

AREA 67 CPC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, December 07, 2015

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer, 7:30 pm

Introductions: Betsy G., Kate E., Michelle H., Rick M., Vern P.

12 Traditions-December: Kate E.

12 Traditions-January:

CPC Committee Purpose: Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Workbook - page 5:
Rick M.

Pamphlet Review:

- **December-** “Let’s Be Friendly with Our Friends”- Michelle H.
Excellent piece of service literature which I believe based on both my experience as a committee member & in my opinion as a member of AA. I personally encourage members whether in service or not to read this for a bit of insight into what exactly being friendly with our friends means & how we can use our 12 Traditions to guide us in fulfilling this aspect of our organization.
The first couple of pages talks well about what I call the problem which the pamphlet refers to as our sins of AA. It points out the prejudice, close mindedness & ego that can & has come with our members at some point in time & then it very nicely rolls into the solution part by stating “We are glad of any kind of education that accurately informs the public & changes its age-old attitude toward the drunk. More & more, we regard all who labor in the total field of alcoholism as our companions on a march from darkness into light. We see that we can accomplish together what we could never accomplish in separation & in rivalry.”
I also appreciate how this pamphlet supports other service committees & their work. I don’t think we can encourage enough the concept of being friendly with our friends inside the service structure of AA. This pamphlet states “Sound education on alcoholism, & far more of it at all levels, will clearly pay off.” It takes us all to educate the public & make AA known & available to the suffering drunk.
Several history facts were included in this piece & I believe it gives us some credibility in the professional & public eye as the organization that we are. Most importantly at the end it delivers the powerful message to us members reminding us that we are in a position to deliver hope & for an alcoholic, their families, friends & community that can be the one thing they are out of.
- **January-** “How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals”- Rick M.
- **February-** “A Member’s Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous”- Kate E.
- **March-** “AA Guideline- Cooperating with Court, DWI and Similar Programs”—Betsy G.
- **April-** “Problems Other Than Alcohol”- Michelle H.
- **May-** “The AA Member-Medication and Other Drugs”-Vern P.
- **June-** “AA in Correctional Facilities”-Rick M.

Secretary’s Report: November minutes accepted as circulated.

Treasurer’s Report: Monthly phones charges & postal supplies were purchased, Rick will submit expenses to the Area Treasurer for yearend reporting.

Chairperson’s Report: Review of 2015 Activities & Accomplishments reported by Rick M. - It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of another year and half way through this rotation. It has been a busy and productive year for the committee. I am extremely grateful for the contributions of each District CPC/PI committee, each District Committee and each individual who put our Responsibility Statement into practice. Here are **“The 12 Accomplishments”** of the committee this year:

1. Presentation to prison wardens in Huntsville. Thanks to the CFC so making this possible.
2. Institution of the Area CPC/PI phone line. Thanks to the PI Committee and to Kate E.

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3. At the request of GSO, manned an exhibit at the National PRIMA Convention.
4. We had our exhibit at the FRRESH event.
5. One of our members volunteered at the International Convention in Atlanta for the CPC booth.
6. Presentation to a Rotary Club in Houston
7. Began a letter writing campaign to area probation departments, offering information and presentations. This is ongoing and results have been positive.
8. Participated in the Mouth of the Brazos Conference & the Annual CFC Conference.
9. Participated in a service job fair sponsored by District 31.
10. Participated in a service job fair sponsored by the Caring and Sharing Group in District 51.
11. Began work on a public web page for SETA PI/ CPC Information.
12. Gave a District 40 Presentation with the Area PI & created a database of all District meetings & visitations.

Additional contributions and activities by districts and groups are too numerous to list. I look forward to 2016 being an exciting and productive year.

District Reports:

- **D20- NR**
- **D32-** Budget approved by District, interest in Area PI's project "Adopt A Rack", effort to run a PSA in the community newsletter, however the price was \$300 per month & District cannot afford.
- **D40** – PSA will be showing at the Katy & Memorial City Cinemark from 12.18.15-01.14.16 in all PG-13 & up movies.
- **D52 – NR**
- **D81-** weekly classified runs PSA for \$5.75 a week, will continue for 2016
- **D82-** presentation in Bay City at the Matagorda County Sherriff's Citizen's Academy Alumni, lot of literature taken & was well received by the alumni members. Literature rack is in the Lake Jackson VA social worker's office, BIG accomplishment for the committee.

Upcoming Events:

- 2016 SETA Convention

Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- Monthly District Meeting list attached with agenda
- Probation/Parole Office Research- a good portion of the list has been researched & the remaining counties will continue to be actively worked on, once completed then they will be prepared for a mail out, Rick will prepare mail out & coordinate a separate meeting for stuffing envelopes.
- Contact with Harris County Constable Al Rosen has had no response, so Deborah D. has given Rick a new contact to include in his mail out to the PO.
- Public Web Access for SETA PI/CPC Updates- Vern P. is still working on this project & Rick & Kate have made a decision to focus on the PI & CPC pages only instead of reworking the entire SETA webpage. The main focus is to get the PI/CPC pages out there in the public for access & revisit

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the incorporation of the SETA webpage at a later date. Please visit <http://www.aa-seta.org/committees/cpc/Professionals/index.shtml> for reference.

- PI/CPC Telephone/Answering Service Update-1 hang up
- Secretary Position: OPEN
- Alternate Chair Position: OPEN

New Business:

- 2 La Vina & 2 Grapevine gift certificates for committee work- update, Rick received 2 Grapevines in the mail & will leave 1 in his Doctor's office & 1 to his local library. Rick will leave the 2 La Vinas at the 2 local laundromats.
- 2016 Committee Goals/Projects- BOX 459 Winter 2015 Issue, pages 6-7: Reaching Out to the Older Alcoholics- the 'Invisible Epidemic'
Suggests sending letters to health fairs, geriatric physicians & assisted living centers, Stocking literature in Senior Citizen Centers & having panels at senior centers for both seniors & staff, adult day cares & local United Way senior programs. The committee will start to research potential data for outreach.
- Harris County Sherriff's Office- Citizen's Police Academy (CPA), 13 week program, Betsy is emailing the link to Rick for him to contact the director.

CPC Workbook Study: Begin with "Getting started" on p. 11

Announcements: (Go-To-Meeting Available for the Area Meetings)

- District 32 CPC Committee Meeting, December 14th, 7:00 pm
- Area PI Committee Meeting, December 21st, 7:15 pm, Council
- Area CPC Committee Meeting, January 4th, 2016, 7:30 pm, Council

Close Meeting: Responsibility Statement, 8:44pm