

Area 67 Public Information Committee Official Meeting Minutes December 21, 2015

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer, 7:15pm

Attendees: Betsy G., Barry K., Kate E., Michelle H., Patrick C., Rick M., Vern P.

PI Committee Purpose: Public Information Workbook-pg. 5: Kate E.

Open Positions: Alternate Chair

Secretary's Report: Kate emailed minutes out to committee, one correction under District Reports. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Monthly phone line/answering service was added to 2015 budget after it was approved at the beginning of the year & it was uncertain exactly how much it was going to cost, so the 2016 budget will have a line item with accurate numbers to reflect this addition. Approved as submitted.

District Reports:

- **D31-** Barry reported that he talked to a fellow member regarding the "Adopt-A-High School" project who is a Director of Facilities for the Humble ISD & learned that all decisions regarding items of this nature are made at the administrative level. Barry was given contact information & has made an appointment for the first of the year, Kate will try to attend the appointment with Barry & they can report back at the next meeting.
- **D32-** Vern reported that his committee met last week with 3 members attending, he remains hopeful that there will be slow but continual growth. The committee adjusted the "Adopt-A-High School" project to fit hospitals & will reach out to 2 local hospitals to test the waters. The committee also approved the "Adopt-A-Rack" project & will report back on the progress of this project.
- **D40-** No December meeting will be held. PSA will continue to run through the January 14th at Cinemark in Katy & Memorial City. Please submit any feedback to Jim, these are costly & any input is greatly appreciated to help us plan for the best use of our 2016 budget. The next meeting will be on 01.30.16, 9:00 am at SBMC. The Secretary position is open for this committee.
- **D82-** Literature rack in the VA Clinic update, social worker sent a nice hand written thank you note & a member/patient reported that during an appointment he asked about it & the counselor reported that they have distributed a lot of literature to patients & the counselor reported that she was currently reading 2 different pamphlets. Rick will renew the newspaper PSA for the New Year. Rick also, reported that there are a couple of members that are showing interest in PI/CPC work.
- **Monday Night Survivor's Group-** Patrick reported that this group has formed a Group PI Committee of 3 members, with Georgie as chairperson. Patrick has submitted an article for the Area Newsletter regarding his experience at the CPC Conference in Corpus Christie earlier this year on how we can be more active as individuals in the PI/CPC work. The group committee is currently working on the "Adopt-A-High School" & the "Adopt-A Rack" projects. Patrick will continue to report & update the committee as they move forward in their committee work.

Ongoing Business:

- **Area PI/CPC Websites** <http://www.aa-seta.org/committees/cpc/Professionals/index.shtml> The current status of the PI webpage was presented to the committee & there was so much discussion & so many ideas taking place that (I cannot type them all) Kate suggested that we hold a separate, special meeting to finalize this project. It was approved that a meeting will be held on **01.23.16, 1:00 pm at the SBMC.** Snacks are encouraged because we are going to meet until we are done. Betsy cleared the scheduling

with the club, Rick will bring the projector, Vern will have his laptop ready & Kate will send out links to the committee for everyone that is planning on attending to review prior to the meeting & encourages all to bring forth all ideas, suggestions, solutions & designs. Input is very welcomed at this stage of development. *This is exciting guys!*

- **“Adopt-A-High School” Project Update-** Kate reported that she has been in contact with Spring Branch school staff member & the relationship she has built with the one on one contact has been most beneficial in moving through the different levels within the district & creating a very effective bond within the school system. Kate encourages all who are participating in this project to keep updated after Barry & her meet with the HISD administration & to move forward in establishing contact with the school staff, whether it be the counselors, librarians, principles or administration.
- **“Adopt-A-Rack” Project Update-** single rack holds 2 different sets of pamphlets, which Kate can supply if a District, Group or Individual member needs them due to lack of funds. The PI Committee can fill & place the racks if the above mentioned can refill them & remain responsible for them (hence, adopt). Kate will bring the prices of the racks to the next meeting for further consideration.
- **TV Stations Update-** No additional updates

New Business:

- New Committee business cards- this will be tabled until the next meeting. Kate will bring some ideas & prices for the committee to start reviewing. The cards will not be finalized until a website address can be created & added on to the cards.
- Kate thanked everyone for all of the participation in 2015. She read a list of all of the accomplishments from throughout the year & feels like we as a committee fulfilled our purpose!
- 2016 Ideas- Rick suggested we look at ER Clinics-Rooms & Hospital Waiting Rooms, Kate suggested we incorporate them into the “Adopt-A-Rack” project.

Upcoming Events:

- Area CPC Committee Meeting, 01.04.16, 7:30 pm, Council
- D32 PI/CPC Committee Meeting, 01.11.16, 7:00 pm
- 2016 SETA Convention, 01.15.16-01.17.16, Moody Gardens
- Area PI Committee Meeting, 01.18.16, 7:15 pm, Council
- Area PI/CPC Website Review Meeting, 01.23.16, 1:00 pm, SBMC
- District 40 PI/CPC Committee Meeting, 01.30.16, 9:00 am, SBMC

Close Meeting: Responsibility Statement, 8:58 pm

Approved by PI committee on January 18, 2016