

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
April 21, 2021 Minutes - Approved May 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, April 21, 2021, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D, at 7:30 PM. Seventeen members attended. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose and Activities.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, CFC Secretary, circulated the March 24, 2021, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E, CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report through April 21, 2021, summarized as follows.

Description		Amount
Income/Available Funds		
Overall balance as of 4/21/2021	\$	19,709.76
Blue Can balance	\$	16,954.99
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	3,231.64
Blue Can donations YTD	\$	5,788.89
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	600.00
Conference Fund (\$750 already expended)	\$	250.00
General Fund	\$	379.33
Expenses		
Book Purchases	\$	826.13
Book Purchases YTD	\$	8,856.54
Literature	\$	
Lodging	\$	
PO Box	\$	80.00
Postage	\$	44.10
Printing	\$	150.93
Room Rental	\$	150.00
Supplies	\$	25.98
Ending Bank Balance	\$	21,985.94
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	19,360.50

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R asked visitors to introduce themselves. We had two visitors, from Humble and from West Spring. One of them asked where her group should send contributions and Roy E told her to use the address on the Blue Can. Roland continued with his report, as follows:

- The Area Assembly met via Zoom on April 10-11, 2021, with 89 in attendance.
 - The Area treasury balance is \$81,187.97.
 - Discussion about outside agencies assist with Website. An ad hoc committee will investigate cost and need.
 - The PSA committee discussed putting up bill boards, 2 in English and 2 in Spanish. They will bring a proposal to the July Assembly.
 - There was round-table discussion about whether Clubs can donate to GSO.
 - Someone wrote in a suggestion to change the wording from "men and women" to "people" in the Grapevine and La Viña preamble, and "fellowship" to "committee".
 - Google wants to donate \$10,000 a month for AA advertisements. This is being discussed at the national level.
 - Mental health wants to make a pamphlet.
 - Online groups want to be recognized by GSO.
 - The Area delegates gave their report.
 - District 70 wanted SETA CFC to do a presentation and Roland did so on April 14.
- In new business, we will discuss doing a Workshop at InterGroup and providing a speaker for the SETA Convention.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W was not present so there was no formal Co-Chair report, however Roland R reported we could not get an inmate speaker for the conference but we will have an ex-inmate speaker.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Jeanette W was not able to attend, and Larry L said he thought this may still be due to her recuperating from her knee surgery, but he had not heard from her and could not say for sure. Roy E said that InterGroup needs some cans. Frank B, the previous Blue Can Chair, had given her some cans but he passed away so no one knew how many cans we have available. Roland R said he would call Jeanette to follow up

IT REPORT Bahija W reported that she had attended SETA online training to use their new G-Suite web system but it remained a bit confusing. She would follow up about that and planned to meet with Roy E about updating the prison location map on our Website. Larry L also attended the training and said he would send her their contact information. Roland R and one of the visitors also said they had additional contact information for follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W reported that correspondence had picked up and we receive about 15 letters a month, about 60% from men and about 40% from women. Some need to go to another district. At least half the letters request AA literature. About half are addressed to individual volunteer correspondents. InterGroup is good about forwarding to him any letters they receive. Tom encourages people to volunteer for correspondence at the meetings he attends, and several people indicated they are happy to help identify volunteer correspondents. He said one inmate sent 100 pages for his 4th Step, which Tom had to forward to the volunteer by mail rather than email.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT. Richard D circulated preliminary conference flyers in English and Spanish for the September 17-19, 2021, Annual Conference. He has permission to convene the Planning Committee the coming Saturday from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon and invited anyone who is interested in helping to please attend. Future meetings will be the Saturday morning after our 3rd Wednesday monthly Committee meeting until the Conference. Harold B suggested meeting following the monthly Committee meeting but for the time being it was decided to stay with the following Saturday. Richard said several positions were already filled: Roy E, Treasurer; Harold B, Registration; Manny S, Security; Larry L, Secretary. Still open were positions for Co-Chair, Workshop, Hospitality. Several individuals discussed how they may be able to help.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Luis P said he will continue to attend the Spanish District CFC meetings, but Rufino A from District 66 has volunteered to serve as Spanish Liaison for SETA CFC. Another volunteer named Pedro ___ was also interested in this position so perhaps we can have two Co-Spanish Liaisons. He added that Richard D had already spoken with Yolanda L to be the Spanish speaker at the Annual Conference.

GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA. Terry P reported that he had missed the previous Grapevine Committee meeting but would be at the next one and will be able to report at the May CFC meeting.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported the following orders:

Volunteer	Amount
Roy E	\$ 312.00
Manny S	\$ 47.80
Diane M	\$ 616.40
Paul K	\$ 156.00
Harold B	\$ 477.60
Total	\$ 2,049.80

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). Roland R reported that additional volunteers are needed to take meetings into Joe Keegans, downtown Houston, on Fridays for a 5 PM meeting, with arrival at 4 PM for rapid COVID-19 testing. Main requirement is to be an approved TDCJ Volunteer. Current volunteers include Roland R, Paul K, Roy E, and Bahijah W. There is still a conference call meeting for North Texas. State Convention will be in June 2021, National Corrections Conference will be in November 2021, and SETA Convention will be in January 2022.

NEW BUSINESS. Roland R asked how we would handle the hotel if for some reason we had to cancel the Annual Conference and he has spoken with Tony W about arranging a TDCJ training orientation for the Conference. Roy E said the hotel is doing a lot of business and Richard D said they will most likely be open by the time of our Conference in September. Larry L noted that CFC Houston will have their annual Round-up Fund Raiser in August at the Heights Club, which is now in the building next to InterGroup. Roland said we normally try to do two training orientations a year but he was not sure we could do two this year.

Bahijah W. requested that we send \$25 to Stacy ___ who had let us use her Zoom account for Bambi meetings and Bahijah would like us to have our own Zoom account for those meetings so we would be self-supporting. Roy E said we could do so financially. Bahijah also suggested having a separate Zoom account for CFC to use. There was discussion about whether we would be eligible as a non-profit organization for our own Zoom account. It was decided to pass the basket for \$25 for Bambi and we would get more information next month about getting our own Zoom account. Larry L said that Michael S called about whether any county jails were open and said Fort Bend Jail was planning to open but several COVID-19 cases were diagnosed, so that jail is still closed. Harris County Jail informed Larry that they will remain closed indefinitely. Paul K announced that Governor Abbott was going to give AA and Mick C in San Antonio a service award for his prison work sending Big Book Zoom meeting recordings to TDCJ to distribute to units. Mike declined the award in deference to our tradition of anonymity, but Paul asked anyone interested in participating to give him their email address and he would forward it to Mike C. Our next meeting will be May 19, 7:30 PM at InterGroup.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with the Responsibility Statement.