

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

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. 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. 18 volunteers attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the October 1, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. Tony W observed that Zoom participants' reports were described as not presenting "formal" reports, but the reports should be formal whether presented in person or via Zoom. Larry said he would make that correction in the minutes. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented. Roy requested everyone to write their own report and send it to Larry to include in the minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).** Roy E, SETA CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

Description		Amount
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of 09/30/2022	\$	50,254.02
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	2,677.47
Conference Income	\$	
General Fund Balance as of 10/01/2022	\$	1,042.97
<b>Expenses</b>		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	
Grapevines	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	(55.41)
Lodging	\$	(612.45)
Supplies	\$	(100.11)
Room Rental	\$	(275.00)
General Fund	\$	(1,545.03)
Conference Fund	\$	(1,014.29)
Non-AA Social Fund	\$	(1,971.78)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$	<b>(5,574.07)</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 10/01/2022</b>	\$	
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	\$	<b>37,265.81</b>

Tom W asked how the budget compares with 2 years ago, and Roland R replied that our current budget is about the same or better than before. Richard D observed that for the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were not going into prisons so the literature expense was very low.

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Roland R:

- In October, we elected Tony W, our current SETA CFC Alt-Chair, as CFC Chair for 2023-2024.
- Anniversaries: Walls, North Texas, and Pack Units. Roy E was speaker at North Texas.
- Several SETA CFC members went to the National Conference in Chicago. Harold B helped with registration. It will be in Oklahoma in 2023 and in North Carolina in 2024.
- The first Sunday in December we will do a workshop/presentation at 1:00 PM for District 32 at Champions. Harold B observed that he had visited about 25 or more groups to announce our Annual Conference in September and many groups did not even know that CFC exists or what we do. He plans to visit at least 1 group a month over the coming year but would like some help doing our formal presentation. He invited other volunteers to join him. Roland added that we would announce such presentations over the coming year.

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

- Kendall W, outgoing chair for \_\_\_ [?] informed him that no one had gone to the CT Caroll Unit since Frank B, our CFC volunteer, had passed away. Several members indicated that they would check with that Unit about taking a meeting there. Tony asked whether there were any other units that Frank had been going to that we should look into. Harold said that Frank had also gone to Clemons and Retrieve and other units. Tony said he would follow up with members to see about taking meetings back to the units where Frank had gone.
- Tony referred to Roy E to inform the Committee about the upcoming Bridging the Gap Nation Conference which will be in Houston the weekend of September 8, 2023. Roy said the meeting would combine Treatment Facilities and CFC. Our responsibility would be to provide help with registration, encourage attendance, identify a speaker, and perhaps some panel members.
- Harold B will be the speaker for the Unity Conference.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Richard D reported that he had 2 Blue Cans left and asked if anyone wanted one.

**IT REPORT.** Bahiyyah W reported that the things were ok concerning the Website. Larry L said he happened to look at the Webpage and noted that the list of TDCJ in person training orientations was out of date. Bahiyyah replied that she would address correcting the list.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Tom W reported that he had received 18 letters from men and 11 letters from women. Roy E said that New York GSO is looking for women correspondents who would write to inmates. He suggested that if Tom needed people to correspond with inmates, that he contact Eileen at the GSO Corrections Desk.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Yolanda L reported that:

- Spanish speaking volunteers have been going to the Wynne Unit in Huntsville.
- Several Spanish volunteers would like addresses to write for correspondence.
- Several Spanish volunteers requested copies of the Big Book Guide. That is not presently on our book list but Manny S, our Literature Chair, said he would contact Libby at InterGroup to see about adding that book to our approved list. Richard D asked whether this book is approved AA literature and there was some disagreement about whether it is AA approved.
- Several volunteers would like to go to Jester III and she needs the schedule for that unit. Roland R said that there are meetings on Thursday and Saturday at 7 PM and she would have to ask them about starting a new meeting on Sundays. Roy E asked Yolanda to send him a list of interested volunteers for him to request the chaplain to add to the gate list.
- Yolanda reported that the number of Spanish speaking volunteers had grown from 12 initially to 19 now. The number of participating inmates had also grown to about 100 at a recent meeting.
- Richard said hat Fritz B was planning to laminate the gate list for Spanish speakers and make sure it is in the folder used by the gate guards.
- Yolanda added that several people were not yet on the gate list at the Walls and Chuck M said he would add them.
- In 2023, there will be two Spanish workshops, in February and July.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P reported that

- The Grapevine committee is growing and going strong after several months of low-to-no activity. InterGroup has agreed to help provide a display at are conferences.
- The Committee is planning to choose a Grapevine book of the month to display for sale at meetings. The next one would be about AA and the military due to Veteran’s Day coming up.
- He/Terry has been elected the Grapevine Committee Co-Chair.

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

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Yolanda L	Wynne and Darrington, and will talk with InterGroup	\$ 1,537.25
Harold B	Wynne, Luther, and Estelle	\$ 949.00
Connie H	Henley and Plane State	\$ 799.00
Bahiyyah W	Stringfellow plus Big Print Big Books	\$ 694.00
Roland R	Jester III and Plane State plus Big Print Big Books	\$ 656.00
Roy E	Hightower	\$ 552.00
Sara ME	Caroll Young and Bambi	\$ 168.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,355.25</b>

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

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).** The main Old Business was Committee elections

• Chair: Tony W	• Correspondence: Tom W
• Co-Chair: Harold B	• Literature: Manny S
• Treasurer: Roy E	• Spanish Liaison: Yolanda L
• Secretary: Larry L.	• Grapevine: Terry P
• Blue Can: Richard D	• Conference Chair: Roland R; Sara ME Conference Co-Chair
• IT: Bahiyyah W	• Correspondence: Tom W

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).** Roland R reminded the group that:

- The Committee will meet next on December 21, 2022, at InterGroup. We will also have a holiday celebration that evening.
- The Area Assembly will be in January 2023
- Manny S requested that everyone keep an eye out for Veteran inmates and provide their information to him.

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