

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, the SETA CFC met on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, was not present but participated via Internet. He reviewed a somewhat revised agenda for the evening, including the need to address the SETA Budget. Harold B, the Alt Chair, led the rest of the meeting for those present. He began with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 19 volunteers attended, including 3 who joined remotely via Internet. He then invited two visitors to introduce themselves, they were Henry N representing Harris County Jail, and Chris G, Treatment Facilities Committee Chair.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E, presented the Treasurer’s Report, summarized as follows:

Description		Amount
Income/Available Funds		
Blue Can balance as of July 1, 2023	\$	40,782.87
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,559.58
Conference Fund (35 Registrations)	\$	350.00
Conference Social Fund (\$270 contribution; \$50 for coffee)	\$	320.00
Expenses		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(6,262.15)
Conference – Hospitality	\$	(200.00)
Grapevines	\$	
General Fund	\$	(300.00)
Printing	\$	
Service Pamphlets	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	(300.00)
Supplies/Zoom	\$	
Room Rental	\$	
Subtotal Expenses	\$	(6,762.13)
General Fund	\$	(1,803.70)
Conference Fund	\$	(1,324.69)
Non-AA Social Fund	\$	(1,291.78)
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	39,550.32

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). In the absence of Tony W, Harold B read the Chair’s Report:

With SETA IT, we are finalizing collaborative inboxes. This will facilitate using the national Bridging the Gap (BTG) initiative, although we may well continuing channeling BTG requests through Tom W, our Correspondence Chair.

Chris G, the Treatment Facilities Chair, will describe the national BTG initiative to us and has been working with Roy E. to facilitate that project.

Henry G has been hired by Harris County Jail to coordinate all 12-Step programs at the jail. He will describe that initiative to us.

SETA Finance has asked us and all Committees to reduce their 2024 budget request, but it’s not at all clear what part of our budget should be reduced without requiring a large outlay of our personal funds to make up the difference.

The national BTG conference will be the 2nd weekend in September in Houston and the National Corrections Conference will be in Oklahoma City in November. Please register for those events.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Harold B noted, in agreement with Tony W, that it would be good if CFC members would get involved with the national BTG initiative. Tom W, our Correspondence Chair, would not be present for his report tonight, but the two efforts are not mutually exclusive. The larger issue, as with AA in general, is to keep commitments once made. He has been going to various groups announcing and encouraging attendance at the upcoming BTG conference and the SETA CFC Annual Conference in September.

Bridging the Gap. Chis G had some difficulty with the InterGroup connection, but then explained how the national BTG initiative works through connection with the National GSO office. CFC members explained how we handle Pre-Release requests through our Tom W, our Correspondence Chair. Harold and others explained how our BTG activity is an interaction between our in-Prison meetings where we distribute Big Books with our address for follow-up contact, Intergroup, and direct mail to Tom W. Harold said to make the new BTG initiative work will require collaboration of all the SETA Committees, otherwise the effort will continue to depend on individual CFC members. Chris said he had not been aware of our CFC efforts which often have little to do with the National AA office unless they forward to us individual requests; but working with us he will add more names to the BTG contacts data base. Roland R observed that we have been doing BTG on our own, but often we receive inmate requests too close to their discharge date to find a good BTG contact. Roy E observed that we definitely need more BTG volunteers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the July 8, 2023, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Harris County Jail. Henry N is the new Harris County Jail (HCJ) administrator for 12-Step programs. He described how HCJ wants to re-start AA in the post-pandemic era. He said that many inmates want AA. Scheduling continues to be a bit unresolved. But he wants to get started. The program is run through the Chaplain's Office because AA is considered a religious program. He would like to bring in the current edition of the Big Book and also in different languages. New meetings may be started on weekends. He is interested in how BTG may help released inmates. Training and even meetings for the HCJ staff may also be an option. He provided his contact information for the committee. Vaughn ___ suggested providing the InterGroup list of area meetings to inmates as they are released. Roy E suggested a Website to find meetings.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L was not present but Harold B reported that Yolanda is prepared for running the hospitality rooms at the BTG and SETA CFC Annual Conference.

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

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported that he had book orders as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Manny S	Jester III and Luther	\$ 480.20
Roy E	Styles; LeBlanc	\$ 825.60
Yolanda L	Wynne	\$ 1,629.60
Alicia M	Pack 1	\$ 509.40
Roland R	Jester; Keegan	\$ 904.00
Tillie L	Memorial	\$ 432.00
Ola T	Dayton; Memorial	\$ 1,140.80
Total		\$ 5,921.60

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

CONFERENCE REPORT. Roland R, Conference Chair, reported that:

- Harold and he will be contacting the hotel tomorrow.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that:

- Her committee will be working on setting up Google Meet. She will check to see how long the Zoom Account will be open.
- Two other people are on the Zoom call.
- Kendyl requested someone to send the Harris County Jail contact information.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).

- Larry L reminded the group that our Annual Conference will be the third weekend of September (9/15-17/2023) but the 2nd weekend will be the National Bridging the Gap Conference (9/8-10, 2023), at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).

- SETA Budget
 - Eric V asked about discrepancies between the SETA Budget and our CFC Budget for 2023.
 - Eric V and others suggested that we keep the 2024 budget as is. Harold B said he would convey the group's consensus to Tony W.
- Harold asked the group to decide when to meet next as a final discussion before the Annual Conference. The decision was to meet again Thursday, 9/7/2023, at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with the Responsibility Statement.