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

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On Wednesday, October 21, 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. Nineteen members attended.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u>. The group read the September 16, 2020, meeting minutes on their own. With no corrections offered, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero)</u>. Diane M presented the monthly Treasurer's Report through October 19, 2020, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Balance Carried forward from 2019	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can Contributions	\$ 3,298.84
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 33,502.28
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 600.00
Conference Fund	\$ 750.00
General Fund	\$ 1,986.00
Expenses	
Book Purchases	\$ 2,456.11
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 20,084.92
Conference Fund	\$ 250.00
Literature	\$ 200.00
Lodging	\$ 0.00
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage (for InterGroup mailouts)	\$ 72.20
Printing	\$ 0.00
Room Rental	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 20.24
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 22,770.84
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 19,505.00

There was discussion about the 2021 Conference expenditure for a deposit to the hotel, and also about the literature expenditure. Roy E explained that the National CFC Committee is editing and updating the CFC workbook and Correction Kit and he had purchased several for the Committee to review. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Northeast Texas and Southeast Texas did a COVID-19 Training provided by MTC facilities where we have done meetings and would like to get meetings started again. However, there was a COVID spike soon after that so going back inside remains on hold. TDCJ will probably allow only about 22 men out of one dorm at a time for a meeting; there will be no mixing of dorms. Some chaplains have told Roy that they have been having 5-10 church gatherings a day for different dorms. So if and when TDCJ lets us back in, we may need more volunteers to do more meetings for different dorms rather than larger meetings. There also is an initiative to start new correspondence programs and recovery dorms. Roy said he had not seen addition correspondence to us, so we need to notify TDCJ that we have a correspondence program of our own for TDCJ to promote. Lisa Langley has moved up to take Renee Jinojosa's position as Director of Volunteer Services. A lady names Ashara has taken Lisa Langley's position and Roy is discussing how we might become involved with the correspondence and recovery dorm programs, as well as a Peer Support program they'd like to start. Roy said he would circulate a paper for volunteers to indicate whether they are interested in the Peer Support program. Manny S said that Peer Support certification requires training and expense up to \$700 or \$800, in addition to a background check. Roy said this gets into substance abuse areas other than alcohol, and Manny added that, if TDCJ is willing to pay for the training, it may be a good opportunity for those interested in working in half-way houses, the VA, and such. Larry L suggested that it may be a good idea to send out a separate announcement about the correspondence and recovery dorm programs to AA volunteers who were going into units before the shut down. Roy asked Larry to draft such a letter/announcement for our volunteers. Paul K said that if we get approved for such programming, then we could perhaps offer the necessary training here at InterGroup. Manny S said that if TDCJ tracks our volunteer meeting hours, that could go for the volunteer service requirement for Peer Support certification. Larry L said that after this is clarified, he would like to contact the county jails to see about their interest. Roy said that we may have to re-contact all the units we used to go to in order to start up again after the COVID lockdown is over.

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

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Frank B was not present so there was no Blue Can report, but Roy E said Frank has plenty of Blue Cans in case anyone wants one.

<u>IT REPORT</u>. Joel G was not present, so there was no formal IT Chair report. Roy E said SETA is changing their Website but he will upload our minutes and treasurer's reports there.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> (<u>CORRESPONDENCIA</u>) / <u>PRE-RELEASE</u>. Vadim B was not present so there was no formal Correspondence Report. Tom W said he was attending for Vadim but did not have anything specific to report. He had picked up several letters from the Post Office, including 4 from women and 6 from men, from various TDCJ units and county jails. Larry L noted that there were several from Harris County Jail, which surprised him since we had not taken any meetings there since before the lock-down, so he wondered how the inmates were getting our address.

<u>ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.</u> Richard D reported that he had given the hotel the \$250 deposit check. The conference will be September 17-19, 2021, at the Double Tree Hotel at Intercontinental Airport.

**SPANISH LIAISON** (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Luis P reported that the only new item is the upcoming CFC Spanish Workshop that will take place November 22, 2020, at District 65 in Pasadena. The Spanish CFC has is continuing to meet on the second Thursday of the month. He said that a number of Spanish speaking volunteers would like to get trained, but Roy said the only option now is that already-approved volunteers can renew their training online but there are no currently scheduled training for people who want to be approved for the first time. They will have excellent speakers at the Workshop, so it will be a problem if new volunteers cannot receive training.

GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA. Jackson S was not present so there was no formal Grapevine report.

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

Volunteer	Unit	A	mount
Paul K	Beeville	\$	171.00
Total		\$	171.00

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

<u>OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).</u> Roy E listed the CFC Committee positions and invited those present to stand or make nominations for the positions, and we would vote on them at the November 2020 meeting. He said that SETA voted to accept Roland R as CFC Chair for 2021-2022. Positions and those who volunteered or were nominated include the following:

Position	Nominee
Alternate Chair	Tony W
Secretary	Larry L
Treasurer	Roy E
Correspondence and Pre-Release	Kim B
	Tom W
Literature	Manny S
Conference Chair	Richard D
Grapevine / La Viña	(No one nominated)
Blue Can	Terry P
Spanish Liaison	Yolanda L
IT Liaison	Bahiyyah W

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

- The Northeast Texas Area of AA (NETA) will have its 2020 Corrections Conference via Zoom on October 24, 2020, from 10:00 AM 3:30 PM (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 6156 5567; Passcode: 919770)
- 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.

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