

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, January 22, 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. Nineteen members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L circulated a copy of the December 18, 2019, meeting minutes. The group read the minutes on their own. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Introductions and Updates. Roy E invited newcomers to introduce themselves and asked for any volunteer announcements or updates. Tony W introduced himself. Frank B reminded the group that he had started a new meeting in the Terrell Unit in November, 2019. He reported that an AA'er recently contacted him unexpectedly and volunteered to join him for that meeting. Roy E and Harold B also got approved to go in there. Gary B asked whether we had any meetings at the Polonsky Unit because someone had asked him. Roy commented that we already have a meeting there, and there was discussion about inmates not knowing when there is already a meeting at their unit; that internal announcement of our meetings varies from unit to unit. Frank B added that District 82 has a small CFC Committee that will meet the coming Sunday at 10 AM in Surfside Beach. He invited anyone interested to attend. Roland R announced that Jester 3 wanted to start a meeting for veterans. One of the volunteers is a veteran but they said that the outside AAers do not need to be veterans to run the meeting.

Chair Report (Coordinador Informe). Roy E thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as Chair and remarked that it would be appropriate for Roland R, the Alternate Chair, to perhaps chair a meeting soon since the tradition was for the Alternate Chair to move up to the Chair's position for the next rotation term, next year. The Darrington anniversary was the previous Sunday. There was a good turn out and Troy E, our Area Delegate, told his story and gave a general conference report. The Ellis Unit is restarting a meeting and we are working on increasing the number of volunteers. Pack Unit anniversary will be in March though we do not yet have an exact date. There were no correspondence or pre-release requests from GSO in New York. On February 16, he will go to District 31 to make a CFC presentation. Southwest Texas Area CFC will have their Conference on February 21 in Corpus Christi.

Co-CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe). Roland R reminded the group that we will have our own SETA CFC Annual Conference later this year, probably in September and possibly in Beaumont. There will be a TDCJ training on Saturday, February 27.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul). Frank B. reported that we will pass Blue Cans around during the CFC speaker's presentation at the upcoming SETA Annual Conference in Galveston.

IT Report. Joel G was not present so there was no formal report. Roy E commented that he is looking for another person to serve as IT Chair since Joel had not been able to make any meetings for several months. He invited anyone interested to step up for the position, which generally requires only posting our reports on the SETA Website.

Correspondence (Correspondencia)/ Pre-Release. Vadim B reported that we received a total of 27 letters: 9 from men, 6 requesting correspondence and 3 for literature. There were 18 letters from women, 15 for correspondence and 3 literature. Of the total, 13 were for ongoing correspondence. Someone commented that the good numbers were largely due to the advertising cards that Vadim had printed for distribution. Vadim continued that we sent 9 pieces of literature. We now have 55 female volunteers for English and 1 for Spanish. There are 39 male volunteers in English, and 5 for Spanish. So the total number of volunteers is now 100.

Annual Conference Report. Roy E reported that we are still trying to find a Chair for the Conference. Roy said he and other volunteers had contacted several hotels about possible venues. He added that for many years, we have discussed locating the annual conference outside of Houston. Suggestions included Beaumont, Oyster Creek, Lake Jackson, and Huntsville. The final decision would be up to whoever will serve as Conference Chair.

Spanish Liaison (Enlace español). Luis P thanked the group for their help, both personally and in his role as Spanish Liaison. He reported that the Darrington Anniversary had gone very well. The Spanish Districts' CFC met last week and would like a list of all the upcoming TCDJ orientation trainings. Also, they would like another CFC Workshop, perhaps in March or April. He added that it would be good to have a PowerPoint presentation to use. Larry L replied that the Committee had translated our English PowerPoint presentation into Spanish several years ago. Gary B added that the full list of TDCJ trainings is available on the TDCJ Volunteer Services Website.

GRAPEVINE (La Viña). Jackson S said that, due to his work schedule, he would have some trouble picking up our speaker on Friday for the Annual Conference on Saturday in Galveston. Several members offered to help picking him up and then Jackson could meet with him later. Roy E added that there were Grapevine and La Viña back issues available if anyone wanted any to take into meetings.

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

Description	Amount
Blue Can Balance Carried forward	\$ 7,649.68
Blue Can donations for December, 2019	\$ 3,037.74
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 66,176.31
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 905.12
Conference Fund	\$1,000.00
General Fund remaining	\$ 2,651.00
Expenses	
Book Purchases for December, 2019	\$ 3,070.30
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 67,738.35
Blue Can balance available for book purchases	\$4,811.34

There was some discussion about the expenses listed. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report. Frank B said that a volunteer had suggested sending thank-you notes to all the groups that donate to the Blue Can. There was general agreement to do so but not clear how to get the exact address for each group other than checking with InterGroup.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Mike W	Harris County Jail	\$ 454.20
Lucky Z	Plane State	\$ 820.50
Gary B	Jester	\$ 892.40
Roy E	Estelle	\$ 856.80
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$ 440.00
Ron J	Cleveland County Jail	\$ 96.40
Vadim B	Montgomery County Jail	\$ 156.00
Kimberly L	Plane State	\$ 603.80
Roland R	Darrington	\$ 163.50
Total		\$ 4,495.40

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

OLD BUSINESS (Viejo Negocio). Roy E reminded the group that at the previous monthly meeting, we had discussed hosting the July Area Assembly. He added that we also need a Chair for the SETA CFC Conference. Pack Unit anniversary will be in March 29. We will also pass the can during the CFC speaker presentation at the SETA Annual Conference in Galveston on January 25. Several members said they would be available to stand at the CFC Display Table. Roy reminded the group that we will add to the Committee job descriptions that individuals will be removed from a position if they miss 3 committee meetings in a row.

NEW BUSINESS (Nuevo Negocio). Several dates were discussed for the upcoming Spanish Workshop. Luis P said the main concern was not to interfere with other Area or District events. It was decided to offer the workshop will at District 65 on March 29 but the group decided to table the final decision till the February committee meeting. Luis said the Spanish Districts were thinking about different times for the workshop, perhaps 10 AM – 12 Noon or 11 AM – 1 PM. He would take the question back to the districts to decide. There was also discussion about doing the next TDCJ training on the same day and place as the Spanish workshop, however there was concern about whether the location is big enough for 60+ people to be trained. Other locations and dates for the spring training were also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar). The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.