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

Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2022 – Approved April 9, 2022

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B, at 7:30 PM. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair, started the meeting at 7:40 PM, following the first meeting of the Annual Conference Planning Committee meeting. The CFC meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which Roland read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 27 members attended, including 5 who participated remotely via Zoom.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u>. Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the February 16, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. Two mistakes were noted and corrected. The minutes said:

- 1. That "SFORZA will be October 7-9 will meet in Tulsa OK," and the correct abbreviation is "SWRAASA" for "Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly".
- 2. A meeting was resumed at the "'Will Wright' unit (formerly Eastham)". The correct name of the unit is "Wainright".

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E, SETA CFC Treasurer, summarized his report as follows:

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Blue Can balance as of 02/01/2022	\$ 39,036.68
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$ 2,857.85
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 1,686.80
Conference Fund	\$ 824.22
General Fund	\$ 1,325.00
Expenses	
Book and Grapevine Back Issue Purchases	\$ (4,126.41)
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$
PO Box	\$
Postage	\$
Printing	\$ (50.00)
Room Rental	\$
Zoom	\$ (159.80)
Supplies	\$
Presentations	\$
Ending Bank Balance as of 01/01/22	\$ 37,588.32
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 33,722.27

Roy also noted that pocket Big Books and 12&12s were generally out of stock due to supply chain issues. Richard D said that he has some pocket Big Books in case anyone wants some. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R reported:

- The Committee Budget meeting took place on March 5 and the budget will be presented at the Area Assembly on April 8-9, 2022. The Assembly will take place at the Double Tree Hotel by Intercontinental Airport/JFK Boulevard. There will be a Round Table at the Area Assembly with discussion for the Delegates to report back to the GSO.
- Our SETA CFC Committee will meet in April at the Area Assembly, in the Tucson Room, at 4:30 PM, on Saturday, April 9. We will NOT meet at InterGroup for the month of April. This will be the first time since before the Pandemic that the Committee will meet in person at the Area Assembly.

<u>CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME)</u>. Tony W reported that there is still have a 5:00 PM Thursday meeting at the Hamilton Unit but we are down to only one volunteer. Several women wanted to start a meeting for 12:00 Noon on Saturday, but there were some problems and they were not approved to do so. The Luther Unit is also limiting volunteer participation to only one person, although the written announcement indicated that more open participation would be allowed. Harold B corrected that he went there but they would not allow him to meet in both the Trustee Camp

and the building. Richard D said he had been going to the Camp with 3 volunteers on the weekend. Tony said the Chaplain is open to as many volunteers as we can provide, but Saturday at noon has no volunteers currently.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D announced that he had 5 Blue Cans for anyone who needed them.

<u>IT REPORT</u>. Bahiyyah W reported that we now have Zoom set up for the meeting, and 5 people were participating remotely. Also, Roy E and she are continuing to update the list of meetings for the Google Map on the CFC Website.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE)</u>. Tom W reported that we received 8 letters, 4 male and 4 female. One of the Zoom participants from the Good News Group in Humble requested Tom to send a list of the potential correspondents for her group to share.

<u>CONFERENCE REPORT.</u> Harold B announced that the Annual Conference Planning Committee met at 6:45 PM, just before the SETA CFC meeting. The Conference is scheduled for September 9-11, 2022, at the Double Tree Hotel, on JFK Boulevard, with a room rate of \$89 per night. We have a 40-room bloc, with 40 banquets reserved. This compares with 60 banquets and over 100 rooms in 2021. The hotel representative is easy to work with. They are negotiating about coffee, which was very expensive last year. Harold is hoping to get the big Conference Room at no charge for the TDCJ Orientation training. However everything is still very loose.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L reported that

Districts 63, 64, 65, and 66 met on March 14. Several of their members have sent in their applications to TDCJ and are waiting for approvals. Seven are already approved and are waiting for units to be designated for them to go to. Yolanda has discussed this with Roy E and Chuck M. Enrique M said he was recently approved and has been going to Darrington. The Chaplain there said they are still waiting for English meetings to start. He added that they want a new gate list every month. Roland R said there was also an issue of how far volunteers were willing to drive and whether meetings would be in the evening or during the work day.

<u>GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA.</u> Terry P participated via Zoom. He reported that the Grapevine Committee still needed support and participation. He said there was an effort to announce at meetings that the Grapevine Committee is a service opportunity. The next Grapevine Committee meeting will be tomorrow/Thursday night and he will know more then. He is out of town till late April. Larry L announced that Roy E had brought a box of Grapevine back issues that everyone was welcome to take.

<u>LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME)</u>. 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:

Volunteer	Unit	A	Amount	
Roy E	Wainwright Unit	\$	779.40	
Manny S	Jester III and Luther	\$	553.74	
Roland R	Springfellow	\$	110.00	
Total		\$	1,443.14	

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

<u>OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO)</u>. Manny S said that the Jester 3 Chaplain has been hard to work with. He wants only previous volunteers and is concerned that new volunteers not come if he (the Chaplain) has not already approved them. Only lay-ins would be allowed. The previous Chaplain had thought there was an end to "AA class participation." Roy E said that there was some confusion at Luther about which inmates would be allowed to attend meetings.

NEW BUSINESS (**NUEVO NEGOCIO**). Roland invited the Zoom participants to introduce themselves. They included Tina A, Terry P, Suzanne R, Kendyl W, and Tara C from various groups. There was discussion about when the Annual Conference Planning Committee should meet. It was decided that SETA CFC will meet at 4:30 PM on Saturday, 4/9/2022, at the Area Assembly, following the Pre-Pandemic Tradition; and the Annual Conference Planning Committee would meet on the 3rd Wednesday (April 20) at InterGroup at 7:30 PM.

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