

**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, June 17, 2020, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 16 members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L distributed a copy of the May 20, 2020, meeting minutes, which everyone read on their own. With no corrections offered, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Diane M presented the Treasurer Report through June 10, 2020, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Balance Carried forward as of June 10, 2020	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can donations	\$ 417.34
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 23,379.43
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
District 32 Donation YTD	\$ 500.00
Conference Fund	\$ 1,000.00
General Fund	\$ 1,848.19
Expenses	
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 14,127.36
Lodging YTD	\$ 575.50
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 4.50
Printing	\$ 0.00
Room Rental	\$ 0.00
Supplies YTD	\$ 106.31
Ending Check Book Balance	\$ 19,692.97
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 15,339.71

Diane reported that a few donation checks were still coming into the Post Office Box that were not reported here but would be included in next month's report. In response to a question from Luis P, Diane observed that the Committee has plenty of funds available for book purchases but since we cannot go into units, we might want to encourage our meetings to consider using their meeting collections for AA expenditures other than the Blue Can, i.e., other than providing AA literature to inmates. Roy E mentioned not a good idea because we are still sending books into the units and the Blue can Funds we are receiving has decreased and that sooner or later we will be bringing books in. Treasurer Report was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report. Diane noted that occasionally we receive donations for general Committee use but not designate specifically for the Blue Can, i.e., not specifically for AA literature to inmates. Paul K moved that such funds be put in the Conference fund. The motion was seconded, but Tammy Z noted that the Committee already receives \$1,000 annually from SETA specifically for the Conference. It was then suggested to put such donations in the Non-AA Social Fund. Diane said she would rename that account as Non-AA Social Fund and Miscellaneous Expenses. It was decided to leave the name as is, and Paul K agreed to revise his motion to direct such donations to the Non-AA Social fund. The motion was voted on and passed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES. Marc C, from West Spring Group, introduced himself as a newcomer.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roy E observed that this was another month with no prison or jail meetings. Several people had contacted him about becoming approved volunteers but TDCJ is not doing any formal training orientations. He had taken some Big Books to the Holiday Unit. Duncan and Diboll units had requested some books, and Diboll would like to get a formal meeting going. TDCJ Volunteer Services told him that they did not think the unit lockdown would go on for more than two more months, although they said there were no guarantees. Roy heard from Rocco M in Beaumont that the federal prison there had not had any COVID-19 cases, so they may let meetings start again. Roy said that TDCJ announced that anyone who needed orientation training may do so online, even if they normally would need to have an in-person orientation. Information about TDCJ online training can be found at the TDCJ Volunteer Services Web-page. TDCJ added that they think we may be able to do a formal training in October, perhaps as part of our annual conference. We'll have more decisions about the Annual Conference in a month or so.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R was not present so there was no Co-Chair report.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Frank B. was not present so there was no formal Blue Can report. However, Roy E said he had brought some Blue Cans in case anyone wanted one.

IT REPORT. Joel G was not present, so there was no formal IT Chair report. Roy said Joel was doing some IT tasks for the National CFC Committee but he had no information regarding our SETA CFC. Roy added that he had sent in all our meeting minutes to date but he did not know whether the minutes had all been posted online yet.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Vadim B was not present so there was no formal Correspondence Report. Roy said he knew of one letter from InterGroup.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT. Tammy Z reported that the Annual CFC Conference is now scheduled for October 23-25, 2020, at the Doubletree Hotel at Intercontinental Airport. There are 3 confirmed Conference speakers. The next Planning Committee meeting will be Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be in person at the West Baytown Club and also accessible online. She will email the location and log-in information. The big question for the Planning Committee is whether we will in fact have a conference. Options include: (1) In-person Conference; (2) cancel the in-person conference and have a shorter online conference, perhaps on Saturday, October 24, only; or (3) cancel the 2020 conference all together and have the next Annual Conference in 2021. Distributing a flyer and developing a budget will be based on the Planning Committee's decision. All Committee positions are currently filled, but others are more than welcome to participate on the Planning Committee, so please let her know if interested.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Luis P reported that the Spanish districts had not done very much related to CFC since the previous SETA CFC meeting but he will attend the next Conference Planning Committee. He said District 66 is back in the same building they were meeting in.

GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA. Jackson S was not present so there was no formal Grapevine report. Roy said that if members are able to take books into their units, we can also provide Grapevine back issues. Larry L reported that, per decision of the Committee in May, he had ordered \$1,000 worth of Grapevine back issues. However, they were apparently out of one month of requested magazines, which delayed filling and shipping the order. So he had not received order yet but Grapevine told him they should come within the next month. Paul K asked whether Larry had also ordered Spanish language La Viñas, but Larry reminded the group that the Committee decided in May to order only English Grapevines because the demand for Spanish language was smaller than for English.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Diboll	\$ 894.60
Rocco M	Federal Prison in Beaumont	\$ 396.00
Paul K	Jesper 3	\$ 298.20
Total		\$ 1,588.80

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

Paul K asked what Larry had learned about distributing books to Harris County Jail (HCJ) inmates. Larry said he had emailed the HCJ Chaplains about delivering a box or two of books that they could provide to inmates upon request. However, they replied that they are not going into the secure cell areas themselves, so it would not help to deliver a box of books. A few days later, at Vadim B's suggestion, he emailed the Chaplains again, this time asking whether we could use US Postal mail to deliver books to individual inmates based on correspondence requests. The Chaplains said this would be fine and also notified the HCH mailroom to be aware of possible mailings to inmates directly from InterGroup.

A first-time attendee [LL: Could not tell who from the recording.] asked how she might take books to the unit she visits in Cleveland. Roy E suggested she check with Ron [?] who goes to that unit. There was some discussion about how many Spanish speaking inmates may actually want Spanish language literature. Larry L informed the group that he had a box of pocket size Big Books that he had ordered in May. Since he cannot take them into Harris County Jail, he had brought them in case anyone wanted them. One volunteer took them.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). Roy E reported that he had taken books to the Holiday Unit. He suggested we ask the contacts at our units whether we can bring in AA videos. He said a number of churches are doing that.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). Roy E asked Luis P whether we might do the Spanish workshop that had been cancelled. He noted that there are no scheduled upcoming meetings. Normally Area Assembly would be in July, but it has been moved possibly to August. So we will meet at InterGroup in July, and possibly at Area Assembly in August, if they convene in person. The SETA Annual Convention is scheduled for January 2021 at the Houston CityPlace Marriott Hotel in Spring TX.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Lord's Prayer.