

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

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). The SETA CFC met at the SETA Area Assembly on April 13, 2019. The meeting began at 4:45 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto) Larry L circulated a copy of the April 13, 2019, meeting minutes. After the group read the minutes on their own, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented. There were 39 people in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) Diane M reported distributed a copy of the financial report for March 2019, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Balance Carried forward as of March 1, 2019	\$ 7,649.58
Blue Can Donations	\$ 5,823.70
Book and Grapevine Purchases	\$ 11,464.64
Amount available for Book Purchases	\$ 10,992.44

Charles H from the Bellaire Club Nooners Group reported that missing donation of \$1,561.07 had been found and was no longer missing. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report. Paul K asked whether our Committee is tax exempt. Diane replied that she would investigate this, but Roy E said we are covered under the Area's tax-exempt status.

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) Roy E invited newcomers to identify themselves, and 10 people did so, including several who were recently released from incarceration. He then reported that he would be going to California for the annual meeting of their Hospital and Institution Committee, which is their group that works with correctional facilities. The General Services Office Corrections Desk regularly sends pre-release requests to him, and he forwards them to volunteers in appropriate zip codes. The annual CFC Workshop will be offered at the Third Tradition Group on April 27. On May 18 will be a training orientation at Clear Creek Club in District 81, with a couple of speakers, including our own Literature Chair, Richard D.

Alt-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) Roland R noted that all area trainings are listed on the TDCJ Volunteer Website, and Roy reminded the group that there are regular trainings on alternate month at the Crosswalk Center and in Sugarland.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul) Frank B., the new Blue Can Man, reminded the group that all the Blue Can donations go only for literature to take into prisons and jails. He said he had Blue Cans available for anyone who wanted, and he offered to go to any group that would like a presentation on what we do with Blue Can donations. He noted that we collected \$17,652 over the first quarter of the year, with \$6,992.45 still available for new book purchases.

IT Report. In the absence of an IT Chair, Roy E reported that the Committee still needs an IT liaison, although we seem to be caught up posting last year's Treasurer's Reports and Meeting Minutes. He invited anyone interested to please let him know and noted that the position does not require a lot of computer skills.

Correspondence. Vadim B reported that for March we had 8 requests for correspondence and/or literature: 2 from women for literature; 6 from men for correspondence, including one literature request. He now has a total of 55 volunteers who are willing to correspond with inmates: 34 females, plus 1 for Spanish; 16 males, plus 4 for Spanish. Vadim also reported that per the committee's approval in March, he had printed 500 4x6 inch cards describing the correspondence program, with his email address for anyone interested to contact him. He distributed the cards for volunteers to take with them. He noted that he sends correspondence requests to individual volunteers with reminder to use the CFC PO box for their return address. Luis P asked whether any letters come in Spanish, and Vadim said yes, but not very many. He added the card includes the requirement to have 9 months in recovery and to have done the 12 Steps. The group complimented Vadim's initiative and suggested that prior to printing the next batch of cards, we have a group conscience to decide what criteria to require to do correspondence with inmates.

2019 National ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT Roy E noted that the National Corrections Conference planning was moving along well. We have about 60 registrations and 30 banquets. There will be several panels, including past CFC Chair panel, an excellent Spanish speaker who is the Tennessee Director of Volunteer Services; and several other topics. He reminded everyone that the planning committee meets on the first Saturday of the month. Manny S added that there would be big need for volunteer help at the conference, so anyone interested should contact him. Someone noted that the Conference Webpage was not working properly to make hotel reservations. Roy said he would investigate the problem. Charles H asked whether people who want to attend the conference need to also register for a hotel room. Roy answered that they did not have to stay in the hotel, but they do need to register.

SPANISH LIASON Luis P reported that Spanish districts were continuing to meet regarding the National Conference. He said that someone had asked whether our committee can provide literature for INS correctional facilities where undocumented immigrants are being held. The consensus was that this would be no problem since the location is a correctional facility.

GRAPEVINE Jackson ___ was not present, so Roy E reminded the group that Grapevine has an annual prison issue in July and anyone can submit a manuscript to be considered for publication. The deadline is January 31 of each year. Larry L commented that he was told that they also accept stories from volunteers in addition to inmate.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) Richard D reported that the book orders were as follows:

Volunteer	Amount
Larry L	\$614.30
Roy E	\$312.00
Holly D	\$697.12
Paul K	\$387.00
Brent H	\$651.00
Charles R	\$341.00
Jose E	\$422.45
Nadine B	\$237.30
Total	\$3,662.17

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

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)

Roy E reported that the budget we submitted to SETA had not yet been approved but it looked like there would be no problem with their accepting it for 2020. Roy asked about the CFC workshop scheduled for the Spanish Districts. Luis P reported that it would be June 30, probably around 10 AM - 2 PM.

NEW BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo)

There will not be a TDCJ Orientation Training at the National Corrections Conference, but we will probably be facilitating a training sometime in September. The date is not definite yet because Louisiana will be having their corrections conference on September 14 at Angola Prison, so we don't want to conflict with their meeting. It was noted that several Louisiana volunteers came to our annual conference, so it would be good to reciprocate. Roy noted we will have a CFC speaker at the upcoming AA State Convention in June.

Upcoming Events.

- Third Tradition workshop, April 27, 2019 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Louisiana CFC Meeting at Angola Prison, on September 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): The meeting closed at 5:55 PM