

Minutes AVP/CA Steering Committee Conference Call, May 5, 2011

In attendance: Pat Hardy, Toby Laverty, Gary Wolff, Ann Boone, Eric Moon, Joyce Banzhaf, Kathy Smith, Linda McCue

Gary facilitated this meeting

Minutes from the April 7, 2011 conference call were accepted and appreciated.

Financial Report reviewed from Stephen's emailed financial statement and accompanying comments.

Volunteer Challenges:

Lucia Van Diepen has requested a meeting for healing and reconciliation with the Santa Cruz Council. She has a paper she is writing for a class that requires that she work with them toward this. Some of the SC facilitators are meeting with her individually not as a council.

Janet Weiss has been asked by the council to not represent the Bay Bridge Council and has responded. Gary has been asked to refund her conference registration.

Special love and appreciation sent to both groups who have labored through these decisions.

Valuable People Fall fundraising piece committee has formed but not met. Committee is Linda McCue, Diana Couch, Pat Hardy and Alice Waco

CDCR Update

Drastic cuts in prison population may require us to take a closer look at our program

2011 AVP/USA National Gathering – May 27-30 - Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, Ca
Toby and Alice are co-chairs of the Gathering. Ann is handling housing and Joyce is handling registration, Stephen is coordinating Transportation. Pat, Linda, Barbara Babin and John Stevenson are active on the Program committee. Jim Avera is handling logistics. Many California people are coming, including 13 confirmed scholarships with 6 still working out details and 6 possible.

Steering Committee Retreat – August 2-4 – Santa Barbara – Awaiting report from Vicki, Stephen and Pat

Fall Gathering - November 3 dinner (for Steering Committee) through November 6 noon – Cambria Ocean Pines. We have the same space as last year with the fireplace room and deck. George has made the reservation. Barbara Babin is coordinating program.

Fundraising Committee:

Ann reported that this committee is meeting and looking at the whole area of fundraising. Ann shared her renewed commitment to writing her friends for the fall fundraiser. Pat is looking into AmeriCorps/Vista Volunteers and how to get them to be our Outreach Coordinators.

Stephen is looking into EFT – electronic fund transfers to develop more stability in our donations. Designated scholarship funds raised through the email appeal (requesting scholarships for formerly incarcerated and low income conference attendees) sent out last month were \$2015, plus another \$700+ of funds not designated but may have been catalyzed by that appeal.

Next Conference Call: June 2, 8 am. Facilitator: Kathy; Gary will help get out the announcement

Pat Hardy, Recorder