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

Preliminary Minutes for September 15, 2021

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D, at 7:30 PM. 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. Nineteen members attended.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u>. Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the August 18, 2021, meeting minutes, 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, SETA CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, summarized as follows:

| Description   | Amount          |
|---|-----------------|
| Income/Available Funds                                      |                 |
| Blue Can balance as of 9/15/2021                            | \$<br>28,509.23 |
| Blue Can Contributions for the Month                        | \$<br>4,543.41  |
| Blue Can donations YTD                                      | \$<br>22,045.67 |
| Non-AA Social Fund Balance                                  | \$<br>1,505.12  |
| Committee Budget Funds                                      | \$<br>3,588.00  |
| Conference Fund   | \$<br>818.00    |
| General Fund  | \$<br>2,467.16  |
| Expenses  |                 |
| Book Purchases  | \$<br>3,125.04  |
| Book Purchases YTD  | \$<br>11,521.21 |
| Literature – Service Pamphlets                              | \$              |
| Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference) | \$<br>104.13    |
| PO Box  | \$              |
| Postage   | \$              |
| Printing  | \$<br>16.71     |
| Room Rental   | \$              |
| Supplies  | \$              |
| Presentations   | \$              |
| Ending Bank Balance   | \$<br>29,092.26 |
| Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases                 | \$<br>23,459.23 |

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

## **CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland R reported as follows:

- The SETA Area 67 Assembly will be October 2-3, 2021, hybrid (in person and via Zoom) at the DoubleTree Hotel at Greenspoint.
- The Treatment Facilities Committee has asked us to meet with them via Zoom to discuss how our committee might collaborate with their committee, but the meeting was canceled and they hope to re
- The Beverly Hills Sharing Group on Scarsdale wants us to come out and do a presentation about CFC and Bridging the Gap on October 9, 2021. This will be the same date as the Southwest Regional Forum.
- Roland presented copies of the AA billboards with their locations that have been put up with the InterGroup phone number.
- Our next meeting will be at the new InterGroup location, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite B10, Houston, TX, 77092.

<u>CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME)</u>. Tony W reported that Roy E had told him that the Hamilton Unit in Bryan, Texas, was planning to open up again. The unit is pre-release and Tony had spoken with the Hamilton Unit chaplain, who said he did not know about opening up again but he was very excited to offer as many AA meetings as possible. Tony circulated a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in volunteering. He would like to start with one meeting a week and grow to two meetings a week by year's end, including a women's meeting. For scheduling, any day of the week before 6 PM will be ok. Richard D suggested that the meeting model at the Luther unit would be a good one to use.

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Jeanette W reported that she had cans but no tops for the cans. She had moved her residence and will need to purchase the devise for cutting the slots in the top of the cans.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W was not present so there was no IT report.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE)</u>. Tom W reported that we received 25 letters, 10 from men and 15 from women. There were 4 requests for Big Books, 3 for 12&12's, and 6 for Daily Reflections. He is still seeking more correspondence volunteers. Several are for locations outside our region. Terry P asked whether there were enough women volunteers for correspondence and Tom said he could use more. Terry said there were several interested women at his home group and he would discuss this with them. Terry also asked about the cards that Vadim B ha printed, and several people gave him some.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT. Richard D reported that, unfortunately, TDCJ had informed him that they would not offer an in-person training orientation at the conference. So he is thinking about offering a short session/"workshop" for interested volunteers to do the online training for on their own laptop, iPad, or smart phone there and then at the conference. He will ask Larry L to email that information to our distribution list. It was noted that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TDCJ is allowing volunteers to do their initial training online. He is trying to cancel the hotel meeting room that had been planned for the training. Richard continued that we already have 50 banquets ordered. He had to send additional funds to TJ, one of the speakers, because his flight from Mexico had been canceled and he need to arrange a new flight with a different airline. But the conference itself will go on. Jeanette W said she knows several people willing to volunteer to help with hospitality.

**SPANISH LIAISON** (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Rufino A reported that he had been meeting with the Spanish Correctional Facilities Committee. They were grateful for the opportunity to serve, were motivating people to attend the Annual Conference and were looking forward to the event. It was noted that Yolanda L would be the Spanish speaker and food would be provided for the Spanish hospitality room on Saturday of the Conference. Manny S noted that he had attended the Spanish Districts meeting the previous Thursday, and the four districts were contributing about \$600 for the Spanish hospitality room. Luis P said that Yolanda would be bringing about 70 plates of food with tamales. He added that a lot of people were interested in receiving the TDCJ training.

<u>GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA</u>. Terry P he had contacted the new chair of the Grapevine Committee and would be meeting with him the next day after the CFC meeting. There are plans to have a Grapevine table or display at the SETA Convention in January, 2022. Larry L told the group that there was a box of Grapevine back issues and La Viña back issues available at the meeting for Committee members to take. He also noted that he had ordered about 40 copies of the annual prison issue, which he had separated out and will bring to the conference.

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

| Volunteer  | Unit       | Aı | Amount |  |
|------------|------------|----|--------|--|
| Roland     | Duncan     | \$ | 328.00 |  |
| Jeanette W | Bell       | \$ | 328.00 |  |
| Roy E      | Darrington | \$ | 298.20 |  |
| Total      | _          | \$ | 954.20 |  |

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

<u>OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO)</u>. Richard D said that InterGroup would be moving in two weekends, on Saturday, October 23, because our CFC Annual Conference will be the following weekend, so no CFC members would be available to help. He invited anyone available to come help, especially if they have a truck to help with the moving.

## NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). Roland R reminded the group that:

- Our SETA CFC Annual Conference the following weekend, September 17-19, at the DoubleTree hotel.
- The Area Assembly will be the first week in October. We will not have our October meeting at the Area Assembly, as there will be no committee meetings at the Assembly.
- He will present about CFC to the Beverly Hills Sharing Group on October 9 and he invited anyone else to attend.
- The National Corrections Conference will be November 11-14, 2021, in Kenner, Louisiana.
- The SETA Annual Conference will be in January 2022.
- Gary B said that District 52 would like someone to give a short talk about Bridging the Gap. Roland R said we had shifted that responsibility over to Correspondence but we were not doing a lot for pre-release.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Responsibility Statement.