

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Minutes for July 21, 2021 – Approved on August 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, July 21, 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. Fourteen members attended.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the June 16, 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		
Bank balance as of 7/1/2021	\$	21,271.23
Blue Can balance	\$	22,985.88
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,215.08
Blue Can donations YTD	\$	13,999.15
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	1,505.12
Committee Budget Bunds	\$	2,278.00
Conference Fund	\$	1,000.00
General Fund	\$	2,588.00
Expenses		
Book Purchases	\$	2,500.43
Book Purchases YTD	\$	11,521.21
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$	150.00
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$	1,120.00
PO Box	\$	93.00
Postage	\$	300.00
Printing	\$	200.00
Room Rental	\$	325.00
Supplies	\$	300.00
Presentations	\$	100.00
Ending Bank Balance	\$	28,079.00
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	22,985.88

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R invited visitor introductions. Visitors included Janine B from the Seabrook Serenity Sisters group and Paxton H from San Antonio. Roland noted that Paxton will be one of the speakers at our annual conference. He reported that TDCJ had opened 4 units for volunteers, but one has since closed again due to COVID-19. As of July 1, 2021, the AA Preamble wording was changed from “men and women” to “people.” The Area Assembly on July 10-11, 2021, included a new GSR workshop. He added that Area 67 has 18 districts, 15 English and 3 Spanish. Four digital boards (2 Spanish and 2 English) were approved for the Public Information Committee. Our Area Delegate reported that the 4th Edition of the Big Book will be translated into Spanish and also into “plain” language. The Delegate also reported that a 5th Edition of the Big Book has been approved. Jackalyn R added that the Delegate will presenting virtually at District 20 on the 2nd Thursday of August.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W was not present but Roland R reported for him that for the SETA Conference in January 2022, Rocco M (Beaumont) indicated that there would be a TDCJ training. There was confusion and discussion about whether the indicated TDCJ training would be at the SETA Conference or rather at our own SETA CFC Conference in September 2021. Roland said he would clarify with Tony.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Jeanette W reported that she has Blue Cans and labels, and she has a saw and bit to cut out slots for depositing donations but they have been packed away due to her moving. Richard D indicated that he would cut slots in the Blue Can lids for her.

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

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W reported that we received 15 letters, 9 from men and 6 from women. Eight requested Big Books, one requested Daily Reflections, one requested 12 & 12, one requested Living Sober. Roy E added that the National Treatment Facilities Committee was starting a data base which included Bridging the Gap and Roy suggested we start a new list for Bridging the Gap/Pre-Release, since our list is old and out of date. Tom noted that there are quite a few inmate correspondents who are new and he invited the Committee to give him their contact information if interested in corresponding with inmates. Several are interested in sponsorship. Vadim B, the prior Correspondence Chair, had developed a list of 100 volunteers but Tom said it was necessary to update that list. Harold B said a number of inmates at Safe-P facilities ask about post-release housing. There was discussion about whether we should provide a list of such housing there was a sense that this went beyond the traditional role of Pre-Release Program helping released inmates find an AA Home Group.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT. Richard D reminded the group that the Annual Conference will be September 17-19, 2021. He has available plenty of flyers for anyone to take for their regular AA meetings. He noted importantly that the Conference Planning Committee normally meets the Saturday following the monthly CFC meeting. However, the coming Saturday, July 24, will be InterGroup's annual Open House, so the Planning meeting will meet Saturday, July 31, 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon, at InterGroup. However, he will set up a CFC table for Conference Sign-ups at the Open House if any Committee members would care to join him. Jackalyn R said she had left 100 fliers at the Lambda Center. Diane M and Richard had set up a CFC table at the Area Assembly to generate interest. He added that we have met our room quota for the hotel but we will try to increase the number. We still need to meet the banquet bloc and generate more registrations. Larry L suggested that it may be more productive to leave fliers at Clubs rather than only announcements at meetings. Harold B reported that we have 26 registrations, 18 coffees, 5 donations, and 14 banquets, totaling \$921.21, minus about \$100 for Eventbrite. 7 people have signed up to work registration. He's distributed fliers to about 5 meetings. He encouraged people to emphasize that there will be TDCJ training orientation as a selling point.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Rufino A said he had been meeting with the Spanish Districts on the second Thursday of the month, and next month (August), the meeting would be at District 65. He still has plenty of Spanish fliers.

GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA. Terry P was not present so there was no Grapevine report.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Fritz B	Wynne	\$ 854.00
Harold B	Luther and Estelle	\$ 621.40
Richard D	Wynne and Luther	\$ 468.00
Roy E	Luther	\$ 298.20
Jeanette W	MTC	\$ 298.20
Roland R	Dibol	\$ 312.00
Total		\$ 2,851.80

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no additional Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). **Roland R announced that:**

Upcoming Wynne Unit anniversary on Thursday night, August 19. Richard D said he had given the gate list to Fritz B and Chuck M. Our SETA CFC Annual Conference will be September 17-19, at the Double Tree hotel. The Walls Anniversary will be October 16, but no time has been set yet. The SETA Annual Conference will be January 21-23, 2022. InterGroup will be moving to a new location in October but we will be able to continue meeting at the current location for August and September, and in the new location starting October. The National Corrections Conference will be November 11-14, 2021, at the Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel in Kenner, Louisiana. Roland added that we would not be able to go to Angola Prison this year. Our next CFC Committee meeting will be August 18, one day before the Wynne Anniversary.

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