

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67**  
**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING**  
**P. O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241**  
**Minutes for February 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, February 16, 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, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 19 members attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the January 19, 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 but Harold B summarized his report as follows:

Description		Amount
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of 01/01/2021	\$	37,296.74
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,208.34
Blue Can donations YTD	\$	
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	1,686.80
Conference Fund	\$	824.22
General Fund	\$	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Book Purchases	\$	(2,468.40)
Book Purchases YTD	\$	
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$	
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$	(618.26)
PO Box	\$	(93.00)
Postage	\$	
Printing	\$	(66.91)
Room Rental	\$	(325.00)
Supplies	\$	(159.80)
Presentations	\$	
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 01/01/22</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,036.68</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,696.67</b>

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

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland R thanked everyone for their hard work over 2021 and noted

- At the 59<sup>th</sup> Area Assembly, January 22-25, 2022, it was announced that the address was being changed to PO Box 449.
- Chairs were asked to update their job descriptions. Roland said he still needed to do that. \$20 donated by the Spirit of Houston was to be returned because that group is not officially part of AA. It was passed that upcoming Assemblies in April, July, and October would be hybrid meetings (in person and also Zoom).
- AA Grapevine has a podcast.
- SFORZA will be October 7-9 will meet in Tulsa OK.
- 1,300 people registered for the 59<sup>th</sup> Area Assembly. Richard D and Manny S added that we/CFC collected \$837.00 during the CFC speaker presentation. Richard added that this should be included with the Treasurer's Report.
- Every 5 years SETA does an area inventory.
- La Vida Chair position is still open.
- The previous Saturday, we resumed meeting at the Will Wright Unit (formerly Eastham). That meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month. Tonight (Wednesday) we are resuming a meeting at the Stringfellow Unit (formerly Ramsey 1), which will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month.
- February 23-26 will be the Unity Conference in Bryan TX. Tony W will be there representing the CFC. Bahiyyah W noted that the Round Rock conference will also be that weekend.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Tony W was not present due to COVID-19 but he is doing ok and will represent us at the Unity Conference.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Richard D has replaced Jeanette W as Blue Can Chair. He brought Blue Cans for anyone who wants one.

**IT REPORT.** Bahiyyah W reported that we now have Zoom available for our meetings and Roland R noted that we have one person participating via Zoom. Roy E and she will continue to update the list of meetings and Google Map on the CFC Website.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE).** Tom W apologized for missing several meetings but he had contracted COVID-19. He reported that we received about 12 letters over the previous month, about half from women and half from men. This evening he picked up 10 more letters, 2 from women and 8 from men. One letter requested Bridging the Gap and Tom said he would discuss how to proceed with that with appropriate Committee members after the meeting. Roland R asked for the Bridging the Gap letter so the Committee could deal with it that night.

**CONFERENCE REPORT.** Harold B announced that

- The Planning Committee for the September Annual Conference will meet next month at 6:45 PM, before the regular CFC meeting on March 16.
- The hotel will again be the Doubletree on JFK Boulevard, and he has already spoken with them to establish a contact person there as a liaison. He's open to considering other venues if the Committee wants. The Planning Committee will decide the final date.
- Every Planning Committee Chair will have an alternate, both to have backups and to start bringing in new people.
- He's spoken with Francisco in the Spanish speaking community
- For 2021, we paid about \$400 for online payment fees, but there are several internet sites that will allow for online registration payment.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Roland R said the Spanish Liaison position is open and we will discuss that under New Business.

**GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA.** Terry P was not present so there was no Grapevine/La Viña report. Larry L announced that there was a box of English Grapevine back issues that everyone can take for their meetings inside units.

**LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME).** Manny S moved that we allocate \$1,000 to purchase Grapevine back issues in Spanish and English. It was suggested to order 30% Spanish and 70% English, but Larry L noted that he thought there minimum for bulk rate orders is \$500 so the percentages may be different. It was seconded and passed to order the Grapevine back issues. Manny then reported new orders as follows:

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Richard D	Luther, Wynne	\$ 807.00
Bahiyyah W	Walls, BAMBI	\$ 1,318.00
Harold B	Luther, Darrington	\$ 949.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,074.00</b>

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).**

There were several newcomers to the Committee: Tara (via the Internet) is new CFC rep for the Good News group in District 31. Suzanne is the CFC rep for the Katy 12&12 group. Francisco represented District 63. Enrique represented District 66, and said he was just approved by TDCJ.

Manny S said that Rufino had to step down as Spanish Liaison. Yolanda L has volunteered for the position, with Myrna \_\_\_ as her alternate. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed for them to serve as Spanish Liaison(s). Yolanda wanted to discuss the workshop that we have done annually for the Spanish Districts. They would like to schedule the workshop for 1:00 PM on June 12 at District 66. Richard D reminded the group that Roy E had a Spanish workshop Powerpoint presentation. Manny S noted that Roy and he had done the workshop for the past two years. Larry L noted that the Spanish Powerpoint was not on our Website, so the group decided that Yolanda and Bahiyyah should work on putting the Spanish slides on our Website.

Bahiyyah W reported that she participates in the national corrections conference call and someone asked whether we were involved with the immigration detention centers. There was discussion about whether detainees were alcoholic and other issues, including whether any Spanish volunteers would be interested. Bahiyyah and Harold B said that they would get more information.

Marcus \_\_\_ said that District 40 produces a monthly newsletter, which includes some correctional facilities information, and they wanted to know whether it would be possible to take the newsletter into TDCJ units that we serve. It was requested that he bring some hard copies to our meeting and email a copy to Bahiyyah to post on our Website.

Manny S reported that there are some problems at the Jester Trustee camp about approved volunteers not appearing on the gate list and the guards would not let them in, even though they were known to the guards. He has received an email that they would not be allowed to enter for some time to come. So, he encouraged everyone to call before visiting and make sure their name is actually on the gate list, not just get an ok from the Chaplain's office. Roland R said he had a similar experience that another unit also wanted to know specifically who would be coming on specific days. Harold B said it's important for anyone who cannot show up to inform someone in their group and try to get another approved volunteer to go instead. Manny added that this is important because if a volunteer does not show up, the inmates cannot have a meeting.

Yolanda L said she has a list of several approved Spanish volunteers and wanted to know whom to contact about where they can go. Several people said she should check with Roy E or Chuck M, who know whom to contact at the various units.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with the Responsibility Statement.