

**AVP/CA STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**7:00 P.M., 27 NOVEMBER 2007 (CONFERENCE CALL)**

**Members present:**

- Ann Boone; Luis Frias; Pat Hardy; Stephen Matchett; George Ramos; Vicki Rumbaugh; Mark Thomas; Alice Waco; Kenya Williams; Gary Wolff; Katherine Youngmeister

**Who takes notes?**

- Ann Boone

**Welcome to new members, Luis Frias and Gary Wolff**

- Welcome!

**Minutes from Last meeting**

- Approved with thanks to Vicki for her excellent job. Specifically, we appreciate her listing of Actions and who would do what. Correction in wording “Eddy Zheng was not suggested to be a speaker, so his name should be deleted from the previous minutes.”

**Minutes from fall gathering**

- Vicki took them from the sheets of paper that we had on the wall. Correction: should be “East Bay Council” not “Katherine Youngmeister” that has done the workshops.

**Treasurer's news**

- **Fall fundraising**

Stephen reported that he had nothing new since his last report of a little under \$24,000 as of November 13.

We are doing fine in incoming expenses.

Our major expense, prison workshop lodging, is way ahead of our budget. Stephen proposes adding \$5,000 to that line (603). **APPROVED.**

ACTION: Stephen will send out amended budgets.

Pat had sent out a proposal to send a donation to AVP/USA, our “parent company”.

They need money for office expenses, a kitty to help regional groups, seed grants to various areas. Katherine asked that we see a copy of AVP/USA’s budget before we make a decision as to sending money to them.

ACTION: Pat will send the budget to SC members

- **Sending invitation out to Facilitators to send a letter to their friends**

We have already received a \$10 donation as a result of that letter. Pat asked if we should send a copy of a similar letter to facilitators to send to their friends. **APPROVED.**

**Updates and/or timelines**

- **CDCR**

Pat is going to CDCR this Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup>, and she has a meeting with George Giurbino and Dee Long to discuss a possible study on reduction of violence and recidivism among inmates who have taken AVP. They have a researcher from UC Davis who might be able to help on this. Vicki has a few ideas as to how they might proceed on this and will discuss her ideas with Pat later. Alice raised the concern about how, in this study, to handle inmates who move from one prison to another. Katherine has the name of someone who might be interested in helping with the design of this study, and she will contact this person to see if she will be willing to help out. Pat will contact Kenya and Vicki for more ideas

Pat will also take a packet to George Giurbino on our proposed staff training.

- **Grantwriter**  
Pat has contacted a Grantwriter, and she will start December 1, 2007. The first agreement is for \$1000.
- **Outreach**  
George and Katherine and Pat have decided to start in January. That said, Pat is meeting with the Fresno Quaker meeting this Sunday where she will meet also with some possible participants – people who have indicated an interest in taking AVP workshops.
- **Quaker Center - Santa Cruz group**  
Stephen reported that he has no follow up at this point. He will call Mimi and Alan Edgar.
- **AVP film**  
Barbara Cartwright will make a initial donation to Noel's film and they are in contact.
- **Assessment instrument creation**  
Vicki and Steve will not meet on this until January.
- **PARSE**  
There is nothing to report at this time. George will talk with Pat Hardy and Stephen Birdlebough.

**Face-to-face meeting of SC to discuss: TaCT, Infraction process, Local councils. Where, date change from March 8 possible?**

- We agreed on March 15 in San Jose at George Ramos's mother's house.

**Items for March agenda**

- Inside and outside leads and the preparation they need to have
- Proposed by-laws change: Currently, membership in AVP/CA is open to anyone who has taken a Basic workshop. Proposal is that membership should be to anyone who has taken a T4T.
- Date and location for fall gathering

**Other stuff**

- Pendle Hill pamphlet re AVP, Nonviolence in the Community: Reflections on the Alternative to Violence Project. In Minnesota, they give it to the inside staff coordinator and to their apprentice leads. Pat has ordered 20 copies, and will bring them to the meeting in March.
- Pat sent out list of Education vacation spaces. We will discuss this on the Friday call. Knowing these dates might allow us to have multiple workshops at the same site. We could organize many of the facilitators from around the state to be doing prison workshops, perhaps June 23-July 4.

No meeting is scheduled until the March 15 meeting.