

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Saturday, July 8, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 4:30 PM, during the SETA Area Assembly at the DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel–Intercontinental, 15747 JFK Boulevard. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 17 volunteers attended. Tony then asked for newcomers to introduce themselves. 3 new members from Spanish speaking groups responded.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the June 21, 2023, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E, presented the Treasurer's Report, was not present but texted that several volunteers and he were driving Dallas, Texas, for a Bridging-the-Gap conference. Because he does not receive the bank statements till after the first week of the month, so there was no Treasurer's report for this meeting. In summary, he wrote a check to InterGroup for about \$8,000 to cover book orders; about \$31,000 was left for book orders; we received about \$6,000 in Blue Can Donations; so we have about \$37,000 for CFC expenses.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W noted that he would be doing a formal Chair report for the Area Assembly in about an hour or so, but a copy of his report was available for anyone who wanted one.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Harold B had left the Area Assembly to go with Roy E to Dallas, so there was no Co-Chair Report.

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

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that:

- She had reviewed the SETA CFC Website and noted that there is a list of meetings that we conduct in TDCJ units but it is not up to date, so she will update it and be in contact with the IT Committee to do so.
- The IT Committee did spell Harold B's name correctly, at her request.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT. Tom W reported that we received 13 letters, 5 from men and 8 from women. Most requested someone to correspond with.

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

- The Conference Planning Committee will meet at 6:30 PM, prior to our regular 3rd Wednesday CFC meeting at InterGroup. The Planning Committee will discuss the Area Delegate making an Opening Presentation like he did in 2022.
- Other topics will include the Ice Cream social for Friday night; paying for speakers who will stay at the hotel and for how long; the Professional and Volunteer Panel has been lined up; whether the Banner has been created or needs to be; and anything else that is coming up because the time till the Annual Conference is getting short.
- Registration remains low, at around 4 people so far. Roland added that everyone needs to register. Larry L said he will include the meeting times and dates in the next email reminder to everyone. Bahiyya W asked whether we can email to the groups, but Larry replied that he has our CFC Roster but no information about contacting groups directly. Tony W said he would prepare an announcement to distribute via SETA Announce.
- Roland asked Yolanda L, our Spanish Liaison, to provide this information to the Spanish members who were present. Tony noted that we do not have a Spanish flyer yet.
- He/Tony had some letters and checks for Roy E.

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

- There will be a meeting with all the Spanish Districts on July 13.
- As a group, the Spanish Districts will not provide financial support for Hospitality Rooms for the National Bridging the Gap Conference in September, however individually they will make donations as they may decide.
- District 64 will have their CFC Workshop from 2-4 PM on July 23, but they are still waiting for the Agenda.
- The Spanish Speaker for the Annual Conference will not need a hotel room, so that will save some expense, but they are grateful for the offer.
- They have approached the ___(?) group and provided Bridging the Gap information, but they have not back from that group.
- They will continue to encourage and work for registration, Hospitality, and security at the Annual Conference.
- They will have a meeting on July 14 to discuss working on the Wynne Unit Anniversary when it will be rescheduled. There was some confusion initially about whether the Anniversary was cancelled or postponed and happily, it was only postponed.
- District 66 needs 10 copies of the CFC Workbook in Spanish. Roland R said he would work on finding them.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P was at the Area Assembly in the Grapevine Committee and so could not be present for the CFC meeting, so there was no Grapevine report.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S could not attend but he called Roland R and said if anyone needs books to please send the order to his email. Larry L added that he had put Manny's email address in the monthly reminder and he can provide that information if anyone wants it.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no old business to discuss.

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.
- Bahiyah W reminded the group that the National Corrections Conference will be in Oklahoma on November 10-12, 2023. If people will be able to go in early, the organizers are trying to find prison units to visit.
- Larry also announced that CFC Houston would have its annual fund raising Round-Up event on the first Saturday of August.
- Jeanette W said she was having trouble getting approval to go back into the Bell Unit in Cleveland.
- Tony W reminded the Group that there will be TDCJ training on Saturday of our Annual Conference and training is also available online.
- Larry L mentioned that he had heard that Harris County Jail was re-opening again for AA. Tony W added that HCJ had hired a man, Henry Nadeau, to be responsible and facilitate AA and other 12-step programs in Harris County Jail. He should attend the next SETA CFC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM with the Lord's Prayer.