

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING  
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241  
Meeting Minutes for March 15, . . .**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, March 15, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Tony W, 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. 22 volunteers attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the February 15, 2023, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).** Roy E, SETA CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that we're now using a new bank, with a different date for sending their statement. So the summary (following) does not quite mesh with the summary from the previous month.

Description		Amount
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of February 1, 2023	\$	41,938.65
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	6,513.92
<b>Expenses</b>		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(5,832.10)
Grapevine	\$	(2,010.00)
General Fund	\$	(365.70)
Printing	\$	(57.36)
Service Pamphlets	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	
Supplies/Zoom	\$	
Room Rental	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Conference Fund	\$	(1,014.29)
Social Fund	\$	(1,171.78)
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 10/01/2022</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,881.29</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,011.34</b>

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).**

- Tony W invited new visitors to introduce themselves. These included two volunteers from the Serenity Group.
- His report continued that GSO in New York informed him about an inmate who would be released from Estelle and moving to North Texas, so he contacted the Dallas InterGroup/CFC twice over the previous 10 days but they have not responded. He asked if anyone knows someone in Northeast Texas to please inform him after the meeting.

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

- District 81 will have a CFC workshop later in April. Different people have contacted him because they are receiving an error message when they look for the event online. So he needs to contact the IT committee to report the problem.
- He has started visiting different meetings to announce and encourage participation in our Annual Conference in September.
- Roland R will do a CFC presentation in District 31 this coming Sunday. Roland added that his home group usually does a workshop in April, though they have not done so recently due to the pandemic. He will bring the group's preference for a date to the next meeting.
- Harold said he will develop a spreadsheet to list the various workshop presentations we make. He requested that anyone doing such a workshop to please send the information to him.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL BRIDGING THE GAP CONFERENCE.** Tony W reminded the group about the national Bridging the Gap (BTG) conference to be in Houston, September 8-10, 2023, at the Sheraton North Houston Hotel, 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX, 77032.

- Roy E said that registration is proceeding slowly, with about 10 people registered so far. There will be a good speaker and Roy encouraged SETA CFC committee members to register and attend.
- Kendyl W chairs the committee and reported that the Committee met for the first time on the previous 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. 6 members attended. They decided that:
  - There should be communication between the Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities Committees (TFC and CFC).
  - The CFC should create an Administrative Position to liaison with the Treatment Committee.
  - The Committee will develop plans for the National Conference with help from Tony W and Roy E.
  - The next Committee meeting will be March 21, 2023, via Zoom at 6:30 PM.

- Tony W noted that 6 CFC members are listed as having administrative privileges on the BTG Website but he does not know who they are. It was assumed that Bahiyyah W, our IT Chair, Roy, and Tony had privileges but Kendyll suggested that we need to check with the National BTG Conference group to clarify this question. We also need to clarify from CFC who wants to have administrative access to the National BTG Conference Website. Tony said the Ad Hoc Committee should address these matters at their next meeting.
- Tony asked whether anyone wanted to be the liaison to the Ad Hoc Committee. Kendyl said she thought it should be someone more familiar with CFC activities than she is. Bahiyyah said she would serve as liaison if no one else wanted the position.
- Larry L asked when the Ad Hoc Committee met and Kendyl said they meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

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

**IT REPORT.** Bahiyyah W reported that she had reached out to the IT Committee to make some corrections on our Web page. She acknowledged that the IT Committee is understaffed.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Tom W reported that we had 18 letters in February and 8 letters for March, 14 from women and 12 from men, for a total of 26. About a third request literature and about 2 thirds request a correspondent/sponsor, including ongoing correspondence.

**CONFERENCE REPORT.** Roland R reported that the Planning Committee met before the regular meeting and has begun the planning process. Harold B said that now the Planning Committee has started meeting, everyone should start announcing the Annual Conference at their regular meetings and it's ok to solicit donations, e.g., for coffee, so that we don't have to pay for coffee from our regular Conference budget.

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

- The Spanish CFC Workshop occurred on February 26, 2023, with about 35 people attending.
- Miguel is going to Darrington and she/Yolanda is going to the Wynne Unit. They need more volunteers for each.
- The Spanish Districts did not meet in March but will meet next month. She will announce the BTG Conference to them as well as our own Annual Conference.
- Kendyl W asked whether Yolanda could facilitate translating the BTG National Conference flyer into Spanish and Yolanda said she would help with that.
- Bahiyya W asked whether any Spanish speakers wanted to go to the Walls, where they want a Friday evening Spanish meeting because there is Spanish church on Sunday which creates a Sunday conflict.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P was not present but Tom W reported for him that there is a lot of Grapevine activity going on, including upcoming workshops for writing to submit to the magazine as well as a Grapevine subscription context that offers \$3.00 off the regular subscription price.

**LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME).** Manny S

Manny reported the following orders:

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Roy E	Estelle and Darrington	\$ 1,067.80
Harold B	Luther and Stringfellow	\$ 949.20
Sarah E	Carol Young and Plane State	\$ 802.80
Bahiyyah W	Stringfellow	\$ 792.20
Jeff H	Cleveland	\$ 613.20
Miguel P	Darrington	\$ 416.80
Roland R	Luther, Jester 3, Darrington	\$ 372.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,014.00</b>

Richard D added that we order \$2,000 worth of Grapevines and La Vinia. 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).**

- Bahiyya W said we need more volunteers at the Stringfellow Unit.
- There was a question about
- Larry L said that Harris County Jail is asking for more volunteers. He added that jails have different requirements from TDCJ for State institutions.
- Manny S said there his Monday night men's group will have a gratitude dinner at the Park on North Gessner the coming Saturday at 6:30 PM.
- Manny S added that those of us who go into units with arts and crafts shops should ask if they will make and donate crafts for the silent auction at our annual conference.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.