

**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, November 18, 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. Twelve members attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** The group read the October 21, 2020, meeting minutes 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 monthly Treasurer's Report through November 15, 2020, summarized as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>	
Balance Carried forward from 2019	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can Contributions	\$ 1,573.05
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 35,075.33
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 1,505.12
Conference Fund	\$ 750.00
General Fund	\$ 999.30
<b>Expenses</b>	
Book Purchases	\$ 1,114.17
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 21,199.09
Conference Fund	\$ 0.00
Literature	\$ 0.00
Lodging	\$ 0.00
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage (for InterGroup mailouts)	\$ 0.00
Printing	\$ 0.00
Room Rental (Zoom)	\$ 50.00
Supplies	\$ 72.60
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,713.88</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 19,963.88</b>

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

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roy E asked whether anyone had anything to report from their various locations. Vadim B reported that the Montgomery County Jail was not allowing any volunteers to come in but the Chaplain had requested a box of books. Jeanette W reported that the Liberty County Jail had requested that meetings start again after the COVID-19 lockdown was over. Roy reported that TDCJ now allows first-time volunteers to be trained online, i.e., not only already-approved volunteers to get renewed training. He added that being approved will be necessary if the MTC private facilities decide to allow conference call or Zoom meetings for inmates. He said the Cleveland unit will start a conference call meeting the following Thursday, women at 11:00 AM and men at 2:00 PM, and he asked anyone to let him know if they are interested in participating in that meeting. He said there will also be a women's meeting near Austin. He said the Estelle, Holiday, and Luther Units plan to start meetings again and requested books, for which he will complete the proper forms and drop both English and Spanish books off at the gate. Volunteers will not be allowed in but the Units will allow inmate-led meetings, but only one per dorm – there will not be attendance from more than one dorm at a time. There will be a CFC Workshop the following Sunday, November 22, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Area 65 in Pasadena. At TDCJ, Lisa Langley was our Program Director and is moving up to head Volunteer Services, taking Renee Jinojosa's position. Ashara \_\_\_ will be our new Program Director. There was some discussion about how refreshments for our holiday party had once mistakenly been paid for from the Non-AA Social Fund, and Roy E commented that he was given to understand the Non-AA Social Fund money was to be used during the "conference season". There was also discussion about whether those funds can be used to support the upcoming Spanish workshop and it was moved, seconded, and passed to spend \$50.00 to support that workshop.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland R reported that there was good turnout for the CFC Workshop in Spring on November 7, 2020. We have revised the Workshop PowerPoint presentation. Larry L suggested that the revised PowerPoint presentation be uploaded to the SETA CFC Website to replace the current presentation. Roy E said that some of this would be addressed with revision of the national CFC guidelines/workbook. Roland and Roy mentioned that the revised guidelines would be discussed and approved at the national AA general conference.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Frank B reported that he had Blue Cans available for anyone who wanted one, and he has a whole box of blue cans ordered back in February before the pandemic closed things down. He said he would transfer them to whoever would be the new Blue Can person on the committee. Terry P said the Champions Group Chairperson had told him they would not pass the Blue Can any more but would designate a percentage of their general basket collection for CFC but would not do so for several months. Diane M, the CFC Treasurer, noted that we really do not need a lot of money donated right now since we cannot go into prisons. Roy E noted that monthly donations are in fact down to about \$1,500 compared with about \$3,000 before the pandemic.

**IT REPORT.** Joel G was not present, so there was no formal IT Chair report. Roy E said he had uploaded the past several months of CFC reports to the SETA Website and would also upload this month's reports. He said that Behiyyah W, who is nominate for the IT position, will probably do some tweaking of our Webpage.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Vadim B reported that we received the following:

- 8 letters from women + 15 from men = 23 letters total
  - 6 letters were for ongoing correspondence; 1 letter in Spanish
  - Literature: 5 Big Books, 2 Spanish Big Books; 2 12&12s; 1 As Bill Sees It
- Volunteers: Female English = 57; Spanish = 1; Male English = 44; Spanish = 5; Total = 107

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.** Richard D reported that there was no change since last month. The conference will be September 17-19, 2021, at the Double Tree Hotel at Intercontinental Airport.

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

**GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA.** Jackson S was not present so there was no formal Grapevine report. Larry L noted that there was a box of Grapevine back issues in the back of the room and invited everyone to take what they needed. Roy E said he would take some to the units where he takes boxes of books.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Holiday	\$ 1,304.00
Jeanette W	Cleveland	\$ 814.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,118.00</b>

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

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).** Roy E listed the CFC Committee positions and individuals who had been nominated at the October meeting. The following individuals were elected:

Position	Nominee
Chair	Roland R
Alternate Chair	Tony W
Secretary	Larry L
Treasurer	Roy E
Correspondence and Pre-Release	Tom W
Literature	Manny S
Conference Chair	Richard D
Grapevine / La Viña	Terry P
Blue Can	Jeanette W
Spanish Liaison	Yolanda L
IT Liaison	Bahiyyah W

Larry L said he would send the contact information for all the elected volunteers to all the elected volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).** Roy E announced:

- Roy E reported we were submitting to TDCJ a 12-Step study-guide that interested inmates and AA volunteers can use as an AA "Correspondence Program". Vadim B asked for clarification about how such a program would work. Roy replied that the Correspondence Chair (Vadim or Tom W) would be able to send a copy of the new study guide to correspondence volunteers and they would be able to decide whether they want to use the study guide in their correspondence with inmates or stay with regular unstructured correspondence as they normally do.
- District 65 in Pasadena will host a Spanish CFC Workshop on November 22, 2020.
- The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual SETA Convention (January 2021) will be canceled.
- The next SETA CFC meeting will be December 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM with the Responsibility Statement.