

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2021 – Approved November 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, October 20, 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. Eighteen members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the September 15, 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 10/01/2021	\$	23,459.00
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	3,856.89
Blue Can donations YTD	\$	25,902.56
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	1,505.12
Conference Fund (Income from registration, banquets, coffee, donations)	\$	6,532.36
Conference Expenses (lodging, hospitality)	\$	5,641.62
General Fund	\$	3,588.00
Expenses		
Book Purchases	\$	1,040.49
Book Purchases YTD	\$	18,494.77
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$	
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$	
PO Box	\$	
Postage	\$	
Printing	\$	
Room Rental	\$	
Supplies	\$	
Presentations	\$	
Ending Bank Balance	\$	28,509.23
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	26,275.40

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). First time visitors included Don from District 31; Erik from Missouri City; and Richard from District 65. Roland R. reported that

- Our SETA CFC Annual Conference (September 17-19) was a great success including speakers, attendance, and new people attending for the first time (one was present for the monthly meeting). He thanked Richard D for chairing the Conference. He said that he himself started crying during the Sunday morning speaker's talk and he thanked the Committee/AA for giving him the ability to do that.
- The Area Assembly was October 2, 2021. At the Assembly,
 - There was discussion of the relationship between Clubs and Groups.
 - Google will give \$10,000 a month totaling \$120,000 a year for AA advertisements.
 - GSO is back in its building. They have received more donations than income from book sales, which is a first time experience. Possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Our Area bank balance is \$83,000. The Spirit of Houston sent a donation of \$20 but after discussion about accepting money from outside entities, the Area decided to return the money because the Spirit of Houston is not formally part of AA.
 - There was discussion about the new plain English Big Book, but the official title is still under discussion.
 - Roland and Larry L made a presentation about SETA CFC to the Beverly Hills group on October 9.

- The Walls had their 73rd AA anniversary the previous Saturday, October 16. There were 13 volunteers and about 30 inmates, attended but several volunteers could not get in because they were not on the gate list. Previously, there were also 50-60 inmates.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W reported that we have started going to the Hamilton Unit in College Station again after 3 or more years. There will be a Thursday meeting at 4:00 PM to start, but we will also start a weekend meeting. The new chaplain there is very supportive for as many meetings as we can provide, and Tony said requested as many people as possible to contact him about volunteering. The SETA Convention in January 2022 is set, although the room block has been filled. Speakers are still changing but are being finalized and the final list will be excellent. There will be a hospitality room but food will also be provided in an outside area.

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

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that she is working with Roy E to update the Website map and list of units where we have meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W reported that we received 12 letters from women and 9 from men. About half of the letters are for ongoing correspondence with volunteers. Sometimes the inmates do not respond back to volunteer correspondents. About 25% seem to want to do the steps and the others want only to write or request AA literature. Nazario Z (District 64) had a letter in English and Roland said to give it to Tom. Harold B said someone at the Estelle Unit had written but had not received a reply yet. Tom said he would investigate.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT. Richard D reported that the Conference was successful. Although we could not do everything we wanted, the Conference paid its bills and he is officially giving the all the Conference materials to Harold B, who will chair the 2022 Conference. Richard thanked everyone who helped in various ways, especially Roy E who did a lot of the computer work and Sara who stepped up to be responsible for hospitality.

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. However, Larry L said there were two boxes of Grapevine and *La Viña* back issues available for people to take as needed.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Pack and Luther	\$ 764.80
Roland R	Darrington	\$ 648.80
Tony W	Hamilton	\$ 861.70
Richard D	Wynne, Luther, Walls	\$ 948.90
Harold B	Darrington, Estelle, Luther	\$ 857.60
Total		\$ 4,081.80

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).

- Upcoming Events: Pack Unit Anniversary on October 30, 2021; National Corrections Conference, in New Orleans, in November 12-14, 2021; Wynne Unit Anniversary, November 13, 2021; SETA State Conference, January, 2022
- Luis P said that a number of the TDCJ Volunteer Applications had not yet been approved although they were completed at the SETA CFC Annual Conference. Roy E said that quite of them had mistakes so he was going through them to make corrections and then he would send them in to TDCJ.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). Don ___ (District 31) said he is Alt Chair of the CPC Committee and presented about a new Bridging the Gap Worldwide initiative (www.btgw.org [LL: Note this URL does not work.]) and wanted to know whether our Committee may be interested to participate. In the new initiative, anyone in a treatment or correctional facility can add their name, location, discharge/release date, where they will be getting out, etc., in order to find a meeting upon discharge/release. There were a lot of questions and discussion about how our SETA CFC Bridging the Gap/Pre-Release efforts might fit with this new international initiative. Someone with the project will speak at the SETA State Convention in January 2022, so it was decided to wait till then before making a decision.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM with the Responsibility Statement.