

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Preliminary Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2022 – Approved

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Saturday, July 9, 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, was not present so Tony W, CFC Alt-Chair, started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 18 volunteers attended.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the June 15, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. Terry P raised a question about the correct deadline date to submit stories for the new Big Book edition. He thought it will be September 30. There was also discussion about the deadline for submitting articles to the Grapevine for their annual prisons issue. Roy E said that deadline is in January or otherwise early in the year. 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 Roland R summarized the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

Description		Amount
Income/Available Funds		
Blue Can balance as of 06/01/2022	\$	40,734.58
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,014.13
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$	
Conference Fund	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Expenses		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(1,760.29)
Richard D / Blue Can Supplies	\$	(100.11)
Intergroup / Roland R for Conference Room	\$	(287.19)
Roland R / Supplies	\$	(275.00)
Total Expenses	\$	(2,422.59)
Ending Bank Balance as of 05/30/22	\$	42,326.12
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	38,380.07

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R was not present so there was no formal Chair Report.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W reported that:

- CFC Committee members attended the Oklahoma Correctional Conference in May and the 75 State Convention in June, which was the same weekend as the Wynne Unit Anniversary, which was attended by 41 volunteers.
- District 66 hosted a well-attended workshop for the Spanish speaking volunteers.
- A new meeting is starting in July for the Stringfellow Unit.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Our SETA CFC Annual Conference September 9-11, 2022. The Conference Planning Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, just before the regular CFC monthly meeting at 7:30 PM.
 - The 6th National Corrections Conference will be November 11-13, 2022, in Chicago.

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

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that Roy E and she were continuing to work on updating the Google map of units served by CFC plus contact information for those interested.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W reported that we are averaging about 12-15 letters per month. For July, he had received 6 letters from women and 5 letters from men. Tom added that, in general, about 25%-50% ask for literature and about 50% request a sponsor/correspondent. Occasionally inmates want information about NA and he asked whether NA has a correspondence program. Tony W asked whether the books we take into units still have our SETA CFC stamp so inmates can know where to write us. Roy E said yes, the books still have our stamp, but he is not sure whether they also have the new InterGroup address in addition to our SETA CFC stamp.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Harold B reported that he was concerned that we have very low registration at this time, only 24 registered. He has a few more envelopes but we really need to increase registration and hotel room reservations. Roy E and he have developed an electronic spreadsheet with EventBrite for tracking registration and generating name badges. Banquets cost \$40.00. He will be meeting with the hotel representative, and Larry L, CFC Secretary, will email the flyer to our mailing list. We have flyers in both Spanish and English. Speakers are confirmed, and we are submitting names of inmates that we hope TDCJ will release for the day to speak at the conference. We have four professional panelists confirmed. Harold has collected over \$300 in contributions to cover coffee, hospitality, and the ice cream social. There will be two hospitality rooms, including one for Spanish speakers. Harold was not sure about what to do with extra donations for coffee and such, but the Planning Committee will address that with their other considerations. However, he re-emphasized the need for increasing registration and banquet reservations. In the past, we've had as many as 100 registrations at this time. Larry L encouraged everyone to announce the Conference at our regular meetings and take copies of the flyers to meetings. Harold said he is going to a lot of different meetings and will make the announcement there also. Roy E said he would also send the announcement to SETA Announce for electronic distribution.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L was not present however Cristian S reported that the Spanish workshop was very successful at District 66 and CFC support was much appreciated.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P was not present because he was at the Grapevine Committee meeting, so there was no Grapevine report.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roland R	Styles, Lablanc	\$ 1,363.80
Harrold B	Darrington, Luther	\$ 702.80
Jeanette W	Oliver J. Bell	\$ 398.20
Total		\$ 2,464.80

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). Jeanette W reported that she had established contact with the Oliver J. Bell unit and they were not quite ready to start a meeting but are happy to receive AA literature. Tony W reminded the group that CFC elections will be coming up in September for the Chair and in November for the other Committee positions. Larry L said he would include a copy of the Committee Job Descriptions with the reminder for the next monthly meeting. Larry also reminded the group of Harold's suggestion for the Planning Committee to start involving Alt-chairs as a way of bringing in new people for the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The next SETA CFC meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 2022, InterGroup. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM with the Lord's Prayer.