

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

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)** . Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, started the 03/20/2019 meeting at 7:45 PM. Location was 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 19 people were present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)**. Larry L, CFC Secretary, was not present so Roy circulated copies of the preliminary minutes for the February 20 meeting. Frank B noted that the amount listed for his book order was incorrect and the actual total was considerably lower; however the InterGroup bookstore staff corrected the error when he went to pick up the books. Richard D, Literature Chair, replied that it's possible the old InterGroup price list was on the book order forms. Several people added that InterGroup is aware when such mistakes occur and corrects the amounts on the charges sent to CFC. Roy E noted that the minutes reflect only what was said at the meeting, so correcting the mistake with InterGroup would be addressed separately. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Diane M** circulated copies of the financial report, which is summarized as follows:

	<b>BalanceForward</b>	<b>Budget2019</b>	<b>MonthlyActivity</b>	<b>YTDTotals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Blue Can Contributions	7,649.68		5,537.31	11,828.84	19,478.52
Book Purchases			(2,848.13)	(2,848.13)	16,630.39
Balance in BlueCan				8,980.71	16,630.39
Conference Fund	124.77	1,000		1,000.00	17,630.39
General Fund	3,526.23			2,651.00	20,281.39
Literature		150.00		0.00	20,281.39
PO Box		60.00	(80.00)	(80.00)	20,201.39
Postage		500.00	(9.48)	(9.48)	20,191.91
Printing		200.00	(95.84)	(95.84)	20,096.07
Supplies		600.00	(50.00)	(153.83)	19,942.24
Non-AA Social Fund	1,405.12			1,405.12	21,347.36
<b>Balance</b>					<b>21,347.36</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation through March 18,2019</b>					
Ending Bank Balance			24,204.97		3/18/19
Deposits in Transit			0.00		
Outstanding Checks			(2,857.61)		
<b>Ending Check Book Balance</b>			<b>21,347.36</b>		

There was discussion regarding confusion about the total available Blue Can amount shown. It was noted that this report covers February and February book purchases were actually paid in March, so the amount available is currently in March would not be reflected in this report. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**General Discussion.** Roy E asked whether there were any particular activities or concerns that the volunteers were having. Frank B said that there would be a TDCJ training orientation 9:00 AM the coming Saturday at the Clemons Unit.

**CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) Roy E (cfc-chair@aa-seta.org)** Roy E reported that he attended the annual SETA Finance Committee meeting with request for \$2,000 for 2020. He anticipated that it would be approved and passed on to the Area Assembly for final approval. He reported that he had gone to the CFC Conference in North Carolina/Area 51, which had attendance of about 300, its largest attendance to date. He told them about our upcoming National Corrections Conference. The Corrections Desk in New York still does not have an official staff person but the person sitting in regularly forwards inmate letters and requests to Roy, who then forwards them to Vadim B, our Correspondence Chair, or Rocco M in Beaumont. A Ferguson Unit inmate is requesting a meeting there. Regarding the National Corrections Conference, GSO told him that the Trustee Conference will be at the same time, so a Trustee could not attend. But they anticipate having a new official person for the Corrections Desk by then and that person would most likely attend.

**Alt-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe)** . **Roland R, (cfc-alt@aa-seta.org )** reported that there will be TDCJ training orientation on May 18 from 2-6 PM at District 81, followed by a CFC workshop including our own Richard D as the speaker. There will also be a CFC workshop at the Third Tradition on April 27.

**BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul).** **Frank B** said he did not have anything new to report however he offered to come speak to any group that wanted to learn about the Blue Can program and invited anyone interested to contact him.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnología de la información)** Because we still need a person for this position, Roy E reported that no financial reports for 2018 were uploaded to the SETA Website. He himself uploaded them plus a couple of monthly minutes, and is hoping to get that responsibility under control and regularly updated. He encouraged anyone with interest to step up.

**CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondence y Ante-Release)- Vadim B ( cfc-coordinator@aa-seta.org )** reported that we received 22 letters:

- 11 from females including 6 for correspondence and 5 for literature.
- 11 from males, 10 for correspondence and one for literature.

We sent out 5 Big Books and one Daily Reflections. Several of the correspondence requests were for ongoing correspondence. Regarding the overall list of volunteers to correspond, he commended Tammy Z for an excellent job setting up a correspondence list of about 50 women and 50 men back in 2017. He noted that several were apparently no long responding, so he emailed the entire list to ask whether they are willing to continue actively. 16 men responded from the previous list of 42; 31 women responded from the previous list of 58. So we now have a total of 47, including one woman and 4 men for Spanish correspondence. Roy suggested contacting everyone who has ever been on this committee to start building the list up again, including requests for Pre-Release volunteers. To generate more correspondence volunteers, Vadim suggested printing 4x6 inch post cards that can be posted at clubs or handed out, with information for interested volunteers to contact him by email. He had mocked up an example and said it would cost \$50 to print 250. Roy E suggested we delay the vote till consideration and vote during New Business.

**201 National ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT – Roy E cfc-conference@aa-seta.org:** reported that planning is progressing. Roland R, Katie G, and he had met with the hotel. There are about 35 registrations so far, and about half-way to filling our required room bloc. Roy did a mass mailout to the National Conference Committee distribution list, but that did not reach the InterGroups. So he will add them, and the announcement has been submitted to the Grapevine and Box 359.

**SPANISH LIASON – Luis P, cfc-spanish@aa-seta.org** reported that he plans to do a CFC workshop for the Spanish speaking districts in June or July. Roy noted that June is busy with the State Convention, Father’s Day, etc. Roy asked him to come up with a good date and to bring the subject up again at next month’s meeting other meetings.

**GRAPEVINE –Jackson S.** reported that the Grapevine Committee had mostly discussed doing meetings remotely via online conference calls because the members all come from considerable distances to attend. Roy noted that we sometimes provide Grapevines and Grapevine subscriptions for inmates, so that may be worth bringing up to the Grapevine Committee.

**LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) – Richard D (cfc-literature@aa-seta.org)** reported the following book order requests:

Volunteer	Unit	Order
Erik V		\$396.00
Charles ____		665.75
Mike W		505.60
Shirley M		172.00
Susan B		149.12
Connie H		714.60
Roy E		312.00
Manny S		245.48
	( LL: Ninth order missing )	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,875.15</b>

Because we had \$5,000 available for books, Richard moved that we add \$1,000 for purchase of Grapevines. Manny S suggested to include La Viña's, so the order was adjusted to 80% Grapevines and 20% La Viña's. It was moved, seconded, and approved to spend the new total of \$4,875.15. Paul K asked Jackson \_\_\_ to ask the Grapevine Committee to bring their old Grapevines to donate for the inmates.

**OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)**

- April 27 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition Workshop, Belarbor and Martin Luther King, from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- May 18 – 2-7 PM - District 81 TDCJ Training Orientation and Workshop. We need some committee members also for Q&A.
- We need committee help to do presentations about what we do in CFC.
- Our budget was approved except for a presentation. But there is always some push back to reduce what we request.

**NEW BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)**

- We will not have a TDCJ Orientation at the National Corrections Conference. It's been suggested to do a training another time in September. There was additional discussion about whether, where, and what would be necessary to offer the SETA CFC TDCJ Orientation.
- Roy E reminded the group about the earlier discussion to buy some postcards/handouts about recruiting more Correspondence volunteers. Vadim repeated that it cost \$7 for the mockup he created and the cost for 250 would be \$50. He then moved that we purchase the cards that he will print. It was moved, seconded, and passed to print the cards.
- Diane M, the Treasurer, noted for everyone that the earlier discussion about the budget was in fact correct to question the totals. The \$7,649.68 listed as Balance Forward should now be considered available funds for book purchases, which will be reflected in next month's report.
- Roland R reminded the group that next month's meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, April 13, at the Area Assembly; not on the regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

**ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar):** The meeting closed at 8:55 PM with the Lord's Prayer.