

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Preliminary Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2022 – Approved

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Saturday, October 1, 2022, the SETA CFC met at 4:30 PM during the SETA Area Assembly at the DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel–Intercontinental, 15747 JFK Boulevard. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair, started the meeting by reading the CFC Statement of Purpose, followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. 19 volunteers attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the September 21, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was then 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 there was no formal Treasurer's Report. However, Roland R noted that the Committee had met only 2 weeks before this meeting, and we had available \$42,223.63.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R:

- Invited visitors to introduce themselves. 5 newcomers introduced themselves however 9 newcomers signed the roster, including several Spanish speakers. Roland explained what is done at our monthly meeting, including discussion of activities and concerns related to the various prisons we visit. He noted that volunteers had to be approved by TDCJ after taking their orientation training, which can now be done online. Our annual conference in September included in-person TDCJ orientation. He encouraged the newcomers to continue to work through our Committee because various prisons had different needs for volunteers. Larry L noted that all the money we collect goes to providing AA approved literature for the inmates, and invited newcomers who have any questions to stay after the meeting.
- Roland reported that he had committed our Committee to put on a CFC workshop at the Champions Group on the first Sunday in December at 1:00 PM. He invited Committee members to join him.

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

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D was not present so there was no formal Blue Can report.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W was not present so there was no formal IT report. Roland R noted that she was out of state.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE). Tom W reported that he had received 7 letters, 5 from men and 2 from women. He noted that he has a pretty good list of volunteers willing to correspond with inmates but we can always use more. For the newcomers, he noted that about half the letters request someone to sponsor them and about half request AA literature. A small number of letters come in Spanish. It was noted that some prisons don't have meetings or the inmates cannot get to a meeting, so correspondence is very important because it's their only means of AA contact.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Harold B reported that we trained 41 volunteers. We had \$4,468 for the conference and we have to return \$1,075 that SETA had provided as seed money. The hotel informed him that reserving the hotel for next year's conference may be difficult, so he went ahead and made a tentative reservation even though the Committee had not yet designated an official 2023 Conference Chair. This would save us any price increases that may come. He complimented and thanked everyone involved – speakers, panelists, and volunteers – for being so supportive. He had visited probably 50 AA groups, Districts including the Spanish Districts, and SETA Committees before the Conference. Roland R added this Conference included the first in-person TDCJ training in two years, and the TDCJ coordinator said to let him know if we have any problems getting into units. An example was that Plain State and Henley wanted us to come in only during the day, but volunteers are often working at that time. So we spoke with the Coordinator and

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L reported that she had worked with the several Spanish districts and all were very grateful for everyone's support to make the Annual Conference Hospitality Room very successful. She also asked several new Spanish speaking individuals at the meeting to introduce themselves.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P was not present so there was no formal Grapevine report.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported book orders, summarized as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Harold B	Estelle/Stringfellow	\$ 1,423.80
Manny S	Jester III/Luther	\$ 142.20
Total		\$ 1,566.00

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). There was no new business for the Committee. Roland R reminded the group that:

1. The National Corrections Conference would be November 11-13, 2022, in Chicago, and
2. Our next CFC meeting will be November 16, 2022, 7:30 PM, at InterGroup.
3. At the November CFC meeting, we will vote on the new CFC positions for 2023-2024.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM with the Responsibility Statement.