

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

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 02/20/2019 at 7:40 pm by Roy E, Chair, at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410, Houston, TX. The meeting was opened with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roy circulated the SETA CFC Roster for participants to initial their attendance, make corrections, or add their contact information. Approximately 35 people were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto) - **Larry L** reported that, unfortunately, his cell phone did not work at the January meeting, which he only discovered the day of this February meeting. So he did not have January minutes to share. He apologized to the group and noted that he would make efforts to assure this would not happen again. [Note: All finalized and approved minutes will be posted on the CFC website at aa-seta.org.]

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – **Diane M** circulated copies of the financial report, noting that she had tried to simplify it a bit, summarized as follows:

- Blue Can Contributions carried forward from 2018 totaled 7,648.50, with additional \$6,291.53 added year to date, resulted in total of \$13,940.03j
- No book purchases were reported from InterGroup.
- The General Fund had a carry-forward balance of \$3,536.23. \$875.23 was transferred to the Conference Fund to maintain a balance of \$1,000 there, leaving a balance of \$2,651.00 in the General Fund. • .There were no additional expenses other than purchase of checks for \$103.83)
- The Non-AA Social Fund had a carry forward balance of \$1,405.12.
- Leaving a total of \$18,893.50, to be reconciled with the *Area 67 Approved Budget 2018*

(Note, detailed and approved financial reports are on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

Diane passed around a thank you card for people to sign for the bank representative who has been very helpful. Representatives from several clubs expressed concern that their groups were collecting Blue Can donations that were mailed in but were not reflected in the financial report. One thought the checks were sent to SETA, who then forwarded them to CFC. It was noted that all checks would be signed by the person who cashed them, so it should be possible to track who is getting those donations. Also, some groups are using the White Can rather than our Blue Can, so some of the money could be going there. Diane said that she would look into the matter for those clubs and several of the representatives said they would talk with her after the meeting. There was general concern about who was receiving and cashing the checks, whether they were going to general AA or to the CFC. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the report as presented.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)

Roy E and Roland R announced the upcoming CFC Workshop at the Third Tradition on April 27, where folks can learn more about what CFC does. The Committee is supposed to provide two training orientations every year. Diane announced that, on May 18, District 81 will also do a combination training and workshop with presentations, including Richard D as a speaker. Roy encouraged everyone to spread the word.

NEW BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)

Roy E invited the first time visitors to introduce themselves, be sure to add their names and contact information to the roster, and voice any questions or concerns. A number were interested in getting trained to become approved volunteers and Committee members identified multiple criteria and locations for training orientations. There was some discussion about Harris County Jail having stricter criteria and may be orienting volunteers on a one-by-one basis.

Roy E circulated a draft budget that we will be submitting on March 2 to SETA for about \$4,580. This year's budget includes about \$1,000 more than last year, reflecting changes based on comparing budgeted with actual expenses as well as items that the SETA Board wanted to include or exclude. He thanked Tammy, Diane, Chris, and Richard for their help crafting the budget. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the budget that Roy presented.

For the upcoming 3rd Annual National Corrections Conference (NCC), Roy noted that Chris D is the Program Director and wanted the Committee to be aware that there is discussion about whether to have a TDCJ Orientation at the NCC . Roy will bring this up again at next month's SETA CFC meeting, the point being that it may not be appropriate to have a Texas training orientation at the National Conference. It was noted that the event was taking the place of the SETA CFC Annual Conference, some might go to the training and others to national conference activities during that time frame. Also, if the training is for local participants, any costs – like room rental – should be covered by SETA CFC rather than by the NCC budget. It was also noted that many people who come to the annual SETA CFC training orientation are in fact church folks who are not part of AA. To get a sense of the Committee, it was moved, seconded, and passed that SETA CFC pay for any room charges for the TDCJ training at the NCC. NCC flyers/registration forms were distributed for attendees to either register now or take back to their meetings. It was noted that scholarships are also available, with a preference that they be used by people who are active in AA. The next NCC Planning Committee meeting will be first Saturday of March, 10:30 am at Intergroup.

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) Roy E (cfc-chair@aa-seta.org) reported that the previous week he went to the Southwest CFC Annual Conference and talked up the upcoming National Corrections Conference. They had a TCDJ training and similar to our experience, a lot were from churches, not for AA. 218 signed up for the training but only 198 passed. They did not have a regular registration process, but about 65-75 people attended the presentations.

Susan at the Corrections Desk in New York contacted us two times. One Prerelease request was for a woman who was getting out with a week of the snail-mail request. Roland R did find a few volunteers who were willing to meet her but we never heard back about her. Someone from the Ferguson Unit wants a meeting, so if anyone would like to help, please let him know.

SETA (not SETA CFC) has its Area Conference every January and always asks us for a CFC speaker. Roy suggested asking Jimmy D, who is a good speaker.

Alt-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) Roland R. (cfc-alt@aa-seta.org) reminded the group about the Third Tradition Workshop in April and the training and workshop in May, in case anyone wanted more flyers.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-. The person elected for the Blue Can cannot take the position, so it is open for a volunteer. Frank B, from Fort Bend, volunteered. In qualifying himself, he noted that the Brazoria County Jail recently restarted its meeting and he's been active in a number of CFC activities. He was elected by acclamation. He then reported that we have about \$8,000 in Blue Can collections, and he asked for anyone who needed a can to talk to him. Diane M added that we send thank-you letters to the groups that contribute. A new participant did not know what the Blue Can is for, so Roy explained and noted that some groups donate directly from the basket and do not use a Blue Can.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnología de la informacion) We currently do not have an IT person so there was no report. Roy E invited a volunteer, noting that he and Larry L have been passing along our reports to the SETA webmaster, so it's not a tough challenge but we do need someone to be a liaison with the SETA webmaster.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondence y Ante-Release)- Vadim B (cfc-coordinator@aa-seta.org) reported that we had 9 requests for correspondence, 3 from men, 6 from women, and 13 requests for literature. The number of correspondence volunteers (about 100) has not changed. Roy E encouraged anyone interested in volunteering to correspond with inmates should contact Vadim.

2019 National ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT – Roy E ; cfc-conference@aa-seta.org;

Roy E reported that things are moving well. We have about 30 registrations, about 15 room reservations, a good workshop panel schedule, 2 of 3 speakers have been lined up. The planning committee meets the first Saturday of the month, and people can conference call in if they want. He encouraged everyone to register if they haven't already done so.

SPANISH LIASON – Luis P, cfc-spanish@aa-seta.org;

Reported that there was a lot of activity and interest in the Spanish Districts. They continue to meet together on the second Wednesday of the month, the March meeting will be at District 65. They are going regularly to the Darrington Unit and the Walls. They are getting ready for the National Corrections Conference, about which he has a question. The Spanish Districts will host one of the hospitality rooms and several have asked whether there is any financial support for this. Roy E replied that there will be but he could not provide a specific amount at this time. He also asked whether there is a list of all the requirements and criteria to become an approved volunteer. Roy will provide that list, and noted it would be a good idea to translate it into Spanish.

GRAPEVINE –There is no Grapevine Chair so there was no report. Roy E invited any interested in this position to step forward. Roland R the previous Grapevine Chair, had spoken with Jackson ____, who was willing to take the position but wanted to know more. Roland explained that they have their own monthly meeting on the third Thursday at the Delta Club that Jackson should attend, and report back to us on the third Wednesday. Roy added that there is also a corrections aspect inviting stories about corrections for the annual corrections issue. Jackson agreed to take the position and was elected by acclamation.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) – Richard D, cfc-literature@aa-seta.org;

The book orders totaled larger than the \$8,000 available in the budget, so Richard D cut several orders back, with the final orders summarized in the following table:

Volunteer	Unit	Order
Luis P	Darrington	\$300.60
Paul K	Harris County Jail	\$1,099.40
Frank B		\$458.00
Michael S		\$974.60
Gary B		\$265.90
Roy E		\$624.00
Minor T	Harris County Jail	\$568.00
James W	Harris County Jail	\$568.00
James G	Harris County Jail	\$396.00
Marcos H	Harris County Jail	\$396.00
Narciso G	Harris County Jail	\$568.00
Matthew W		\$517.00
Diane M		\$649.10
Roland R		511.50
Total		\$7,896.10

It was moved, seconded, and approved to spend the money.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are Speaker Meetings at the Heights Group and the Bellaire Club, and everyone is invited to volunteer to share their stories there.

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.