

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

**January 20, 2021 Minutes - Approved March 17, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, January 20, 2021, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Fifteen members attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** The group read the December 16, 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).** Roy E presented the monthly Treasurer's Report through November, 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	\$ 884.75
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 37,487.20
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 1,505.12
Conference Fund	\$ 750.00
General Fund	\$ 1,986.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Book Purchases	\$ 3,121.84
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 24,316.93
Conference Fund	\$ 0.00
Literature	\$ 0.00
Lodging	\$ 0.00
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage (for InterGroup mailouts)	\$ 86.27
Printing	\$ 0.00
Room Rental (Zoom)	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$ 25,138.40</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 19,257.91</b>

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

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland E reported that there was a mini-assembly the previous weekend, on January 16, 2021. Over 100 voting members attended. No reports were read. A motion to shorten the assembly by having voting done on Saturday instead of Sunday morning was voted down. The SETA State Conference is scheduled for next January, 2022, in Plano, Texas. The National Correctional Conference will take place in New Orleans, however the hotel originally reserved for the conference is closing so the committee is looking for a new venue to host the event.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Tony W indicated there was nothing new to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Tom complimented the excellent job that Vadim B had done as Correspondence chair for the previous two years, and that he (Tom) was learning the basics, e.g., where the post office box is located, how to get into the SETA Webmail system, etc. He reported that we received 15 letters, 6 with requests for literature, about half from women and half from men. About 6 or 7 were new inmates reaching out for correspondence or sponsorship. He was not sure how to handle literature requests and it was pointed out that such requests go to Kelli or Libby at InterGroup, which would mail the books and then send the billing statement to Roy E for payment. Roland R asked whether there was any literature we should not send, to which the group noted: (1) some inmates request multiple books and the response should be that each inmate should write a separate request and each request should be for only one item at a time; and (2) some requests should be considered on a case by case basis, e.g., requests for large-print Big Books. Roland suggested that if any requests seemed unusual or larger than expected, then Tom should bring the request to the next committee meeting for the group to discuss. The group complimented Tom on getting off to a very good start for this important service.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.** Richard D reported that he did not anticipate having any planning meetings till everyone is vaccinated. He noted that most of the planning had already been done by Tammy Z when she was Conference Chair last year, it would not take 8 months to get up and running, and it seems impractical to have a lot of meetings when it's possible the event may be canceled again if there is not a lot of progress dealing with the pandemic. We have money in the budget, the Doubletree Hotel is already reserved with our deposit in hand, so 3 or 4 months of active preparation, perhaps starting even in April 2021, should be

enough. If necessary and the pandemic is not under control, it would be worse to go ahead and do a lot of planning but then have cancel the conference 2 weeks before the start date.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Roland R noted that the Spanish Liaison position is still open and we will deal with that during Old Business.

**Grapevine (La Viña).** Terry P reported that the SETA Grapevine Committee is struggling. Only 3 other people in that group met, with one who is moving to Austin and will not continue to participate. The Chairperson is stepping down and although one person offered to serve as an Interim Chair, it's not clear how long that will continue. The Grapevine does need articles, even general articles in addition to our discussion about submitting articles about CFC work. Grapevine magazine sales are going down, perhaps due to so many people having Internet access nowadays. Roland R added that these issues were brought up at the Assembly, which did elect a new Grapevine Committee Chairperson.

**LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME).** Manny S reported that there was only one order:

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
[Not clear on tape]	[Not clear on tape]	\$ 596.40
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 596.40</b>

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. Roy E commented that the Goodman Unit (in Jasper, TX) chaplain called and said they were letting a few inmates have a meeting. Larry L added that he had not yet purchased the Grapevine/La Viña back issues but would do so for the coming month. He brought several packages that he had at home, plus other AA literature that he had ordered for Harris County Jail but could no longer take in due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Jeanette W was not present so there was no Blue Can report.

**IT REPORT.** Behiyyah W reported

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).** Roland R asked if anyone was willing to serve as Spanish Liaison. Luis P said that no one among the Spanish speaking groups had step forward for the position, so he was willing to continue in that role. The group expressed their appreciation for his continuing service.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).** Roland R reminded the group there is a group doing telephone meetings with the Henderson unit twice a week. It's a co-ed unit and they had about 30 women at one meeting, and about 6 men at another, so they're planning to have two women's meeting. As he reported earlier, upcoming events include the:

- State Convention will be in January, 2022, in Plano, Texas.
- SETA Convention will be in July
- National Correctional Conference will take place in New Orleans

The next SETA CFC meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at InterGroup.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Lord's Prayer.