

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
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Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2022 – Approved July 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 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. 17 volunteers attended, including 3 newcomers, James ___ and Chris E (CFC Rep from the Heights Group).

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the May 18, 2022, 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, was not present, so Roland R summarized the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

Description		Amount
Income/Available Funds		
Blue Can balance as of 04/01/2022	\$	41,802.18
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	3,303.40
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	400.00
Conference Fund	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Expenses		
CFC Conference Hotel Deposit	\$	
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(4,371.00)
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$	
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	(4,371.00)
Ending Bank Balance as of 05/30/22	\$	40,734.58
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	36,788.53

Roy added that we have received checks from SETA for their annual contribution and for our Annual Conference. These were not yet deposited and so not reflected in this month’s report. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R reported: (1) It’s time to be thinking about roles members want for the next two-year election period, beginning January 2023. The vote will be in September 2022 and our new choice for CFC Chair will be presented to the October 2022 Area Assembly. (2) The next SETA CFC meeting will be Saturday, July 9, 2022, 4:30 PM at the Area Assembly, i.e., NOT the regular third Wednesday of July. SETA would like updated job descriptions for the CFC. Roland said there were no changes to be made so he would present the list as is at the Area Assembly. (3) There is still time to submit our own stories for the next edition of the Big Book. The submission deadline will be July 21, 2022. (5) The Texas State AA Convention will be the coming weekend, June 17-29, 2022, in Austin, TX. (6) There is a new AA meeting at the Stringfellow (old Ramsey II) Unit, once a month on Mondays from 12:00-2:00 PM. We do not yet know which Monday of the month it will be, but Bahiyyah W is checking with the Chaplain. (7) We need to find someone for the coming Saturday night 6:45-8:00 PM at Jester III. But they won’t let us add new people. (8) The Wynn Unit anniversary will be the coming Saturday at 4:30 PM to be at the gate.

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

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D announced that he had Blue Cans available for anyone who needed them. He also received 56 more cans from Amazon.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that no one joined the meeting on the Internet. She will continue to work with Roy E to update the CFC Website Google map of units served and individuals to contact if interested.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE). Tom W was not present, however Larry reported that Tom had emailed his report of 7 letters from men and 5 letters from women. In addition, Roy E said there were two additional letters which he gave to Larry. Larry will scan and email them to Tom.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Harrold B was not present but he had participated in the Conference Planning Committee meeting via Internet just before the CFC meeting. Bahiyyah W reported that: (1) The Professional Panel was lined up and currently included the TDCJ Director of Rehabilitation, two judges, and a federal volunteer coordinator. The panel will be from 10:30 – 12:00 PM. (2) TDCJ Orientation Training will be at 1:00 PM. (3) There is a flyer and a preliminary schedule which will be emailed. (4) The registration chairs will get together with Harold to learn how he has set up EventPrime. (5) The Spanish Districts will cover hospitality on Saturday and Sunday morning, but we still need someone to be responsible for Friday night. Sara ME said she would be responsible for Friday night and/or extra Hospitality Needs. (6) Larry L noted that TDCJ had informed CFC Houston that they TDCJ would not be allowing a currently incarcerated inmate to speak at the CFC Houston annual Round-Up fundraiser, so Larry assumed TDCJ would not allow an inmate speaker for our conference either. Roy E indicated that we have plenty of ex-inmates who can speak at the conference.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L reported that we are ready for the Spanish Language Workshop scheduled for 1:00 – 3:00 PM on next Sunday, June 26 at District 66, on Hillcroft where SETA CFC used to meet. Yolanda added that her Alt-Spanish Liaison, Mirna S, and Cristian S, one of the registration Chairs, would also handle Conference Registration for the Spanish speaking volunteers at the Registration Table. Yolanda said they would also provide some translators for the TDCJ training at the Annual Conference.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported that there would be a new Grapevine Committee Chair, and he will be elected at the Area Assembly. All the old Grapevine Committee files and information has gotten lost so the Committee is working on pulling together new documents and developing some presentation displays with Grapevine background, how to subscribe, etc. There was discussion about how the Grapevine could/should be represented at the CFC Annual Conference, e.g., a display table. He is trying to engage Spanish speaking volunteer to be involved. Bahiyyah W asked whether we could provide individual subscriptions for inmates. Roy E replied that we have occasionally provided inmates’ names when local districts have wanted to provide such subscriptions but the Committee has not taken the lead on that in the past. Manny S asked whether we were purchasing Grapevines to distributed at the Annual Conference, but it was noted that our purchase of Grapevines was for distribution to incarcerated inmates, not for public events like the Conference.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roland R	Darrington	\$ 468.00
Bahiyyah W	BAMBI, The Walls	\$ 433.40
Roy E	Darrington, Jester	\$ 344.00
Sarah ME	Carol Young	\$ 320.40
Harrold B	Luther	\$ 298.20
Paul K	Huntsville	\$ 102.60
SubTotal		\$ 1,966.60
Larry L	Grapevine Back Issues – English	\$ 1,000.00
Larry L	Grapevine Back Issues - Spanish	\$ 500.00
Total		\$ 3,466.60

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). Paul K reported that he anticipated being allowed to go back into units during the coming month.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). Roland R reminded the group of our upcoming Annual Conference in September and the National Corrections Conference in November in Chicago. He also noted the new national Bridging the Gap initiatives and they are hoping to have an annual conference in Houston in 2023 or 2024.. For the newcomers, Roland R explained what the CFC does, noted that we always need new volunteers. It was explained how to do TDCJ training online via their Website. Larry L reported that he had received an email from Harris County Jail that they are opening up again for meetings.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The next SETA CFC meeting will be at the July Area Assembly, July 9, 2022, 4:30 PM, at the Marriott Raintree Hotel. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM with the Responsibility Statement.