

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, November 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. 16 volunteers attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the October 14, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

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

Description		Amount
Income/Available Funds		
Blue Can balance as of 10/01/2023	\$	46,399.47
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	5,974.70
Expenses		
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	(1,950.00)
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	
Supplies	\$	
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	(200.00)
General Fund	\$	(1,808.00)
Conference – Double Tree	\$	(4,566.88)
Conference – Speaker Lodging	\$	(1,300.00)
Conference Fund	\$	(1,229.81)
Non-AA Social Fund	\$	(1,124.00)
Total Expenses	\$	(8,016.88)
Ending Bank Balance as of 10/01/2022	\$	44,357.29
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	40,195.48

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W reported that:

- He apologized for missing several meetings due to medical problems and he thanks Harold B for stepping up to chair the meeting in Tony's absence.
- Regarding Bridging the Gap (BTG), the BTCG Website, Google group, and mailbox are set up and he would like to schedule a time to train those who will use it in person, namely 7:00 PM before the December Committee meeting, on December 20. We will have to cut a check to the Treatment Facility Committee for half of the Web-hosting cost, about \$75 annually. Eventually, we may need to establish a BTG Liaison. The Sign-up sheet is beta tested with the IT Committee. Training will be especially for the Website Administrators, including Tony W, Roy E, Harold B, Bahiyyah W, Tom W, and Larry L.
- Everyone on the Committee will have SETA email addresses.
- We continue to get requests from the Terrell Unit in Rosharon.
- The correct literature price list/order form has been added to the SETA Webpage.
- The GSO Corrections Correspondence forms have been updated.

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

- We are going into between 31 and 33 prison units. Roy E has updated the list on the Webpage.
- Leeland ___ is now in hospice and Tony W suggested we send him a card. Bahiyyah W said that a Louisiana Death Row inmate has created string-art cards with AA themes. They are available for \$25 per pack.
- 51 participants at our annual conference received TCDJ training. Harold suggested that at next year's conference, we keep better track of those who receive training because there are several units that have no volunteers to take in meetings. However, it's important that the volunteers pick days and times when they will go and remain committed to those times.
- The National Corrections Conference was very good and he met a lot of good volunteers there. He helped with registration and there were about 230 registrants from all over the country. The connection with other volunteers will help a lot with BTG.
- Roland R did a great job chairing our SETA Annual Conference for 2023. Sarah ME would like to chair next year's meeting.
- Some units are very negative about our being there but it's important work.
- There will be no more in-person TDCJ volunteer training. Applications must be online. Harold said to Yolanda L, our Spanish Liaison, that he is willing to help Spanish speaking volunteers to complete the online training.

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

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that she will have to work with the IT group to set up Google Meets rather than Zoom for our meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Tom W reported that there have been some technical problems with the SETA webmail, but Roy E has about 8 letters which he will scan them. With the COVID lockdown, there were some problems with mail. TDCJ has now created a mail center in Dallas, TX. All correspondence should be sent to that center POB rather than to individuals in the various units. The address is:

Mail Center
POB 660400
Dallas, TX 75266-040

This is just for TDCJ, but mail procedure to county jails and federal units remain the same.

Conference Report. Roland R, Conference Chair, reported that the conference was great. The hotel has been paid and the hotel would be glad to have us back. The budget was maintained. There was discussion about using our own Website to avoid charges from EventBrite.

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

- All the Spanish districts meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month; the next meeting will be at District 63.
- The last meeting discussed taking DVDs into the Wynne Unit. There is a new GSR at the Wynne unit and the Spanish Group wants to know whether they can register as a separate meeting with GSO. The Committee encouraged her to continue with that process.
- Bahiyyah W suggested taking a meeting in on a Friday once a month.
- They had a Spanish Workshop in San Antonio for about 20 attendees.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported by way of the Internet that the Grapevine committee is planning to order a lot of literature for next year because their budget was cut considerably for this year. He provided the subscription rates. Bahiyyah W noted that at the National Conference, two GSO people encouraged both inmates and volunteers to submit stories or letters. Grammar and narrative are not so important because editors will refine the writing. Also, subscriptions can be purchased for a waitlist of inmates.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported book orders, summarized as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Harrold B	Luther and Hightower	\$ 2,242.40
Roy E	Estelle and Luther	\$ 1,514.00
Chuck M	Ramsey and Stringfellow	\$ 1,206.00
Sarah ME	Carol Young and Jester	\$ 1,160.00
Miguel P	Darrington	\$ 1,253.60
Roland R	Jester and Plane State	\$ 1,030.00
Michael S	Fort Bend Jail	\$ 999.80
Olah T	Plane State and Luther	\$ 750.40
Ula A	Darrington	\$ 676.80
Alicia M	Darrington	\$ 412.80
Bahiyyah W	BAMBI	\$ 118.00
Yolanda L		\$ 59.00
Total		\$ 11,522.80

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).

- It was moved, seconded, and passed to split the cost for the BTG Website.
- The group decided to meet at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of December to do BTG training and have a Christmas party in addition to the regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with the Responsibility Statement.