

AVP Steering Committee Conference Call, 7 July 2011

Minutes from the June 2, 2011 conference call: not available at this time

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

Pat agreed to take minutes.

Treasurer's Report- Stephen Matchett

1st quarter financial report: Most notable activity was our raising \$2,075 for national gathering scholarships. (And that's conservative, since he's only counting specifically earmarked gifts--others made unrestricted donations in response to our appeal.) Expenditure break down on a special sheet at the end, and as that shows, AVP/CA provided \$4,245 in registration and travel support to 20 conference-goers who might not otherwise have been able to attend. Add in the \$875 that seven local councils donated to support their individual members, and California supported the attendance of 24 people at the national gathering to the tune of \$5,120. Since that included \$2,000 from the Cartwright gift fund, the total draw on our general fund was a big \$170.

Income for the quarter was high, even not counting the scholarship donations. Go Alice! (see note (a) at Individual Contributions). Go High Desert! (see Inmate Contributions). Operating expenses were within normal range. Workshop materials costs were a little high and will be again in the next months I would hope, as people claim their June manual purchases made in anticipation of the 7/1 price increase.

Offer of Spanish/English Dictionaries: A donor is offering to provide Spanish/English dictionaries to all our inside programs.

DECISION: Take to the prison coordinators with recommendation that it be clearly a part of the kit. Thank you for her gift and her openness to how it is to be distributed.

Additional suggestion: Develop a glossary of AVP terms for universal use. Possibly Kary Shender, Barbara Babin and ask prison coordinators to involve inside facilitators in development.

Organizing Kits Pat had leftover Organizing Kits which didn't arrive in time for the conference so put out an offer to CA facilitators and to AVP-L for last year's price (free for California if requested). 14 were sent to Californians, which revealed several people who are working on recruiting in their local areas including Davis, San Diego, Jamestown, near Pelican Bay, Bay Bridge (of course)! So offering them free is a good impetus for their work.

Nominating Committee Report- Ann Boone

All present Steering Committee members want to continue except Kathy and Guari. Joyce would prefer not to continue now Looking for more formerly incarcerated and people of color. Zach Huntley, Gori Urling, Ana Barral, Fran Howard, Barbara Anderson, John Stevenson, Alex Alexander, Barbara Babin were suggested to the committee.

Steering Committee Retreat – August 2-4 – Santa Barbara

Who is coming? Joyce, Guari, Stephen, Eric, Kathy, Gary, Toby, Vicki, Pat. Ask George and Barbara Babin to join us as well as people nominated for Steering Committee.

What shall we do about food? Pat will serve dinner the first night, people on their own for breakfast, order in lunch and go out for dinner. Stephen, Vicki and Pat will be developing agenda.

Fall Gathering - November 3 dinner and Friday meeting (for Steering Committee) through November 6 noon – Cambria Ocean Pines; Barbara Babin agreed to plan the retreat when we were at the Gathering last year, need to look for people to work with her. Toby reminds us to be sure that the retreat planning committee needs to know the needs of the Steering Committee in the Gathering.

Involving others in AVP/CA

Char Carroll as itinerant facilitator for the summer does not work for us, since she is presenting to facilitators and needs some payment.

ACTION: Pat will email her our inability to include

Trauma workshop Nadine Hoover is available to present her Advanced workshops on Trauma next winter/spring. Concern around her requirement of an additional certification.

ACTION: Pat will contact her with possibilities

CDCR has an Inmate Locator on their updated website. All you need is their CDCR number to find the individual.

Volunteer Advisory Task Force is still functioning and developing a manual, a training with four modules, recruitment and simplified security clearances. George Giurbino and his boss Secretary Matt Cate were at the last meeting giving it more juice.

AVP USA Research Committee is progressing in getting contacts in the department's research permission.

New Business:

Ruth Persky is working with Pat in terms of developing an LA Outreach Coordinator via AmeriCorps/Vista and writing up a concept paper to share with AFSC, Interfaith Council and others with which she has worked over the years. The new regional director and development director at AFSC took the most recent LA sponsored series of workshops.

We received a check from AVPUSA for \$900 for three seed grant requests we submitted last fiscal year for Blythe, Susanville, Stockton.

An Extern for the Ninth Circuit Court Office of Circuit Executive contacted us re their interest in developing a conflict resolution program in CDCR. Pat talked with her and followed up on that with a packet of inform

Next Meeting: Face-to-face, Thursday morning, August 4 in Santa Barbara. Toby offered to facilitate that meeting.