requests for Literature
- 0 Other Letter
- 2 Pre-Release
- 0 Group
- **Total Letters 27**

Catherine brought up a female inmate who has requested literature on 3 separate occasions. There also seemed to be a misunderstanding about the purpose of Bridging the Gap, so Jim discussed the purpose and why the women in Catherine's group may not have been contacted. (Only contacted if an inmate is released into their Zip Code area.) Pre-release is correspondence.

Also, Larry received a letter from David Rust, a Voluntary Chaplain. Chaplain Rust was writing on behalf of a GSR in prison looking for their local representation. Jim indicated that SETA CFC absolutely was the correct contact, but that District 90 also had a very active CFC and could be an additional contact point for this unit.

### **Blue Can (Paul)**

- He bought 16 more cans to make a total of 25 available for the upcoming conference.

### **SETA CFC Conference (Larry)**

- Met on last Saturday, August 16th at We Are Not Saints/Boy Scouts Clubhouse & will meet again in 2 Saturdays
- Roy will bring the leftovers from last year of what we stuffed
- Paul still has a whole box of Blue Can flyers
- Laura Z. is now hosting & Elizabeth is taking on hospitality
- There are 30 registrations

**Chair Report (Jim)**

- See General Sharing

**Literature Report (Richard, in Herman’s absence)**

Diane M.	Carol Young/Plane State	\$467.00
Angela	Nacodoches	\$160.00
Larry L.	Harris County	\$591.00
Rosemary	Henley	\$693.00
Catherine G.	Carol Young	\$216.00
<b>Total 5 Orders</b>	<b>5 Ind. Units &amp; Conference</b>	<b>\$2127.00</b>

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

**Intergroup CFC Liaison (Richard)**

- Intergroup CFC meet Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> with 19 in attendance, one of which was a visitor
- White Can Balance was \$20,234
- There were 11 Letters for correspondence
- Round Up auctioned over 100 items, there were over 100 people in attendance, and brought in a record amount of money
- 61 hits on the website for the month, and Minutes & Financials are current
- Had a White Can Balance of \$7,011.40 and spent \$3,543 on books
- Barbara G. wants to host a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for the Grapevine at Intergroup

**IT/Web Report (Dori absent)**

- No report

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Goree and Estelle are now desperate for volunteers - See the “Steps We Took” for contact information

**Upcoming Events**

- SETA Area 67 Conference - Sept. 12-14, 2014, Crowne Plaza, Houston, TX
- Dist 81 Traditions & Concepts Weekend, Sept. 19-21, 2014, Galveston, TX

A total of \$15.00 was collected and donated to the Delta Club.

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

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Sept. 17, 2013, 7:30 PM at Delta Club, 6400 Westpark Dr.