

Southeast Texas Area (SETA) 67
Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Monthly Meeting
P.O. Box 925241, Houston, TX 77292-5241
Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 09/21/2016 at 7:30 pm by Richard at the Delta Club in Houston, TX with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. **ROLL CALL;** roughly 30 were in attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS (Introducciones) VISITORS/ VOLUNTEER (Voluntarios Nuevos y Visitants) and GENERAL SHARING

(Compartimiento) Welcome visitors and regulars! Richard (Chair) visits Luther 1st Wed, Wynn 2nd Thurs, Wall 3 Fri & Ellis for over 6 yrs. AA inside saved my life. Cindy (Secretary) visits Henley. Deloris (Queen of Ramsey) goes every other wed to Ramsey. Elizabeth (treasurer, Roy (Blue Can) visits Estelle & Darrington 1 or 2x a wk. Susan (IT) Coordinates Galveston Tue nights. Harold (Volunteer Coord.) visits Fort Bend Co jail. Louis (D66 Liaison) waiting on volunteer status. John has recently reenlisted. Used to go to Jester. Eric (CFC Rep Kingwood grp) been visiting the Hightower unit for a couple yrs. now. Gary B (CFC Chair D-52) visits Jester 3, Kegan & HSCO requirements are done. He loves this 12th step work. Connie goes to Henley. Paul (literature) visits Luther 2nd wed. Rito visits Ramsey. He's been to 80% of prisons here in TX as well as all the CFC conferences. Chris (Alt-Chair) visits Kegan on Tue, and is grateful. Tammy (Coord Plane state) goes Wed @7pm. Amy (Conf. Chair) doesn't go, but wants to go to fb jail. Roland visits Darrington, Estelle, jester 3, Plain state. Larry (CCS/Pre-release) visits HSCO Tue. Anthony, used to go, just did orientation. Brad. (Co-chair D-70, CFC Rep for La Porte grp) is waiting for approval. Antonio (D-64) Need more units and need help for Spanish meetings. Mike is going to go to Baker Fri @ 7. Armando(D-66). Angel (D-64, Coord Atascosita jail). Christopher visits HSCO Fridays. Dianne (D-81) visits Young & Darrington. Pedro (Conf. Speaker). Manny (CFC Rep Mon night step study) visits Jester & 1st wed @Luther.

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) - Richard; Passed the roster.

Election for the chair will be in Oct at the assembly. Elections for all other positions will be held at the Nov. Committee meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto) - Cindy M; (Note, previous Minutes are posted on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

August Minutes approved w/additions; Vote on Delta Club, vote on Go to Meeting, deleting Vol. Coord. DCM Itr.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Elizabeth S; (Note, detailed financial reports are on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

Starting balance \$12, 290.24. Blue Can avail. \$9,030.01. Ending balance \$16, 827.10. Numbers are still coming in for the Conference. Cindy asked where is the Blue Can 2015 Report and didn't we used to do Quarterly Blue Can reports? Answer; It's posted in a different column & relabeled Finance Report-Year End.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

- Ramsey campus to be renamed Stringfellow unit & they're looking for volunteers.
- All 4 CFC Areas meeting in Huntsville for a Summit in Oct. 2016.
- Conference Report; Amy said 211 people registered. Hotel cost \$3,145. Numbers are still coming in. Richard (Chair) suggested we post a final conference report, once done, to our website.

NEW BUSINESS Nuevo Negocio) & QUESTIONS:

- Susan D-81 announced they got the John Sealy Hospital meeting in Galveston.
- Richard reminded volunteers to call Volunteer Services 936. 437. 3026 about their status if it's been more than 4-6 wks.
- Chris (Alt-Chair) was nominated for the Chair this Oct. His home group is the Heights grp. where he's served as Treasurer. He was CFC Treasurer. Everyone was in favor & we're sending him to the assembly informed & not instructed.
- Richard said the committee elections will be in November.
- Rito said inaccurate information was stated by the TDCJ employee during Orientation. He wrote the Director of Volunteer Services and confirmed; Volunteers CANNOT wear shorts. (Please follow your Handbooks, or read it on www.tdcj.state.tx.us)
- New CFC dvd "A New Freedom" (dv-18), call 212.870-3312 to order
- Cindy is coordinating a new TDCJ unit; BAMBI, located in No. Houston. Women volunteers only. Email her for more info.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondencia y Ante-Release)-Larry L (a/k/a Grizzly);

Report forthcoming.

Larry had a question about a Gay inmate wanting an opposite sex correspondent. Tammy responded, "We don't match or ask based on sexual orientations, politics etc. Guidelines are; men write men-women write women".

CFC Houston LIAISON (Enlace de CFC) – Roland;

6 letters. Wall anniversary coming up.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Roy E;

Has blue cans. The donations brought to the meeting; Brian/Shoemaker grp \$91.00, Eric/Kingwood Early Bird grp \$336.00, Gary/Columbus \$54.00, Gary/In The Book grp \$15.47, Gary/Eldridge Rd \$7.00, Amy/God Meeting \$45.00, Antonio/D-64 \$450.00.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnologia de la informacion)- Susan B;

She will post the National Corrections Conference poster on our website.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) – Paul M;

Volunteer	Amt.	Unit	Meeting
Connie H or Sam B	\$1,016.50	Henley	Thursday 7:30 pm
Luciano Z	\$818.00	Plane State Jail	1st Wednesday 7 pm
Richard D	\$550.00	Wynne, Ellis, Luther	0
Gary B	\$326.00	Jester III Trusty	Thursday 6-8 pm
Roy E	\$818.00	Estelle/Ellis	Monday Friday
Cindy M	\$553.50	BAMBI unit (new)	Monday 6:30 pm
Larry L	\$562.00	Harris County Jail	Tuesday 6-7 pm
Eric V	\$170.00	Hightower Unit Dayton	Friday 6-8 pm
Vimael	\$224.00	A.A. In Prison: Inmate to Inmate (40 in English & 40 in Spanish)	
Diane M	\$465.00	Carole Young	Monday 7 pm
Mike W	\$328.70	Harris County Jail	0
Grapevine (70% E 30% S)	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	(Voted at Sept committee meeting & avail. In Nov.)	
Total	\$5,831.70		
Blue Can Budget	\$9,030.01		
Remain	\$1,198.31		

There was discussion about having people cut large orders. Tammy commented that we should not cut orders & accumulate money. Richard said we have to be prudent & more volunteers' orders can be filled if everyone put in moderate orders. Gary said he agrees w/the chair.

Harold asked if we voted on not ordering large print Big Books. Richard said yes, there was a vote that it's more cost-effective (\$8.50 vs. \$9.70) to offer regular print only. The unit Chaplain or TDCJ can assist in getting glasses if they need them.

Cindy motioned to spend \$2k on grapevine; 70% on English, 30% Spanish. Vote passed & issues will hopefully be available for volunteers at the Nov. committee meeting.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Harold;

Harold passed the unit roster for volunteers to add their info. He will send the form w/letter to all DCMs to get the word out.

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): We closed the meeting with the AA service statement. The 7th Trad. basket to be given to the Delta club.

NOTE: The next committee meeting will be held on October 1st, SATURDAY at 10:00 AM in the Houston room at Sheraton North hotel. Pass the word. All Committee Chairs will be voted in at the Assembly on Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**OCTOBER**

SETA 67 Fall Assembly: Oct 1-2nd. Sheraton North 5700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77032

SWTA 68 Fall Assembly/Conference: Oct 7th-9th. (psst...CFC GSO staff member- Jeff W. will be attending) www.omnihotels.com

Code:145 008 1405 7

SWRAASA Assembly: Oct 21-23. Embassy Suites 3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, Ark. 72758 (479) 254-8400 Code: SWRAASA 2016

District 81, "Weekend on the Beach": Oct 28th-30th. Victorian Condo Hotel. (409) 740-3555 www.aa-seta.org under the District 81 page for flyer.