

AVP California

Steering Committee

Conference Call

Minutes – January 6, 2011

Present: Ann Boone, Stephen Matchett, Joyce Banzhof, George Ramos, Eric Moon, Pat Hardy, Barbara Babin, Vicki Rumbaugh, Kathy Smith, Linda McCue

Facilitated by Stephen

Recorded by Linda

### **Next AVP California Annual Gathering**

We began with a discussion of a date and location for the Fall Gathering of 2011. George has been investigating Cambria Ocean Pines and reported the following:

No dates available in October. The weekends of Nov 4, 11, and 18 are open, but Pat could not be with us on the Friday of the Nov. 4 weekend.

The facility that is open on these dates is smaller than this year's by 100 square feet. The Maximum it could hold is 50. We might be able to arrange for a larger space on the weekend of Dec.2. George will check on that and on the possibility of a break-out space.

George will also investigate other options in the area. The area is good as it is a middle point for those from Northern and Southern California.

Quaker Center is another option, though further north and more expensive. It costs \$101.00 per person without meals. That seems too expensive for our group.

One option we looked at was to meet as a Steering Committee on the Monday following rather than the Friday before the weekend. This is possible because we do so much at the Retreat in the Summer. We could also do more of our business by conference call.

We hope to start having more regular Steering Committee meetings by conference call along with the Summer Retreat. If we do that, perhaps we can have the Gathering on the weekend of November 4 and have the Steering Committee meet on Friday without Pat. She could then join us for the weekend. George will let us know if that will work with Cambria Ocean Pines.

### **Financial Report – Stephen**

Stephen sent each of us a copy of the Financial report for the year.

Our income is still down this year. Fundraising is low compared to other years. We are running a deficit and probably cannot afford to continue paying for an Outreach Coordinator. This is unfortunate, as it has had great results. Stephen will ask Toby, the Outreach Coordinator, to submit a formal report, with the help of Ann and Alice, of what has been achieved. Ann will speak to Toby about the report and the unfortunate situation of not being able to continue paying him.

We will continue to explore ideas about outreach. Joyce offers to continue some of the work of the Outreach Coordinator without pay. She will coordinate with Toby on that.

One result of the Outreach Coordinator work is that workshops in Chico and Redding are in the works.

Individual donations are our "Life's Blood". The majority of our income comes from them. It has become clear that there is a need for a fund raising committee.

Additional personnel costs: We need to pay State Unemployment. Stephen had thought that we did not need to pay that, being a non-profit, but actually, we do.

Our bank is changing the terms of our checking account. They are charging a \$15.00 monthly fee unless we maintain a \$5,000 balance. Stephen suggests we have a few people loan some money to hold the balance above \$5,000. The Steering Committee authorizes Stephen to get money from people willing to make interest free loans.

The Year-end Appeal brought in \$7600. Last year's Appeal brought in \$8400. Money is still coming in.

Barbara Babin raised \$250.00 from her hand-painted greeting cards for AVP California.

The donations basket at the Fall Gathering brought in \$1200 from facilitators.

The three page fund raising piece was sent out and will be sent out again. We are to print it out and get it to all our friends. The Steering Committee expresses enthusiastic appreciation for the work, skill and creativity that went into the fund raising piece.

We are encouraged to announce at Quaker Meetings the increased financial need and give out printed copies of the above piece.

Our new Fund Raising Committee is made up of Pat, Stephen, Vicki and Ann.

### **CDCR Update**

Susanville – CROP is still functioning at both yards of CCC and has become a problem for Basic Workshops, as their workshops cover the same material. Currently, it is being suggested that graduates of the CROP Basic go right into an Advanced workshop. Ann and Alice may concentrate more of their efforts at High Desert. There is a rumor that CROP is going to be going into the new women's prison in Stockton.

Sierra Conservation center – Program is still on hold. Margaret is training to become a Team Coordinator in order to revive the program.

CMF – Judy Tretheway and Barbara Babin may be able to take over the program and revive it.

George Giurbino and Kenya Williams have agreed to appear at the National Conference. Laura Magnani has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

Pat is still meeting with George Giurbino every two months.

The rest of the agenda will be continued to the February meeting.

The next meeting is on February 3.

We may aim at having the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month be a regular meeting date.