

**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 Wednesday, August 21, 2019, the SETA CFC met at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:35 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Approximately fourteen members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L circulated a copy of the July 13, 2019, meeting minutes. After the group read the minutes on their own, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Diane M was not present so Roy E distributed a copy of the financial report through June 30, 2019, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Blue Can Balance Carried forward	\$ 7,649.68
Blue Can donations for July, 2019	\$ 6,879.24
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 42,105.59
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
Expenses	
Book Purchases	\$ 9,370.33
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 34,277.50
Non-AA Social Fund for the National Corrections Conference	\$500.00
Blue Can balance available for book purchases	\$ 15,477.77

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Introductions and Updates. Roy E invited newcomers to introduce themselves and asked for any volunteer announcements or updates. Larry L reported that the mumps outbreak at Harris County Jail was under control so volunteers can go in again. Roy reported that the Ellis Unit was allowing volunteers again.

Chair Report (Coordinador Informe). Roy E reported that the New York office still did not have a person officially appointed for the Corrections Desk. However, they forward to him an inmate letter requesting a meeting at the Jester 3 unit and Roy informed them that we already have three meetings there. Gary B mentioned that the Chaplain there was wanting AA inmates to "graduate" to make room for new inmates to attend, and Gary responded that AA is a way of life and not like a class where people graduate and move on. Roy added that we are still trying to start a meeting at the Carol Vance unit where they would like a meeting 1 of 2 or 3 days a week. He suggested that interested volunteers check with Gary B or Michael S. Roy will be doing a District 52 service workshop at the Lamplighters Group on September 7 and share with them the activities that we do in CFC. Roy informed the Committee that InterGroup had stopped allowing CFC Houston to meet there because they felt that InterGroup should not rent to a group that is not officially part of the AA Service structure. However, we will continue meeting at InterGroup for National Corrections Conference planning meeting.

Co-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe). Roland R reported that he had contacted TDCJ and we a training orientation is scheduled for 11 AM – 3 PM on Saturday, September 28 at InterGroup.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul). Frank B. reported that the Santa Fe group had requested a Blue Can, which he provided. He also went to a meeting at the Dickinson Bayou Group and saw that they do not have a Blue Can so he will go back there with a can and try to get them to get with the program.

IT Report. Joel G was not present so there was no formal IT report. Roy reported that the Website is pretty much up to date.

Correspondence (Correspondencia)/ Pre-Release. Vadim B reported that that we received 64 requests for various items: 34 from female, 26 requests for correspondence, 5 for literature, 1 for Pre-release. 30 from males, 15 requesting correspondence, 11 for literature, 2 for prerelease. 23 letters were for ongoing established correspondence. Regarding volunteers, we have 66 females for English and 1 for Spanish; 31 males for English and 5 for Spanish; totaling 93. For both females and males there were one or two requests for non-AA items such as fro NA. There was general discussion about units that need volunteers for meetings and procedures to actually correspond with inmates.

National Corrections Conference (*Informe de la Conferencia Nacional Annual*). Roy E reported that progress on the 3rd National Corrections Conference is moving along. We already have about 150 registrations; the first room bloc has made its quota and he may ask for more; lots of banquet reservations have been made; and the hotel is generally quite pleased.

Spanish Liaison (*Enlace español*). Luis P was not present so there was no Spanish Liaison report.

GRAPEVINE (*La Viña*). Jackson S. reported that the Grapevine Committee had not had much activity. There were working providing online remote access to their meeting. Larry L told the group that there were some back issues of the Grapevine and *La Viña* available after the meeting.

LITERATURE REPORT (*Literatura Informe*) Richard D was not present but Manny S accepted everyone's book orders, summarized as follows:

Volunteer	Amount
Michael W	\$ 505.60
Connie H	\$ 636.70
Fritz B	\$ 68.40
Gary B	\$ 594.80
Veronica P	\$ 576.60
Roy E	\$ 644.40
Larry L	\$ 222.10
Frank B	\$ 656.00
Roland R	\$ 804.80
Charles R	\$ 1,095.60
Total	\$ 5,805.00

Larry L noted that the \$5,805 total leaves enough to purchase \$1,000 of back issue Grapevines. Paul K suggested purchasing some Grapevines to distribute at the National Conference, however it was noted that Blue Can money is supposed to go only for literature taken into prisons. Someone suggested we could perhaps purchase extra Grapevines from a different account and it was suggested to bring the topic up at the next meeting. After more discussion about the availability of funds, it was decided, moved, seconded, and passed to purchase \$1,500 of English Grapevines and \$500 of Spanish *La Viñas*. To go into prisons

OLD BUSINESS (*Viejo Negocio*). Roy E reminded everyone that he will be participating in a District 52 service workshop 2-4 PM on September 7 at Lamplighters Group; and there will be a TDCJ training orientation at InterGroup, 11 AM – 3 PM on September 28.

NEW BUSINESS (*Nuevo Negocio*). Roy encouraged anyone interested in going to Carol Vance to talk with Gary B. Gary said they are eager for meetings and happy to schedule almost any day and time. There was some discussion about AA groups inside should be led by actual AA volunteers rather than Chaplains or other non-AA volunteers; and that it is a good idea for several people to commit for a meeting so if one cannot attend, there is still someone to run the meeting. In addition, for anyone wanting to be trained, they can go to the TDCJ Volunteer Website where there is a list of all the meetings around the state.

Vadim reminded the group that he had printed 500 of the blue cards for \$86, inviting people to correspond with inmates. The group discussed several possible revisions, including an amount of sobriety time for correspondents. It was moved, seconded, and passed for Vadim to proceed with re-printing the invitation cards.

Upcoming Events.

- The next SETA CFC meeting will be September 18 at District 66
- The October 5 meeting will be at the Area Assembly at the Sheraton Intercontinental Hotel
- The following week is the Regional Forum at the Sheraton Intercontinental Hotel
- Area 27 CFC conference in Louisiana
- TDCJ training orientation, 11 AM – 3 PM, Saturday, September 28, 2019
- Area 65 in Northeast Texas CFC Conference in Allen, TX, on October 5, 2019
- The National Corrections Conference, November 1-3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT (*Applazar*). The meeting closed at 8:45 PM.