

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 20 volunteers attended, including 2 via Zoom and 5 newcomers.

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 May 1, 2023	\$	40,787.02
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,199.49
Conference Fund	\$	300.00
Expenses		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(2,055.55)
Grapevines	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Printing	\$	
Service Pamphlets	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	
Supplies/Zoom	\$	
Room Rental	\$	
Subtotal Expenses	\$	(2,055.55)
General Fund	\$	(1,803.70)
Conference Fund	\$	(1,014.29)
Non-AA Social Fund	\$	(971.78)
Ending Bank Balance as of 06/01/2023	\$	43,230.96
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases (Minus InterGroup Check for \$8,053.15)	\$	39,441.19 (\$ 31,388.68)

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W noted that he had not been present at last month's meeting, but thanks everyone for taking up the slack. He reported the following:

- The State Convention was a great success, with 1,428 registrations with packed rooms for every speaker. The old timers count went back to 1957 and the newcomer had been sober for 8 hours.
- The Corrections Panel told their stories and Tony has a CD of their presentation if anyone wants to borrow it and pass it on.
- The estimate for the Annual Conference Hotel fees was not correct but Roland R, the Annual Conference Chair, is fixing that.
- At InterGroup, Libbie has stepped down as Administrative Assistant and they are looking for a replacement. It's possible that they will be looking to replace Kelli also over the coming year.
- Fritz B received 3 cases of Big Books for the Wynne Unit. Richard D said they also have several cases of Spanish Big Books.
- There was some confusion about availability of meetings and books at Stringfellow, but it turns out that Susan Stegman there had been referring to SafeP, which does not have meetings or books.
- Eileen A at the GSO Corrections Desk had contacted Tony about a man at the Dayton unit who will be released and wants an outside contact. He will be moving outside our area, so Tony gave the information to Tom W, our Correspondence Chair, who will take care of getting that information to the inmate.
- Jeff H picked a big order of books for the Cleveland Unit and ordered additional books because another large group had come in.
- The District 40 Traditions Dinner will be July 22, from 4-7 PM. They invited a CFC member to speak on CFC.
- Tony has been working closely with Brad H to get CFC meetings listed in our CFC SETA email account. Several of our Committee members do not have a SETA email account and so need to be added. Anyone who needs a SETA email account, should email to < admin@AA-SETA.org >.
- Chris C the TFC chair has made binders for all the committees, including Bridging the Gap and CFC.
- Henry Nadu (sp) could not attend but he has been hired by Harris County Jail to (re)establish AA meetings for all Harris County.
- Tony reminded everyone to register for the upcoming national Bridging the Gap conference in Houston, the Nation Corrections Committee conference which will be in Oklahoma City, and the Area Assembly coming up on July 7-8 here in Houston.
- Cris S asked whether we could get this information translated into Spanish. Tony replied that he writes his report about a week before our meeting, so he will email it to Chris, who can be responsible for translating it into Spanish and distributing to the Spanish speaking districts. He also asked about the District 40 invitation, which Tony explained more completely.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Harold B reported that:

- Book prices have gone up exponentially, which will impact our budget for purchasing AA literature.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, was about 30 minutes late, for which he apologized. He circulated the May 17, 2023, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as corrected. Harold B noted a mistake, that the minutes reported \$648 had been collected for coffee donations but the amount was actually \$570. It was then moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as corrected.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D reported that he had two Blue Cans left and anyone who wants any should come request from him. He added that the Wynne Anniversary celebration had been canceled at the last minute. Fritz B will be meeting with the warden to try to find out why it was canceled and the likelihood of rescheduling it. Richard noted that about 150 names were on the anniversary list to attend, but many of those men do not actually attend AA meetings. It was decided that Yolanda L should keep the money we collected to cover food and refreshments, in hope that the anniversary will be rescheduled in a month or so.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W participated via Zoom. Following on Harold B's observation that he would be setting up a CFC website for the annual conference, Bahiyyah noted that she had suggested that when she first became IT Chair but the Committee did not agree at that time. So, she would certainly like to be involved as Harold continues.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Roland R, Conference Chair,

- Reported that the Conference Planning Committee had not yet clarified about the Ice Cream social but would do so at the next meeting. Like Harold B, he encouraged everyone to register and encourage others to register, especially for the banquet.
- Harold B encouraged everyone register for the annual CFC conference in September. He has been having some trouble with EventBrite for registration. He will present to the planning Committee that he would like to set up a separate CFC Website for registration and payment. He requested everyone to take Annual Conference flyers to their regular meetings. If the link to the hotel does not work properly, there is also a phone number for the hotel, but people should ask for the SETA CFC room bloc. We need 30 rooms and at least 100 registrants to break even. Whoever goes to the Area Assembly, our volunteers will need to bring flyers and sit at our CFC Table to generate registrations. Harold will start going to various District and regular AA meeting to announce the conference. He requested volunteers interested in helping to please contact Roland R, the conference chair.

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

- All the Spanish Districts met on June 1 but there was a lack of communication about the Bridging the Gap National Conference, for which they were requested to provide the Hospitality Room, just as for the SETA CFC Annual Conference. As a group, the Spanish Districts voted not to be responsible for the Hospitality Room, however several individuals would be attending and would be helping with the Hospitality Room. The Committee thanked her for this service. Chris S added that the decision not so participate was from the Districts as a group; they were not against individuals participating on their own.
- She said they are ready for the upcoming July 23 CFC workshop, from 12-2 PM at District 64. She would like copies of that flyer. Harold B said he would generate a Spanish flyer for her.
- Ricardo D has stepped down as Alt-Spanish Liaison, but Fernando H has volunteered to take that responsibility.
- At the next meeting of the four Spanish Districts, they will encourage participation and registration in the SETA CFC Annual Conference. They have begun to meet about hosting the Hospitality Room at the annual conference.
- Spanish volunteers are going to the Darrington and Wynne units.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P was not present so there was no Grapevine report. Roy E said there were some Grapevines available at the meeting.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Roy E	Estelle, Luther	\$ 904.80
Sarah E	Carol Young, Plane State	\$ 708.00
Harold B	Estelle, Stringfellow	\$ 1,817.60
Roland R	Jester III, Luther	\$ 926.60
Tillie L	Memorial Unit	\$ 299.50
Total		\$ 4,156.50

Manny reminded the group to take Grapevines and La Viñas with them. He also strongly requested that book orders be submitted one week **BEFORE** the meeting. Tony W said that we will also announce this through SETA. 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). There was no old business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with the Responsibility Statement.