

STEERING COMMITTEE QUARTERLY PHONE MEETING June 7, 2007

Present: Ann Boone, Alice Waco, Bob Barnes, Steve Birdlebough, Pat Hardy, Stephen Matchett, George Ramos, Vicki Rumbaugh

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 10, 2007, meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Stephen reported that we currently have about \$25,000 in our account. \$10,000 was received from an anonymous donor (Bless them very much), \$5,000 was granted from Ristad Foundation and about \$400 in honor of Judith Favor and Pete's wedding. As of yet, we have no (revised-for-grant-use) budget proposal. Budget for 2007-08 was approved during the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDCR: Scott Kernan, Adult Division Director has been moved up to Chief Deputy Secretary, Adult Operations. Pat is still in contact with him.

Replacing him is Leanne Chrones who has yet to be contacted. Pat is supposed to talk to George Giurbino, (Associate Director of High Security and Transitional Housing Facilities), next week. Some topics to be discussed are SCC and printing of our manuals.

GRANTWRITING: Santa Barbara did not receive a grant from the Fund for Santa Barbara for a part-time local Outreach coordinator.

Laura Magnani helped with the RISTAD Grant (she is an advisor) and she suggested that next year in September 2007 we ask for \$10,000.

Pat has contacted the grant writers at Folsom and will continue with follow-up.

FILM: Noel is currently focusing primarily on fundraising (needs 1/2 million dollars). She remains in close contact with the warden at Soledad. She recently spent the day shadowing the warden.

GIRI' LETTER: Bob Barnes read a note from Giri that expressed regret about the touching incident and expressed a desire to speak about the other issues. Steering committee decided that June 29, 1-3:00 p.m. would be a time when this could be done if Katherine and Joyce could also be present.

Pat will call Katherine and Joyce to firm up this time and will let Giri know if it is all arranged.

PARSE (Planning and Reporting System Endeavor): George reported that lots of progress has been made at deciding what we need. There is an inmate at SCC who is to be paroled to Santa Barbara soon that may be able to help but George has had trouble maintaining contact with him. Stephen wondered if an inmate/parolee having access to our data base was an issue. In discussing the Prison Schedule maintenance, Steve suggested a possible List Serve, George thought maybe both a List Serve/Web page (???). (Since the meeting, Pat and George have talked and Pat enjoys doing the schedule and George didn't so she is taking it back and will work with George to mesh it with PARSE when the time comes)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: We decided to table discussion on this topic for another time.

TACT: Vicki has sent follow-up e-mails to Wardens Hernandez/Clay. George is to talk to Ben Curry at Soledad in mid-June, Kathy Prosper, Warden at CCC, is interested but on a temporary assignment to Sacramento.

We will be having a staff training workshop the end of June to check out our manual. Ann Boone did a super job of assembling it!

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FOOD COORDINATION: Pat clarified that we will all arrive at Santa Barbara Meeting House at 6 p.m. having taken care of our own dinner on Friday, June 29th for our staff training workshop. She will arrange lunches. Group will go out for other dinners.

AVP/USA *TRANSFORMER*: Pat and Toby have sent in edited copy for printing. Four other regions have volunteered to do the upcoming copies of the Transformer.

NEW BUSINESS:

REGIONAL COUNCIL/AVP CALIFORNIA RELATIONSHIPS: George brought up some questions on the autonomy of local councils versus the state. We all agreed that there are many questions that need to be clarified and a set of guidelines should be developed and presented at the Fall Gathering. We will need to set up a committee and do some development prior to our Fall Steering Committee Meeting. Suggestions made that we check with New York (Pat) and Great Britain (Bob) to see how they handle such issues so that we don't necessarily have to reinvent the wheel.

PRISON ALLEY GROUP: As a committee, we all agreed that we do not take political stances as AVP California on issues such as this regardless of personal opinions. (After the meeting, Alice requests more discussion on the question of AVP/CA taking political stands.)

FALL GATHERING: Palo Alto meeting house will host us both for a Steering Committee meeting (Friday 1:00-5:00 and after dinner); then for the Gathering all day Saturday). Barbara Babin is working on logistics.

Stephen agreed to handle registration. George and Vicki agreed to be program coordinators.

There may be an opportunity for Karen Cauble (AVP California Grandmother) and/or Eddy Zheng to speak. George & Vicki with help from Alice and Pat will attempt to set up agenda for meeting and will speak sometime in July.

OVERALL EVALUATION FORM: George reports form needs two items added: 1. dates workshop was held and 2. yard in which workshop took place. Pat believes the form needs a detailed look at what needs to be reported and then changes recommended to the Steering Committee in preparation for the Gathering and use with PARSE. George and Pat will work on this.

THE UPDATE: Pat asked for some theme ideas and was given them (feature helpful people/talk about parolees doing workshops/thanks to RISTAD/writings regarding personal impact from prison inmates). This Update is created so that we can also pass it out inside the prison.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next conference call will be Tuesday, September 4, 2004, 7-9:00 p.m.

Submitted - Vicki Rumbaugh