

**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 Saturday, October 6, 2019, the SETA CFC met at the Area 67 Area Assembly, at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 4:40 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 31 members attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L circulated a copy of the September 18, 2019, meeting minutes. The group read the minutes on their own, and one typographical error was noted. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).** Diane M, CFC Treasurer was not present, so Tammy Z reported the following financial summary through September 30, 2019:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Blue Can Balance Carried forward	\$ 7,649.68
Blue Can donations for August, 2019	\$ 3,532.22
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 49,239.62
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
Conference Fund	\$1,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Book Purchases	\$ 7,825.60
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 47,439
<b>Blue Can balance available for book purchases</b>	<b>\$ 9,450.54</b>

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. Four volunteers introduced themselves.

**Chair Report (Coordinador Informe).** Roy E reported that we had our biennial TDCJ Training orientation the previous weekend on September 28. About 58 people attended. Over the past two months, we received about 115 letters, mostly correspondence with a few literature and pre-release requests. About 94 volunteers are available to correspond and Roy invited anyone else interested in correspondence to complete the volunteer form. He noted that the previous meeting agreed to allow up to two books per request, rather than the previous policy of one book only per request. Most of the pre-release letters have come from the GSO in New York. After more than a year vacant, Brenda B is now the national Corrections Desk person. Roy participated in the District 52 Lamplighters group, presenting about CFC activities and two people volunteered to do correspondence. He summarized the budget donations and book expenses. Two new meetings have started, one Thursday a month at the Ferguson Unit. Carol Vance is on Friday. He invited anyone available to volunteer there so there would be at least one volunteer present rather than the Chaplain staff only. Fort Bend County Jail now has a Friday morning meeting especially for veterans. Our SETA Trustee is at the Northeast Area Corrections Conference together with Roland R. NETA and SETA have been partnering to provide a meeting in Diboll TX. He ended with the general request for more volunteers to go into units and correspond.

**Co-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe).** Roland R was out of town at the Northeast Texas Corrections Conference.

**BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul).** Frank B. reported that he had Blue Cans available for anyone who may need one. He noted that he provided a can to a new group in Surfside TX.

**IT Report.** Joel G was not present so there was no formal IT report. Roy reported that he had submitted our Treasurer's Reports and minutes for the past months, but there is some delay getting our reports posted on the Website due to a big revision of the Website.

**Correspondence (Correspondencia)/ Pre-Release.** Vadim B was not present but Roy reported that there was a small number of letters due to short period since the previous meeting. However, we have been getting an average of 40-50 letters a month and we need more male volunteers for correspondence. Tammy Z read a letter to the group from a woman who expressed her appreciation for our providing a sponsor via the mail and her willingness to do the same for someone else. Paul K requested some of the Corrections announcement cards that Vadim had printed, and Roy said there were some as well as the correspondence registration forms at our CFC display table.

**National Corrections Conference (Informe de la Conferencia Nacional Annual).** Roy E reported that the National Corrections Conference would be November 1-3 at the Hilton hotel across from the Sheraton Intercontinental where we usually meet. We have met our room bloc requirement but there are plenty of rooms still available. There are about 195 registrants but he was hoping for more than 300. Portland OR, Area 27/Louisiana, and Georgia have indicated that they

will submit bids for the 2021 National Conference and they will be presenting on Saturday night of our Conference. He invited volunteers to help with various responsibilities like the Coffee Bar, AV set up, hospitality, etc. There is money available for plenty of scholarships as may be needed.

**Spanish Liaison (*Enlace español*).** Luis P reported that everything is going well with preparations for a hospitality room sponsored by the Spanish Districts. They have been meeting regularly and collected about \$600 already to cover costs. The following Wednesday would be their next meeting. Larry L asked about any follow-up to the discussion at the previous CFC meeting about supporting the Spanish InterGroup by purchasing our Spanish literature from them. Luis replied that there had been some discussion about this but it would be taken up at the next meeting when the prices would be clarified. There was discussion about comparative prices available between the English and Spanish InterGroups.

**GRAPEVINE (*La Viña*).** Jackson S was not present because he was attending the Grapevine Committee meeting. Larry L announced to the Committee that boxes of Grapevine and La Viña back issues were available after the meeting for people to take into units.

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

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Vadim B	Montgomery County Jail	\$ 342.40
Patty W	Darrington	\$ 651.00
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$ 215.00
Ron J	Cleveland	\$ 552.00
Randall D	Ferguson	\$ 791.00
Roy E	Pack	\$ 990.80
Harold B	Darrington	\$ 237.20
Jose E	Holiday	\$ 355.60
Sevey	Cleveland Spanish	\$ 292.12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,427.12</b>

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. Larry L noted that we have \$5,000 left and asked whether we can purchase more Grapevine and La Viña back issues. He suggested purchasing another \$1,000 of back issues. Roy E added that the Spanish groups had donated \$468 specifically for La Viña subscriptions, which he will give to Diane M. It was not clear whether they wanted individual subscriptions or back orders. Larry pointed out that for individual subscriptions we would need specific names, SPN numbers, and address of their unit. Until this would be clarified, the Committee decided to spend \$1,000 for English Grapevines and \$500 for Spanish La Viñas.

**OLD BUSINESS (*Viejo Negocio*).** Roy E reported that the National Corrections Conference Planning Meeting would take place right after this SETA CFC meeting ended. Frank B reported that Vadim had received a letter requesting a meeting at the Terrel. He has met with the Chaplain there and there will be a new Thursday night meeting there starting in November. He invited interested volunteers who were already approved by TDCJ to contact Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT) staff person at the Unit so they can put the volunteer(s) on the approved gate list. The unit is for inmates who are older or have medical problems. Roy reminded the group that Fort Bend County Jail was starting a new Friday morning meeting especially for veterans. The Pack Unit in Navasota is updating the list for their Sunday meetings even though they allow the inmates to have a meeting even without an AA volunteer from the outside.

**NEW BUSINESS (*Nuevo Negocio*).**

- Veronica G announced that she still needs volunteers or donations for the SETA Hospitality room at the National Corrections Conference.
- Harold B said that he still needs greeters for the Registration Table at the National Corrections Conference.

**Upcoming Events.**

- The Regional Forum will be the following weekend in October.
- The Annual SETA Conference will be January 24-26, 2020, in Galveston
- The next National Corrections Conference Planning Committee meeting will be immediately following this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT (*Aplazar*).** The meeting closed at 5:30 PM.