

Notes from

AVP/CA Steering Committee Conference Call on Tue. 8/18/09

Present on call: Joyce Banzhaf, Bob Barns, Ann Boone, Guari Delgado, Pat Hardy, Stephen Matchett, Kathy Smith, Gary Wolff

Absent: Steve Birdleough, Vicki Rumbaugh, Kenya Williams, Katherine Youngmeister

Pat agreed to facilitate and Stephen to take notes. By way of an agenda preview, Pat went over the minutes of our call on 8/4 which she had circulated, then we moved into a check-in that prominently featured reports involving grandchildren.

### Fall Gathering

This is set for Sat. 11/14. Pat reported that she, Stephen, Vicki and Katherine had conferred by phone on the agenda as they volunteered to do last time, to determine the overall scheduling needs, and that what they came up with was a full Saturday day (starting 9am) and evening, with an additional session Sunday morning 11/15 set aside for meetings of committees we hope to form on Saturday, including a 2011 national conference hosting/planning committee. The Steering Committee will meet Friday 11/13, possibly starting sooner than the customary 12:00 so as not to go into the evening.

Stephen reported that the Sacramento council is excited to host the gathering, and that a couple of possible sites are being explored. Ann has also secured the Redwood Forest Friends meetinghouse in Santa Rosa as a backup, and will keep it reserved until a Sacramento venue is confirmed.

Sacramento (with help) will arrange food and hospitality for the weekend. The Steering Cmte. agreed that any concerns about housing for parolees should be addressed with the parolee him/herself, and that questions about the nature of a parolee's offense and conditions of parole are appropriate in that context. There was also general agreement that AVP/CA is prepared to cover motel lodging if necessary to assure parolee participation.

Pat reviewed the components of the agenda the volunteer group had come up with, and circulated it simultaneously by e-mail. (Reproduced below. Stephen noted items are not chronological, simply listed in order to come up with the total time everything would take.) More work will need to be done on this prior to the gathering, and the plan is to have it finalized in advance of the meeting as opposed to our past practice of doing most of the work on it the day before at the Friday meeting.

### Nominating Committee

The committee of Ann, Joyce and Gary and/or Kathy will meet by phone and report back. (Kathy expressed willingness to serve (as volunteered in her absence last time...!) pending a conversation that will happen about specifics.)

### Program Assessment/Reports to CDCR

Using AVP/New York's example of reporting to their department annually [correct?] with a full list of prisons and comments on how the program is going at each, Pat & Vicki will be working up an assessment instrument that Ann and Stephen will review. Report forthcoming.

### Workshop on Lead Facilitation

Coming up in San Francisco Sat. 8/29. Alice Waco is registrar, Katherine is handling hospitality, Ann with help from Katherine and (beforehand) Stephen food. No one had gotten a current figure on registrations from Alice, sounds like possibly 6-10 so far? In addition, Pat, Bob, Katherine, Vicki, Joyce, Ann [did I miss anyone?] all plan to be there from our committee. Some discussion about

numbers, and whether it's a go or not. Consensus seemed to be yes [that's my read anyway]. No specific date was set as a cutoff if not.

Closing discussion

Possible breakout group topic for gathering: fostering inclusion of all ethnic groups in prison workshops. (Which group is underrepresented varies from prison to prison, e.g., Latinos in Blythe, whites in Susanville, African-Americans at VSPW Chowchilla.)

We discussed some upcoming Spanish language workshops; raised as a possible breakout topic also.

Joyce reported an idea of inmates at SCC Jamestown to donate their artwork as a fundraiser for AVP. We discussed but reached no conclusion about our ability to take advantage of this offer. It would appear to require at a minimum someone willing to take on the necessary marketing. Possibly raise at gathering.

Next Meeting

By conference call Wed. 9/2/09 at 7pm.

Notes by Stephen Matchett

PRELIMINARY GATHERING AGENDA NOTES referred to above:

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Dear All,

Here are notes from our meeting 8/14/09.

Decided that Friday before the Fall Gathering would be exclusively for steering committee meeting.  
Decided to have Fall Gathering be a full day, 9:00 a.m. to 8/9:00 p.m.  
Decided to have Sunday morning meeting, offering at least 2 consecutive special committee meetings.

Proposed Agenda:

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8/9:00 p.m.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
10	Welcome and Housekeeping
30	Gathering:
45	Divide in regions, discuss what important things happened that need to be shared with the larger

group, regather and each region share for about 2/3 minutes.

5 Approval of last year's meeting minutes.

60 Goals report and choosing possible new ones. Divide into small groups, discuss possible goals, report back to larger group, get volunteers to clerk each goal.

15 Financial Report

15 Nominating Committee Report - Should include nominee to clerk the steering committee. Pat to still offer leadership and service.

45 Formerly Incarcerated to have panel with possible focus to be AVP's role in re-entry.

30 Kenya Williams to speak on what is going on in the state.

60-120 Breakout groups on specific topics after dinner

??? Interspersed through the day's event, 20-30 minutes devoted to teaching new exercised/new L&Ls.

30 Two 15 minute breaks.

60 Lunch Break

60/90 Dinner Break

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

60 Committee meeting on National Gathering  
Both these groups open to all.

60 Leads Group Meeting

Visual Materials that would be helpful.

Giant state map on which we could flag open prisons, where everyone at gathering lives and/or works.  
List of facilitators who will travel anywhere in the state.

OK Guys - this is as much as I remember about our potential agenda. Guess everything is "solved in principal – all but the work."

Warmly, Vicki