

Minutes CoDA H&I Committee meeting Sunday, May 18, 2014

Time 7:00 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 5 pm Mountain, 4 pm Pacific.

Opening prayer. CoDA opening prayer:

Check-in. Answer the question: As I do my service, how do I remember to stay in contact with my Higher Power?

Minutes taker. Mary

Record? Yes

Review minutes of meeting on April 20, 2014. Amended and accepted.

**Activity report(s):**

Books ordered in May – 9 workbooks & 37 CoDA Books. three meeting starter packets sent out this month.

**letters received** (snail- and email) over 50 and answered, Heard from 4 new institutions this past month.

\$1130.74 donations for books for inmates and institutions program rec'd. this year so far.

**progress of inmate sponsorship program-**

rec'd 30 apps for sponsees needing sponsors - 4 assigned so far. 6 volunteers sponsors some approved, some to be approved shortly. Work on blog is next for communication between sponsors (to encourage discussion between sponsors). Joan is forwarding mail via scan and e-mail for three of the four sponsors, one is via snail mail.

**Old Business:**

Recruiting more sponsors. Suggestions – another announcement. Kathy is willing to send out another. How do we get them to the inter-groups? Board reports there are no solid ways to communicate with the VE's; it is hoped that the next conference will assist with this. Suggested a 1 page flyer for this and Lou will work on that. We don't have the ability to post things to the new website as yet, so this will wait to be posted until after the new website is ready. Barbara will ask about how we delete old things before they go up on the new website, since we have things out on the website that are out of date.

2015 budget to send to board in preparation for conference. With the conversion from snail mail to emails, our expenses will be reduced, and the budget reflects this. We amended the proposed budget for copying (\$50 per quarter) because we will have higher copying costs in the coming year. \$9,436 is our total budget. \$3400 towards buying books/workbooks, mailing costs are another \$1600. This will be sent directly to events committee for CSC.

It was noted that we cannot send letters to inmates, only postcards. We can send literature, but the literature cannot include personal letters. Federal prisoners can send email but it must be replied to from the destination e-mail the prisoner used. Lou is currently working thru this system at the federal prison in Florida.

**2014-2015 H&I goals – proposed list discussed.** It was noted that the goals are bigger than we can handle with the small committee we have. Maintaining the books for inmates and inmate sponsorship program are what we can handle at this time; if we get more members, we will be able to do more. The goals are in a priority order, with the wish list after the books and sponsorship program and adding new members. Goals approved as written, with a division between goals and wish list. This is for CSC presentation.

**New business:**

H&I Annual report for CSC: assigning portions and collecting them, schedule. This is due June 8. Mary will be in contact with Lou to put the report on literature ordered together.

Recruit members: specific job descriptions and tactics. it was suggested an email blast with specific jobs rather than join our committee might be better received.

next meeting June 22 at 7PM.

Closed at 8:05 PM with the Serenity Prayer