

**OUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING  
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241**

*Meeting held via Zoom on August 19, 2020*

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, August 19, 2020, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:35 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Twelve members attended, including three first time visitors.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** The group read the July 15, 2020, meeting minutes on their own. With no corrections offered, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).** Diane M presented the monthly Treasurer's Report through August 15, 2020, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>	
Balance Carried forward as of August 15, 2020	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can donations	\$ 1,314.56
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 27,073.76
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
District 32	\$ 500.00
Member Donation	\$ 100.00
Conference Fund	\$ 1,000.00
General Fund	\$ 1,491.20
<b>Expenses</b>	
Book Purchases	\$1,030.00
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 16,769.56
Lodging	\$ 0.00
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 0.00
Printing	\$ 0.00
Room Rental	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00
<b>Ending Check Book Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,320.15</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 16,391.84</b>

Diane added that the total available for Book Purchases is probably about \$1,000 lower pending payments to InterGroup. Richard D added that InterGroup expense for the previous month was \$596.40 for one book order. A question was asked whether we have a prudent reserve, to which Diane replied that we technically do not need one because we receive support directly from SETA. There was also discussion about a decision last month that donations from District 32 and a member be added to the Non-AA Social Fund. Diane thought that discussion was tabled but the group reminder her that the Committee had actually voted on this. Her report was amended accordingly, so the \$905.12 balance shown above should read \$1,605.12. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES.** There were three visitors from the Champions Group. Vadim B said he had contacted a chaplain about taking some books in but she said no. Larry L asked for clarification that books can be taken in when chaplains request a box or more. Roy said that he was taking some books to several units. Larry added that some individual inmates may be requesting books by individual mail. Roy E asked whether any of the visitors were interested in taking a CFC position, and one said she is interested in Correspondence.

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roy E noted that we would need to nominate a new Chairperson to tell SETA. TDCJ is still not letting anyone in to run meetings, other than dropping off books at some units upon request from the Chaplains. He reported that a San Antonio member in Area 68 had organized an online meeting, covering the 12 steps and principles, one at each meeting. He is recording the meetings and will be sending recordings to all 212 TDCJ units. He invited Committee members to volunteer to participate and he would send them the Zoom link. The recordings would be audio only so no member anonymity would be compromised. Roy said he was pushing to include AA videos, like some churches do, but TDCJ had not yet approved videos. Several members indicated their interest to Roy. Tammy Z volunteered to do a speaker meeting.

The GSO Corrections Desk is looking for Spanish Correspondence, largely with inmates in California. He added that correspondence sent from GSO would always be with inmates in a different State. SETA has passed our budget for 2021. He wasn't sure how the following year budget would turn out because we have not been doing as many workshops and such activities as in previous years. Also, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many groups are not meeting in person and contributions are generally down. He has heard from the Double Tree Hotel regarding our 2021 Annual Conference, which may be moving back to September since the National Corrections Conference is usually at the end of October/beginning of November. Next month we will be electing area Chairs, so tonight we would be nominating our next CFC Chair to be elected by CFC committee

next month and then bring recommendation to Area for electing service committee chairs. Roy shared a couple of Committee job descriptions and would bring them again next month. This evening's nomination would be for the Area Assembly. Roy reminded the group that the BAMBI unit has a Zoom meeting.

Diane M asked about the Area Assembly. Roy said it had gone well but the next one would be virtual and they were planning to use a new electronic voting system rather than using Zoom for voting.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland R reported that we can get recertified online this year even if we did so online last year. Paul K asked whether new volunteers could be approved online but no one knew the answer.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Frank B. was not present so there was no formal Blue Can report. Roy E said he had some Blue Cans available if anyone wanted one, and Frank has plenty.

**IT REPORT.** Joel G was not present, so there was no formal IT Chair report. Roy E said that he had changed the meeting location from District 66 to InterGroup. He added that Joel G was also IT Coordinator for the National Meeting. There will be a new Website and software for CFC Bridging the Gap to use

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Vadim B reported on the following correspondence:

	Literature	Correspondence	Pre-Release	Other – NA	Total
Female	2	3		1	6
Male	2	1		1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>

Volunteers: Female English = 57; Female Spanish = 1; Male English = 50; Male Spanish = 1; Total = 109

Vadim added that he had sent an email blast inviting anyone who would be interest to be Correspondence Chair. Larry L suggested that we ask the Chaplains we know to encourage inmates to correspond. Roy reminded everyone about GSO's request for Spanish correspondents.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.** Tammy Z had previously reported the 2020 Conference was cancelled. Richard D asked for a general vote for moving the conference back to the weekend of September 17-19. The group agreed so that Roy E can inform the hotel. Richard asked Tammy to transfer any conference related information she had already prepared.

**GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA.** Jackson S was not present so there was no formal Grapevine report. Larry L told the group that he still had a box of Grapevines and would bring them to the next meeting. Roy reported that he had taken Grapevines to Rocco M for the Federal unit in Beaumont.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Luis P was not present so there was no Spanish Liaison report.

**LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME).** Richard D reported the following orders:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Connie H	Plane State, Henley, Hightower	\$ 949.20
Roy E	Styles	\$ 596.40
Rito B	All	\$ 200.00
Roy E	Holiday	\$ 489.00
Vadim B	Montgomery County Jail	\$ 336.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,622.20</b>

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

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).** Roy E reminded the group that Luis P said we are trying to schedule a Spanish workshop for November.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).** Roy E reported that the Old Town Spring Group is planning for a workshop in District 31, perhaps in late October. He reminded the group that we have to nominate individuals to Chair CFC. Roland R and Tony W were nominated. Both reviewed their background working with corrections and interest in the position. They stepped out of the room for the vote and the Committee chose Roland R to serve as Chair and Tony B as Co-Chair. Roy reminded the group that there will be upcoming meetings that will be virtual and recorded to send into TDCJ. He also reminded that the Area Assembly would be coming in October. The SETA Annual Convention will be in January 2020 in Spring. The meeting will be live and there will be a CFC Speaker, Dan K, from Bryan. Additional positions will be nominated in October and voted on in November.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.