

**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, February 19, 2020 15, the SETA CFC met at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 29 members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L circulated a copy of the January 15, 2020, meeting minutes. The group read the minutes on their own. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

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

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Balance Carried forward	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can donations for January 2020	\$ 10,188.66
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 10,188.66
SETA Conference, State Conference, Spanish Districts	\$1,060.34
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
General Fund Balance	\$2,549.95
Conference Fund	\$1,000.00
Annual budget check from SETA	\$1,986.00
Ending Check Book Balance	\$14,750.98
Expenses	
Book Purchases for January, 2020	\$ 6,168.19
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 6,168.19
Lodging	\$296.70
Printing	\$5.50
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$10,108.11

There was discussion about the SETA Budget including \$553.94 being subtracted from the original \$2,539.95 because we came into the year with the \$553.94 balance from 2019. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Introductions and Updates. Roy E invited newcomers to introduce themselves and asked for any volunteer announcements or updates. Two individuals were present from the La Branch Group, including Brittany B who was elected their CFC Representative. Mark C from West Spring Group. Randy B from Humble Group. Jessica L from District 52. Frank B reported that there is a new meeting at the Terrell Unit in Rosharon. He is planning to reach out to the Ramsey and Stringfellow units as well. There will be an orientation at the Wayne Scott Unit on February 29 at 10 AM; and another on March 14 there at the Clemons unit in Brazoria. He reminded the group that everyone has to renew their orientation every two years. Ron J said there would be an orientation in Cleveland on the following Saturday, February 22. Larry L reported that there is now a new meeting at Harris County Jail. Roy added that Harris County Jail was also planning to institute a Special Visitor program, similar to TDCJ, so individuals might volunteer for one or two visits to see what the experience is like before becoming official volunteers. Richard D reported that Lisa Langley, Director of TDCJ volunteer services, is checking to see whose approval period will be coming to an end and needs renewal. Roy noted also that a couple of volunteers had their approval lapse. Apparently there is some confusion because there is more than one list of approved volunteers at different units. Paul K reported that Jester 1 had lost a long-time volunteer who had called an inmate's father with a message from the inmate. When the unit found out about this breach of rules, the volunteer lost his approval after many years. Also, Jester 1 will be sold and will no longer be available for meetings.

Chair Report (Coordinador Informe). Roy E reported that there was not a lot new from the GSO in New York. They are talking about improving the Pre-Release program for identifying volunteers to help just-released inmates find a home group meeting on the outside. A lot of states and regions have their own such programs but there is no real national data base. Lisa Langley, the TDCJ Volunteer Services Director, encourages everyone to sign in properly at units we visit so TDCJ can keep track of who is going where.

Co-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe). Roland R announced that he had brought several copies of all the upcoming TDCJ trainings. He reminded the group about the Third Tradition Group CFC Workshop on April 25, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul). Frank B. reported that he was down to about 20 cans and we need to order another box of cans. He added that we passed the Blue Can at the State Convention in January and we collected about \$1,300.

IT Report. We still do not have an IT Chair, but Roy E reported that he has updated the Webpage. He noted that the Webpage still lists the Delta Club as our meeting location, so he will change that to District 66, including the map with directions. He will also add the updated list of training orientation locations and times; and post the job descriptions and 2019 4th-quarter report.

Correspondence (Correspondencia) Pre-Release. Vadim B thanked Andrew ___ for providing a contact at NA to whom he can refer inmates who request NA correspondence contacts. He also reported that Roy had provided him with a SWTA contact for inmates from the Southwest Area of AA. For February, we received 32 letters: From women there were 16 requests for correspondence and 6 for literature. From men there were 16 request for correspondence and 5 for literature. There were 11 letters for ongoing correspondence with volunteers. We distributed 5 Big Books, 7 Daily Reflections, and 3 12&12's. All together we have 104 correspondence volunteers, including 41 males for English, 5 males for Spanish, 56 women for English, and 1 woman for Spanish. He explained the blue card correspondence cards for new comers to take some back to their meetings. He added that his term as Correspondence Chair will be coming to an end after this year and invited anyone interested to speak with him.

Annual Conference Report. Roy E reported that he had spoken with several hotels for estimates for the 2020 conference. His personal preference is Beaumont. Rocco M has a potential contract for October 24, a bit later than our usual September date.

Spanish Liaison (Enlace español). Luis P discussed the upcoming Spanish Workshop on March 29. He noted that March 29 will be the Pack Unit Anniversary and so would not be a good date for the Spanish Workshop. It was decided to move the Spanish Workshop date to March 22. Luis also asked about responsibility for the Spanish District during the June Area Assembly, but Roy commented that SETA had found districts to host the event so our Committee will not have that responsibility. Roy added that there is new interest in a Spanish meeting at Harris County Jail. Larry L noted that anyone interested in taking meeting into Harris County Jail should speak with Natasha Young, one of the Chaplains. Roy reminded the group that it may be possible to come in once or twice as a Special Volunteer.

GRAPEVINE (La Viña). Jackson S was not present so there was no Grapevine report. However, Roy E reminded everyone that soon would be the deadline to submit articles for the annual Prison issue. Paul K suggested that we can collect old Grapevines from our meetings for us to take into the units.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Estelle	\$ 596.40
Eric V	Hightower	\$ 694.00
Paul K	Jester	\$ 646.60
Louis P	Keegan	\$ 474.60
Ron J	Cleveland County Jail	\$ 85.10
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$ 1,346.40
Roland R	Darrington	\$ 352.80
Manny S	Jester 3	\$ 275.50
Total		\$ 4,521.50

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

OLD BUSINESS (Viejo Negocio). CFC Annual Conference. There was discussion about who would be the Conference Chair. Tammy Z commented that she was willing if Rocco M in Beaumont was not interested. Roy E said that Rocco had said the same about Tammy. There was also discussion about having the meeting outside of Houston would result in fewer participants. Tammy added a concern about convening the committee regularly in Beaumont. Roy said we would use Zoom for remote meetings. Tammy she would speak with Rocco and they would decide which of them would be Chair and Co-Chair, understanding that the Co-Chair would Chair in 2021. Tammy requested anyone who is interested to be on the Conference Planning Committee to let her know.

NEW BUSINESS (Nuevo Negocio). Roy reported that he had distributed job descriptions with general addition that whoever has a committee position and missed three meetings in a row without submitting a report would be removed from the position. There was general discussion. Tammy suggested changing the wording to "may be removed" to take possible justifiable reasons into consideration. This wording was accepted. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to formally remove the IT Chair so that a replacement can be sought. Roy said he would investigate finding a volunteer for the IT Chair position.

Roy reported that the SETA Budget meeting was coming up. The question came up about paying rent to District 66 for the Committee's monthly meetings. There was discussion about whether to include rent to District 66 as part of the budget or to pass the basket at each meeting instead. It was decided to include \$25 a month for rent in the Budget for 2021 and we will continue to pass the basket for rent to District 66 for the remainder of 2020.

February 21-23 will be the Southwest Texas Area CFC Annual Conference in Corpus Christi. The District 65 Spanish Workshop will be March 22. The Pack Unit anniversary will be March 29. The District 81 training orientation will be May 16.

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar). The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM with the Responsibility Statement.