

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, could not attend so Harold B., SETA CFC Alt Chair started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose. 17 volunteers attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the April 1, 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, noted that we're now using a new bank, with a different date for sending their statement. He then 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	\$	3,280.89
Expenses		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(6,307.01)
Grapevines	\$	(2,750.00)
General Fund	\$	(57.06)
Printing	\$	
Service Pamphlets	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	
Supplies/Zoom	\$	
Room Rental	\$	
Subtotal Expenses	\$	(9,104.07)
General Fund	\$	(1,803.70)
Conference Fund	\$	(714.29)
Social Fund	\$	(1,171.78)
Ending Bank Balance as of 05/01/2023	\$	40,787.02
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	37,097.25

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Because Tony W could not attend, there was no Chair Report.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Harold B invited newcomers to introduce themselves, which four individuals did. One Spanish speaker wanted information about applying to become an approved volunteer in TDCJ. It was explained that he could do so online or come to a live training. Harold said he had attended the Area Assembly. Not a lot new to report, except the Area Delegate spoke and talked about the new version of the Big Book currently being edited. There will be some different easier language and different stories.

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL BRIDGING THE GAP CONFERENCE. Kendyl W could not attend so Harold B reported that the committee was moving forward for the national Bridging the Gap Conference and they had already met their reservation requirement for the room bloc and banquet.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE). Tom W reported that correspondence had been good. He could not attend the April meeting but since then we received 18 letters, 6 from women and 14 from men. He has had trouble using the SETA Webmail and so has used his own personal email account. Bahiyah W reported that she had received a letter from a woman in SAP at the Stringfellow Unit. She requested AA literature and Bahiyah communicated with the Chaplain there about getting a list of the requested books. Tom said anyone interested in corresponding with inmates should contact him. Sarah E said she knew several women who would like to correspond and would get their contact information to him.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D reported that he brought lots of Blue Cans to the meeting and anyone who wants any should come request from him. He added that we received \$265 for Yolanda L to provide food at the Wynne Anniversary celebration.

IT REPORT. Bahiyah W reported that no one had signed into Zoom for the meeting, but otherwise our information is updated on the SETA Website.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Roland R, Conference Chair, reported that the Conference Planning Committee had met just before the CFC meeting. The goal now is to push for registration and banquets. At the next meeting, the Planning Committee will decide when the TDCJ training will be scheduled. Speakers have been confirmed. The National Bridging the Gap Conference will be the weekend before our SETA CFC Annual Conference in September. Everyone should have the conference flyer by now, so please post them around and encourage registration. Harold B added that we have received \$648 in donations to cover 13 pots of coffee. However, only one person has registered so far.

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

The Spanish districts had met at District 65 on May 11, 2023. They will help with the food preparation for the Wynne Unit Anniversary. A separate committee is already working to prepare for the Hospitality Room at our Annual Conference. She introduced several of the Spanish speaking volunteers. Ricardo D reported that he is from District 66 and will be the new Alternate Spanish Liaison.

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
Yolanda L	Wynne Unit	\$ 1,629.60
Manny S	Jester III, Luther	\$ 1,100.00
Roland R	Jester III, Luther	\$ 945.80
Bahiyyah W	Plane State, BAMBI	\$ 924.70
Roy E	Estelle	\$ 924.00
Sarah E	BAMBI	\$ 633.20
Jeanette W	Oliver J. Bell in Cleveland	\$ 412.80
Total		\$ 6,570.10

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).

- Richard D announced that the Wynne Unit would be having its anniversary on Saturday, June 17, from 5-8 PM. He circulated a sign-up list and also a donation list to help cover food expenses.
- Larry L mentioned that someone had called him and said a guard wanted to sit in on the meeting, and she was concerned about maintaining participants' anonymity. The CFC does not have a specific policy about non-AA'ers participating in meeting. One person said that our prison meetings are open, and another added that we need to follow the rules of the prisons.
- Yolanda L asked whether the Spanish districts can have another Workshop on July 23 at 2:00 PM at District 64. The Committee agreed and Roy E said he would bring our AV equipment.
- Yolanda L requested more information about the National Bridging the Gap Conference, noting that the Spanish Districts would not be able to cover the Hospitality Room for both that Conference and our Annual Conference. The group said that it was not necessary to cover both conferences though individuals can be involved if they want.
- Harold B reminded that our next meeting will be June 21, 2023. The Annual Conference Planning Committee will meet at 6:30 PM and the regular SETA CFC meeting will be at 7:30 PM at InterGroup.
- InterGroup requested any volunteers to come and help with their weekly cleanup on Fridays as a form of service.

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