

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B, 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. 14 members attended, including 3 new visitors.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the October 20, 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 11/01/2021	\$	36,930.02
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,386.11
Blue Can donations YTD	\$	30,288.67
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	782.78
Conference Fund (Income from registration, banquets, coffee, donations)	\$	5,532.36
Conference Expenses (lodging, hospitality)	\$	3,147.40
General Fund	\$	4,038.14
Expenses		
Book Purchases	\$	
Book Purchases YTD	\$	19,535.21
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$	
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$	208.26
PO Box	\$	
Postage	\$	
Printing	\$	16.71
Room Rental	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Presentations	\$	
Ending Bank Balance	\$	35,721.38
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	26,804.67

Roy mentioned that there were several thousand dollars in outstanding checks that are not reflected in this report. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R. reported that

- North Texas had their conference on October 23, 2021. About 100 people attended, and our own Harold B was the main speaker. A man serving the Duncan Unit in Dibold also attended.
- The Pack Unit had their 37th Anniversary on October 30. 17 volunteers and about 50 inmates participated.
- Bahiyah W, Larry L, and Roland did a presentation at the 24-Hour Club on Lyerly on November 6. The overall topic was service, and nine SETA Service Committees made presentations. Rather than individual presentations, participants rotated around different tables to learn what each Committee does. Larry L commented that 9 people stopped at our table and 5 provided their contact information, which he has added to our distribution list.
- The 5th National Corrections Conference was held in New Orleans, LA, November 12-14. About 200 people attended. The next National Corrections Conference will be in Illinois, November 11-13, 2022. The 2023 National Conference will be in OK.
- North Texas has asked our Committee to send several volunteers to share our experience at several units on December 13.
- Our SETA Delegate has announced that if anyone's home group is meeting remotely via Zoom, and passing an electronic basket, they would like to know about it.

- Richard D reported on the Wynne Unit anniversary, which was November 13. About 15 volunteers and about 50 inmates participated. The keynote speaker was Brian K, who had been on the Wynne Unit when they removed all the substance abuse counselors. At that time, Brian and Bill L went out to the recreation yard and started a meeting called the Last Man Standing. This past Saturday was the 18th anniversary of that group. Brian is now the CEO of the Prison Entrepreneurial Program which helps released inmates find work or start businesses. Another speaker had also been on the unit.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W was not present so there was no Co-Chair report.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W was not present, so there was no Correspondence report. Larry L reported that InterGroup had sent several letters to the CFC Houston Committee. He took them and said he would pass them along to Tom, but he did not know why InterGroup had not sent them to us at SETA CFC. The letters were a little old, from June, July, and August 2021.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Rufino A was not present so there was no Spanish Liaison report.

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

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported that books ordered last month were still on hold. InterGroup informed him that they were having a problem receiving books they ordered, and they do not currently have enough in stock to cover our outstanding orders. However, new orders were welcome, reported as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Darrington and Luther	\$ 352.80
Sarah M	Carole Young	\$ 312.00
Total		\$ 664.80

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no old business to be discussed. However, Roland R asked whether there were any general concerns. He said he was going to call the Chaplain at the Darrington Unit Anniversary. Roy E had already talked to the Chaplain, and they wanted only 2 volunteers to come. Roland suggested waiting till they had more vaccinated inmates (about 70%). Roland added that it was also time to do an anniversary at the Duncan Unit. Manny S said that the Duncan Unit has a lot of older inmates with medical problems.

Larry L commented that he could not attend the National Conference in New Orleans but he attended the Spirit of Houston Conference here. He suggested that for future such meetings we make a point of having a SETA CFC table there. Roland said there is a problem with that group in particular because they are not officially part of AA. Roy said that the old InterGroup CFC use to have a table and Grapevine Drive at the Spirit of Houston.

For the National Corrections Conference, Roy E said they had about 200 people in a hybrid (in person plus Zoom) format. Unfortunately, attendees could not visit Angola, but overall it was a good conference. Everyone agreed that it was still not as good as when we hosted the National Conference here in Houston.

Larry L mentioned the State Convention on January 22 and Roland said we will have a table there.

Roland said Eastham is starting a meeting again on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 2:45 – 4:00 PM. He asked whether anyone else wants to be on the list for going to Eastham. Roy said we need about 5 volunteers, although TDCJ is still allowing only two volunteers at a time.

Manny S asked about meetings at the Jester Unit and Roy said we have them on Saturday nights.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). There was no new business for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Responsibility Statement.