

Bars & Cells

**2nd Quarter 2006
March 31 – April 1
Gatlinburg, TN**

Secretary's Note: I want to thank everyone for your faith and encouragement in allowing me to serve as the secretary of the Correctional Facilities Committee. I look forward to learning from all of you and being involved in the service part of our three part legacy. Please know that I am not offended if you see I can simplify that which I have the tendency to complicate. I want to thank Jethro, previous secretary, for his help, advice and support. I feel honored to be serving with such a great committee and an awesome group of trusted servants.

**Sincerely,
Reda**

**March 31, 2006
Fri Night Sharing Session
Opened w/Serenity Prayer
Read CFC Statement of Purpose
Read 12 Traditions
29 people present**

Chairperson Mandy S.-She is taking a meeting into the TWP every alternate Wednesday night and trying to get two

other females approved to go in, even her mother who was visiting from Berlin, Germany. Mandy shared she has had several contacts both from the website and by e-mail concerning Pre-Release contacts. She had received a request from Toni S., Middle Tennessee's Corrections Chair, for male volunteers @ Riverbend Maximum Security, contact her @ 615-269-6691 or email her @ tseahorse@comcast.net. Mandy lit a candle in memory / respect for our dear friend Ray Rankhorn who passed on 3-12-06.

Alt. Chairperson-Jethro B. had gotten a letter from a Pre-Release in Memphis. Jethro has shared his story twice since the last Assembly and he is presently putting much effort into preparation for the Spring CFC Workshop scheduled for May 19 – 22, 2006.

Secretary-Reda S. shared that District 9 has hosted two Area 64 Workshops: A 12 Concepts for World Services Workshop, facilitated by Area 64's Delegate Becky B., and also an Archives Workshop with Tom N. sharing information and history of Alcoholism pre Bill W. and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Reda takes a meeting into the Putnam County Justice Center.

Treasurer-Mary Ann E. - was grateful for making it through her first experience of ordering literature as Treasurer for Area 64 CFC. Mary Ann corresponds as a "pen-pal" for a female inmate in California and will possibly take on another one. Mary Ann takes meetings in to TPW on Wednesdays opposite of Mandy. She was also grateful to Pat P. for his 15 minute "crash course" in Treasurer 101!

Chuck E. shared that he took his story to the Giles Co. Jail.

Red. F. District 6, found through a college research project, there is only a 16–17% recidivism rate of those receiving treatment through the Davidson Co., Drug Court as opposed to 70% nationwide for those not receiving treatment.

Ed B.'s home group donated a case of Big Books to the CFC for distribution at this Assembly.

Roger F., Dist. 16 GSR, Open Door Group, takes a meeting into the Sumner Co. Jail. His home group passes the basket twice on Saturday nights to get money for Big Books.

Dale W., Dist. 16, had information on a fellow AA member in Iraq who would like to have AA contacts.

George from Knoxville shared Dist. 50 and 52 have done a workshop on the application process for taking a meeting behind the walls, he will be speaking @ Spring CFC Workshop.

Guy A, Dist., 24 received his first Pre-Release from Florida.

Punk is still taking meetings into the Murfreesboro Workhouse.

Ashton M., Dist., 12 is getting more involved with CFC by electing a Chairperson and Alternate Chair on the District level

John A., is still trying to get “orientated” to carry the message to the Knox County Jail.

Tracy, Pulaski Group, stressed a need for women volunteers to go into the facility.

Richie, Dist. 11, takes meetings into the Coffee County Jail and is also starting meetings in Franklin County.

Several folks were present for their first Assembly and several were there just to listen and learn. The meeting adjourned and we closed with the Lords Prayer

Seventh Tradition was \$75.00

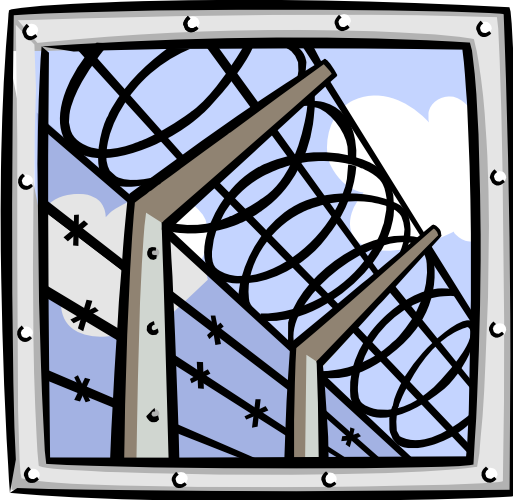


**Sat morning
Business meeting**
*Opened w/Serenity Prayer
Read CFC Purpose
Read 12 Traditions
47 people present*

Motion made and passed to accept the 1st Quarter B&C as our minutes.

Treasurers Report was approved as given.

A proposed budget for 2007 was voted on for \$25.00 for display and \$2500.00 for Literature.



Literature Coordinators-gave a report with 7 representatives present.

After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded and it was voted to purchase 1 case of pocket sized Big Books to be available for the 3rd Quarter Assembly due to the high request for them.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

During New Business, Guy A. shared concerns about using AA letter head for District and State contact purposes.

The 7th Tradition was \$111.00 for today with an ending balance of \$765.50.

Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

***Respectfully submitted,
Reda S. CFC Secretary
Pre-Release address is:***

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Spring CFC Workshop Dates

May 19, 20, 21

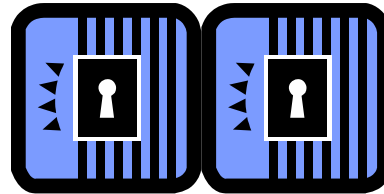
Guesthouse Inn

Gallatin TN

\$49 Single

\$55 Double

(615) 452-5433



Spring CFC Workshop

Gallatin, Tennessee

May 19, 20, and 21

Friday night sharing session

7:00 – 8:00 pm: Registration and socialization.

8:00 pm Candlelight meeting

16 people present plus Mandy's Mom!

7th Tradition: \$34.00

Saturday morning:

9:00 am opened with Serenity Prayer

CFC Purpose was read by Mandy S.

12 Traditions read by Mary Anne E.

23 people present plus Mandy's Mom

\$65.00 7th Tradition

Following announcements, more sharing was done with those that did not share the night before, there were 6 people attending for their first work shop so there was much discussion and suggestions concerning taking meetings behind the walls. Mandy S.'s mother was present and kept the coffee going!

10:00 am Panel was introduced:

Richard Dixon: Director of Volunteer services with Tennessee Department of Corrections, he oversees all services such as AA, NA, Church, etc.; has a statewide “mentoring” program for inmates entering society. Mr. Dixon deals with issues of knowing what the specific needs for clients and meeting their needs. Mr. Dixon stated that his main mission is to make a contact system statewide for support and a contact source for clients exiting a correctional facility into their communities. Mr. Dixon reported that “Pre-release” begins the day the client is incarcerated; facilities need to begin planning for and with clients at the front end.

*** At this time, Mandy S. explained what Area 64’s CFC website is and how to access it.**

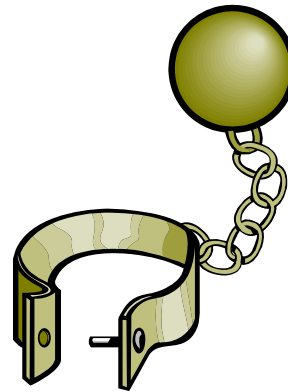
Brian Van Camp: Psychotherapist with the Re-Entry Program at Riverbend Correctional Facility. Mr. Van Camp was there for Bill Gupton, Director of Substance Abuse for Tennessee in all prisons in the state of Tennessee. Mr. Van Camp wants to see treatment within the prisons and he will be doing a presentation on June 3 at Riverbend Correctional Facility, possibly doing a mini 12 step presentations. Mr. Van Camp reported there are 30 slots available for volunteers to enter River Bend.

Werner S.: An “alumni” of the Re-Entry Program and an active AA member shared some experience, strength and hope. He encouraged the committee to continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous behind the walls.

There was much discussion of whether or not AA will be diluted when partnering up with contact information for and with the TDOC Substance Abuse Program.

Mr. Dixon reported he would like to get with Bill Gupton and put all resources for recovery under the Substance Abuse umbrella and let it serve as a contact service for inmates being released, being careful to respect the singleness of purpose for each recovery program.

We broke for lunch from 12:00 till 2:00



Saturday afternoon was devoted to Workbook questions and sharing.

Suggestions were given to new members on raising money for literature for meetings behind the walls.

There was discussion on possibly making a video of Orientation for carrying the message behind the walls; George suggested this be brought before the Assembly body in July.

Jethro will compile a list of “Dos” and “Don’ts” for carrying the message behind the walls.

4:00 pm “Birthday George” shared his experience, strength and hope.

**Sunday Morning
Business meeting:**

**8:30 am opened with Serenity Prayer
15 people present plus Mandy's Mom
\$83.80 7th Tradition**

Mandy and Jethro thanked everyone for attending this workshop.

Secretary's report will be combined with the 2nd Quarter Assembly minutes and will be available in the Bars and Cells at the 3rd Quarter Assembly in Oak Ridge in July minutes will be voted on for passing at that time.

There were 3 Literature Coordinators present; Mary Anne brought big books to distribute.

Treasurer's report was given by Mary Anne and updated at the end of the meeting. The final report was \$650.36.

There was no Old Business



New Business:

George commented that this was a good weekend and everyone agreed it was most informative.

There was discussion of possibly having a fund raiser at the Fall Workshop such as a dance and raffle to raise money for Area 64 CFC.

George proposed the CFC committee wear stripes and go to host committee at the 3rd Quarter Assembly to possibly raise money for CFC (without soliciting).

It was suggested that CFC seriously consider putting together a video of Orientation for taking a meeting into the jails and other facilities and bring it to the 3rd Quarter Assembly body.

Roger of the Open Door Group in Gallatin reported there is ample room for our meetings to be held there rather than paying for the conference room at the hotel.

Roger, Phil and Nick will check with other groups at the Open Door Meeting house to possibly co-host a dance for a fund raiser at our Fall Workshop in September.

**Dates for the Fall Workshop is
September 29 – October 1, 2006 At the
Guest House Inn in Gallatin, if
Conference room is not used, room
rates will be \$2.00 more per night.**

**A good time was had by all.....
Keep coming back.... We'll be amazed
before we are half way through!!**

Respectfully submitted:

Reda