

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING  
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241  
Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Saturday, October 14, 2023, the SETA CFC met at 5:00 PM, during the SETA Area Assembly at the Sheraton North Houston Intercontinental Airport, 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX 77573. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, was not present so Harold B chaired the meeting. He began with a moment of silence. Seventeen volunteers attended.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the September 19, 2023, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Tony W was not present, so there was no Chair's Report.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Harold B reported that he was very grateful for all the volunteers who participated in the conference. For the TDCJ training, about 10 people were church people and the rest were AA volunteers. He encouraged everyone to encourage the new trainees to go into prisons.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).** Roy E summarized the Treasurer's Report as follows::

<b>Description</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of August 1, 2023	\$	45,686.23
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,523.41
Conference Fund (77 Registrations)	\$	770.00
Conference Social Fund (Banquets, Coffee Contributions)	\$	1,754.00
Total Income	\$	7,047.41
<b>Expenses</b>		
AA books from InterGroup	\$	(5,984.17)
Conference – Double Tree Hotel (outstanding check)	\$	(4,566.88)
Grapevines	\$	
General Fund (Chairs lodging)	\$	
Printing/Supplies	\$	(200.00)
Service Pamphlets	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging	\$	
Supplies/Zoom	\$	
Room Rental	\$	( 150.00)
<b>Subtotal Expenses</b>	\$	(\$6,334.17)
General Fund	\$	(200.00)
Conference Fund	\$	(2,464.69)
Non-AA Social Fund	\$	(4,632.00)
<b>Bank Balance as of September 1, 2023</b>	\$	<b>46,399.47</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	\$	<b>37,364.78</b>

Roy added several details about outstanding checks, funds we receive from SETA, etc. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Blue Can Report.** Richard D was not present so there was no Blue Can Report.

**IT Report.** Bahiyah W reported that the IT Committee is encouraging everyone to use Google Meets rather than Zoom for online and hybrid meetings because Google Meets is less expensive.

**Conference Report.** Roland R commented that the Conference was excellent and in the black. Harold B noted that we have been using EventBrite for most conferences over the past 10 years, but that results in as much as \$200 paid to EventBrite which could have gone to SETA CFC if we had our own Conference Website. Larry L said that he also had trouble using the QR code. Harold added that we could link our own Website to the SETA Website to facilitate registration. Roy E observed that the TDCJ training was very good but there is a group of participants, largely among the Spanish speakers, for whom TDCJ still needs various bits of information or signatures. Harold and Manny S, in Spanish, shared that we will be happy to help such individuals if they will reach out to the Committee. A volunteer asked how individuals can get the required TDCJ training and she was told to ask such individuals to come to the regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday meeting and someone will help them get the training, either in person or online. A representative for the Spanish Districts reported that District 63 was going to provide a Spanish training workshop in Waller, Texas, later in the month.

**Correspondence Report.** Tom W was not present so there was no Correspondence Report. Harold B complimented Tom for the excellent job he is doing for correspondence. However, for meetings like this when Tom cannot attend, Harold suggested that it would be good if we had an alternate Correspondence Chair – as with other chairs - to make sure correspondence between meetings would not be lost, i.e., “fall through the cracks”, since it may be one or two months before a next meeting occurs and letters may remain in the PO Box. Bahiyyah W observed that Tom usually emails letters to volunteers, so letters may not in fact be left until the next Committee meeting. Harold said he was only emphasizing the need for consistency and regularity. Roy E reminded the group that we used to have separate Correspondence and Pre-Release committees but they were merged due to the lack of volunteer participation. It was also observed that we need more of the physical forms for to give inmates and volunteers describing our correspondence procedure.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Yolanda L was not present so there was no Spanish Liaison report.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P reported that the Grapevine Committee did several workshops for different districts over the previous several months. The Prison Issue will be in July, and both inmates or volunteers are welcome to submit their stories at least 7 or 8 months in advance to be reviewed for publication. Larry L encouraged the group to submit stories in Spanish always, and Manny S translated that into Spanish.

**LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME).** Manny S reported that he had book orders as follows:

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bahiyya W	Wainwright and Plane State	\$ 840.75
Roy E	Estelle	\$ 1,261.75
Roland R	Luther, Keegan	\$ 1,058.00
Sara E	Carol Young, BAMBI	\$ 1,052.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,213.30</b>

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

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).**

A volunteer asked about whether and how CFC works together with national Bridging the Gap (BTG). Harold B replied that BTG has been functioning for many years, however improved cooperation with CFC is going on.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM with the Responsibility Statement.