

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, November 20, 2019, the SETA CFC met at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:40 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Eighteen members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L circulated a copy of the October 6, 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.

Introductions and Updates. Roy E invited newcomers to introduce themselves and asked for any volunteer announcements or updates. Roy announced that he was now an approved volunteer at Harris County Jail. Paul K circulated some paper and asked members who attended the National Corrections Conference to write down any memorable aspects of the event, as he had been asked by District 40 to write a report about the event in their newsletter. Roy added that it might be a good idea to submit whether Paul was going to write to one of the national resources, like Box 459. Frank B announced that the next day would be the first meeting at the Terrell Unit (Ramsey3). He had already brought in about 80 books there so they're ready to get started. Also, the Brazoria County Jail meeting was going well after about 20 years of no meetings there. He invited anyone interested in joining him to please let him know.

Chair Report (Coordinador Informe). Roy E reported that he did not have a lot new to report, since most activity related to the National Corrections Conference November 1-3. The Corrections desk at the GSO still forward to him occasional letters from inmates wanting a meeting at their facility, but as often as not there is already a meeting at their facility. The Substance Abuse Counselor at Dayton requested some books, which he would look into. He repeated that there is a new meeting at the Terrell Unit in Rosharon and Carole Vance Unit in Sugarland/Richmond. He participated in a CFC workshop at the Wood Road Club in Brookshire. Several hotels have contacted him about possibly using them for our annual conference next year.

Co-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe). Roland R reported about a TDJC training orientation on September 28. He brought several copies of the registration forms that volunteers need to complete. Frank B asked whether there were any other trainings coming up. Roy said they tend to be the regular meetings at Jester and Crosswalk Center.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul). Frank B. reported that he had cans available for anyone who wanted one. He had been asked to tell his story in Alvin, which he did and also took a Blue Can with him. They don't normally have a Blue Can but he passed one around and collected about \$43.00. Dickinson Bayou Group started passing the Blue Can around also.

IT Report. Joel G was not present so there was no formal report.

Correspondence (Correspondencia)/ Pre-Release. Vadim B was not present but Roy read his report that he had received 40 letters, 10 for ongoing correspondence, 16 requested literature. He has 95 volunteers willing to correspond.

National Corrections Conference (Informe de la Conferencia Nacional Annual). Roy E reported that the National Corrections Conference was successful and he appreciated all the support he got from everyone in Area 67. There were 389 registrants, which was the largest registration so far. 328 people actually showed up from 51 areas across the US and Canada. There were 42 scholarships. There were 204 paid banquet reservations. The original room bloc was for 75 rooms, which we increased twice to 140 rooms or 280 room nights, with 317 actual room reservations. There speakers conveyed a strong message for taking meetings inside the walls. Meetings inside took place at six units, attended by more than 25 out-of-town participants, which was really appreciated by the inmates. The Planning Committee had not yet had a wrap up meeting, but the overall experience was successful. We returned initial seed money of \$4,000 plus an additional \$1,000, which helped cover some losses at the 2018 meeting, and we might be able to send an additional \$2,000 to the Advisory Committee, which will undoubtedly send some amount to GSO, although the amount may not be re-distributed back to corrections work. Roy said the past two years of work has really been a growth experience.

Spanish Liaison (Enlace español). Luis P thanked the group for the opportunity to help. There was a lot of Spanish volunteer involvement, and they got to spend a lot of time with the Spanish speaker from Tennessee. The Spanish volunteers collected and donated more money than had actually been budgeted for them, with about a \$300 surplus. They liked the Spanish speaker a lot, and generally are increasing their involvement with a steady increase in the Spanish meeting at Darrington – perhaps even more than attend the English meeting. Larry L encouraged Luis to encourage the Spanish inmates to write more letters in Spanish because Vadim has several Spanish speaking volunteers among the correspondence volunteers. There was some discussion about providing the volunteer forms and other materials in Spanish to encourage more Spanish volunteer. Roy E mentioned that several people prefer to text rather than email, and Diane M suggested that it would be a good idea to translate more of our volunteer forms into Spanish.

GRAPEVINE (La Viña). Jackson S was not present so there was no Grapevine report. Larry L announced that boxes of there was a box of Grapevine and a box of La Viña back issues available after the meeting for people to take into units. Manny S shared that he had spoken with the national Grapevine coordinator from GSO at the National Conference, and the Coordinator was very impressed by what we're doing.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Diane M, CFC Treasurer reported the following financial summary:

Description	Amount
Blue Can Balance Carried forward	\$ 7,649.68
Blue Can donations for October, 2019	\$ 9,337.99
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 58, 582.61
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
Conference Fund	\$1,000.00
General Fund remaining	\$1,195.06
Expenses	
Book Purchases for October, 2019	\$ 10,541.74
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 57,981.00
La Viña subscriptions	\$ 468.00
Blue Can balance available for book purchases	\$8,251.29

Since we have funds remaining in the General Fund, Diane suggested that we pay a lump sum of \$100 rent to District 66 in addition to just passing the basket each month. Tammy Z said that this was not what was originally intended for funds we receive from the Area and we actually have spent more than was originally budgeted. Diane noted that we have excess funds in the account so it was not inappropriate and would bring the available amount closer to what was budgeted. It was voted to provide \$100 to District 66 as proposed, but Roy indicated that we should revisit this for next year's budget. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe). Richard D reported the following book orders, summarized as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Paul K	Jester	\$ 454.20
Eric V	Hightower	\$ 552.00
Susan B	Galveston County Jail	\$ 826.00
Michael S	Jester 4	\$ 434.35
Roy E	Jester	\$ 509.20
Roy E	Holiday	\$ 522.80
Shirley M	Walls	\$ 268.40
Debby L	Harris County Jail	\$ 793.80
Frank B	Brazoria County Jail	\$ 858.80
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$ 401.65
Richard D	Wynn and Luther	\$ 596.40
Roland R	Darrington	\$ 213.00
Total		\$ 6,530.60

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

OLD BUSINESS (Viejo Negocio). Roy E reminded the group that the National Corrections Conference Planning Committee would have its wrap up meeting on the first Saturday of December. Next year we will have our regular SETA CFC Annual Conference, probably in September. We will need a conference chair. There is some discussion about having the conference in Huntsville or other location other than Houston. There is a Pack Unit Trustee Camp meeting in Navasota on Sundays at 10:30 AM. Paul K asked whether it would be possible to take a woman into a meeting at Jester, and it was suggested that he check with the Chaplain. There is a Spanish meeting at Cleveland.

NEW BUSINESS (Nuevo Negocio).

- Darrington Anniversary is coming up
- SETA Area Conference in Galveston in January. They may not want us to pass the Blue Can during the CFC Speaker meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to pass the Blue Can.
- SETA CFC has been requested to host the July 2020 Area Assembly. The amount of work necessary was unclear, so it was decided to table the discussion till someone from the Area can come to our December meeting. Manny S reminded the group that the International AA Meeting will be in Detroit just before the Area Assembly.
- Diane M informed the meeting that several of our Committee members will be doing the CFC Speaker, and the Spanish Speaker will be our own Luis P.
- Roy E said we have to update our committee job descriptions. This includes possibly removing a committee Chair who does not attend for three meetings in a row with no report. This was passed by the Committee.
- Roy E announced that there is a Federal re-entry center/half-way house in downtown Houston and they want us to start a meeting there. Terry ___ expressed interest.

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar). The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM with the Lord's Prayer.