

Steering Committee Minutes
4 August 2011

Present: Ann Boone, Eric Moon, Gary Wolff, Guadi Delgado, Joyce Banzhaf, Pat Hardy, Stephen Matchett, Toby Laverty, Vicki Rumbaugh, Gori Urling

Gathering: "My gift to AVP next year is . . ."

1. Minutes - June 2011 Read and Approved with amendments. Item #6 not to be put on web. We will say "Following item omitted from internet/web version for privacy reasons. Full minutes available from files."

July 2011 Read and Approved with previous amendments. Pat to post both minutes.

2. Financial Report - Stephen passed out amended quarterly report. No big differences in expenditures between this year and last.

Report appreciated with thanks.

3. Nominating Committee Report - Zach Huntley accepted nomination. Gori Urling accepted nomination. An interim appointment to the steering committee was made pending acceptance at the gathering. Barbara Babin and Anna Burrell declined. Carol Boone was suggested as possible San Diego person; Ann Boone to contact her. George Ramos was also suggested. Vicki Rumbaugh to contact.

Joyce and Guari will not be returning as steering committee members. Ann will create a list of steering committee members listing term expiration dates.

Nominating committee for next year will be Ann, Toby, and Gori. Pat will ask George Giurbino if he wants to join advisory board.

4. Fall Gathering Program - Barbara Babin volunteered previously. Pat and Vicki to work with her. SEE ITEMS 8 & 9.

5. Title E Mails - HELP!!! This should forward e-mails to other places??? We will continue rotating Facilitator and Secretary.

6. Pins - Discussion on continuing expense of pins - decision made for no change. Jim Avera is where we get them.

7. Business Cards - Question of changing AVP logo - decision made to recommend keeping logo at local level and add necessary local and statewide addresses.

8. Trauma Workshop - Pat talked to Nadine and is happy to work with her. This April 2012 is a possibility. Will look at Fall Gathering for those that might want to assist.

Discussion ensued on additional certification for trauma workshop - decided to see what workshop is like before making that decision.

Toby will work with the North area to coordinate workshop there and possibly someone else will work in SoCal.

L&L: Simon Says

- 9. Standards** - It has been 6 years since we have reviewed our standards. Decision to take Standards and First Times Materials to the Fall Gathering and convene working task groups. Standards will be Ann and Toby. We will also look for task groups on First-Time Materials, Fund Raising, Finance and maybe Parole Letters.
- 10. Parole Letters** - Discussion on what to include - decision no personal recommendations beyond what is observed in workshop. Could say person welcome to USA/CA conferences. Possible boiler plate letter to be developed. Should be discussed on Friday morning coordinators call. Pat to put what available on internet.
- 11. Follow-up from National Conference** - question raised on who deals with ideas presented - suggested answer is for person to volunteer to follow-up. Also, organic development of ideas happens.
- 12. Brown Cards** - it will be at least 4 or 5 months before any state decisions on brown cards will be made. Volunteer access is still being discussed.
- 13. Contact with Parolees After They Leave Prison** - AVP policy is we don't track people down, they need to call us. CDCR's policy in flux - Pat will seek clarification from George Giurbino regarding this topic.
- 14. Folsom Prison** - Joyce said 1st workshop will be soon. Linda Giurbino will be inside contact. CPM there has been at other prisons where our people have been redacted????
- 15. Spanish Dictionary** - Donated to be part of each kit going into or already in prison. Glossary suggested also. Guari to work with Kary Shender and possibly Ana Barral as resources. Also consider asking inside facilitators to help.
- 16. Fall Gathering 2012** - Toby volunteers to find a larger location. Discussion on who should be invited. Considering everyone who has attended a basic. This will necessitate a possible membership meeting of facilitators to conduct some business.
- 17. Retreat Evaluation** - Suggestion of report that "this is where we see" AVP California moving, pointing out shift toward more community workshops/involvement. Note we find social element/interpersonal connections becoming more important to everyone. Also made much more effort to involved many others in task groups.
- 18. Next meeting** - Next steering committee meeting will be September 1, 2011, 8:00 a.m. conference call. Ann will clerk and Toby will take minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Rumbaugh