

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING  
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241  
Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).** On Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 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. 27 volunteers attended, including 1 who attended remotely via Zoom. Three new volunteers introduced themselves.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).** Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the February 21, 2024, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was 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
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of 02/01/2024	\$	36,398.17
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	6,251.99
Conference Contributions	\$	159.31
<b>Expenses</b>		
Literature (outstanding check, not yet cleared)	\$	(8,593.82)
Literature (Service pamphlets)	\$	(110.90)
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, and state correction conferences)	\$	(342.70)
Printing	\$	(342.70)
Supplies	\$	
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	
General Fund	\$	(2,823.40)
Conference Hotel Deposit plus WIX	\$	(1,229.81)
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$	(1,068.28)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(9,690.22)</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 3/31/2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,119.22</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,997.76</b>

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

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Tony W:

- Welcomed Henry N, Harris County Jail 12-Step Program Coordinator. Henry reported that there were now 2 approved volunteers conducting 4 meetings. He noted that there are several buildings downtown and some delay doing background checks for everyone. He said that Larry L and Roy E would start leading a new meeting. Henry himself is leading a meeting for female inmates. The inmates are generally very positive and open to the meetings. He added that there is a real need to help inmates get re-established after release, so Bridging the Gap will be an important option for them, especially for volunteers who cannot meet the background check requirements. The inmates will eventually have computer tablets with AA literature, but he cannot say when that will be. 150-200 inmates are participating in the program monthly. Taking books inside is as hard as it is for the prisons, with material having to be screened first for drugs. Bahiyyah W asked about when Women's meetings are scheduled. Manny S noted that there are some potential volunteers at the VA and asked when a veterans meeting may be scheduled. He also asked about any need for Spanish language materials.
- Tony W reported about his conversations with SETA leadership about what they will need for financial aspects SETA CFC's relationship with SETA.
- Tony attended a meeting of CFC Houston about whether and how they and SETA CFC might combine efforts, including dealing with their respective target groups of State Prisons vs. all institutions of incarceration. They were open to cooperating but specifics need to be clarified. Chuck M, from CFC Houston, could not make this meeting but plans to attend next SETA CFC meeting on April 17. While nothing is finalized, possible ideas include:
  1. Letting CFC Houston drain their bank account and AA literature before merging.
  2. Replacing all White Cans with Blue Cans, with White Can contributors receiving a reply explaining new can, new address, etc.
  3. Getting as many as possible from CFC Houston to take active service positions with SETA CFC.
  4. CFC Houston would close their 501C3 and also close with their bank account.
  5. No Blue Can funds would be used to support any of the above ideas.

Manny S suggested voting on these ideas but it was decided to table the discussion till next month, when Chuck M would be present to answer any questions.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Harold B attended via Zoom and reported that he is soliciting contributions to support the Annual Conference. Bahiyyah W asked about District 31, and Harold added that they have a CFC Rep and will do a presentation about CFC next month in April.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Richard D was not present, but Tony W reported that several people complained about the Blue Cans not looking good so he purchased several new plastic cans which look good and will last.

**IT REPORT.** Bahiyyah W reported that Google Meets is up and running for use rather than Zoom to attend meetings remotely. All volunteers need to do is (1) go to AA-SETA.org, (2) go to SETA-CFC page, and click on the link. The link has no restrictions so we can use it also for other subcommittee and group meetings. Larry L will put that information in the next monthly reminder.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Natalie B, the new Correspondence Chair, reported that she had received the Correspondence list from Tony W and that we received 16 letters for the month. She will scan them and contact people on her list. She noted that Roy E had also received several letters, which had already forwarded. Tony also noted that he had received several letters when the previous Correspondence Chair left. She requested anyone who had letters, to please contact her. Her email is [Natalie.B@Seta.org](mailto:Natalie.B@Seta.org). Manny S said that he would meet with her to explain the ordering procedure with InterGroup when inmate literature requests were sent through the mail. Manny also noted that he knew a man who wanted to be added to the Correspondence List.

**CONFERENCE REPORT.** Sarah ME, the 2024 Conference Chair, reported that: The hotel is confirmed for September 6-8, 2024, and there is a hotel room bloc. Flyers are ready but will be updated because the QR code is not yet working properly. Harold B and Sid J are handling Registration. We already have 20-25 registrations Manny S and Paul W will handle Security. Speakers are lined up. Yolanda L has arranged for a speaker recently released from the Darrington Unit, and a letter to his Parole Officer is being arranged. She is working on arranging for an Inside Speaker, it not being clear yet whether TDCJ will let an inmate out for the day. Rocco M is working on a Professional Panel, with different participants than we have had in the past. There will be a Volunteer Panel, probably during the TDCJ training. Chile \_\_\_ will be responsible for Hospitality, and the Spanish districts will help. The Taper is confirmed. TDCJ has us on their list for training.

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

- There are already 3 or 4 Spanish speaking volunteers for going into units, with about 45 inmates participating, increased from a previous number of about 30.
- There was a Spanish workshop on March 10, 2024.
- The Spanish Districts 63, 64, and 65 have discussed scheduling and help for the Annual Conference Hospitality Room.
- There are some volunteers who are willing to go into Harris County Jail and she will be in touch with Henry N about that.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P was not present but texted that there was no new Grapevine activity.

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

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Fritz B	Wynne	\$ 1,080.00
Harrold B	Luther, Darrington	\$ 658.80
Tilly L	Memorial	\$ 530.80
Roy E	Hightower, Estelle	\$ 1,101.60
Nazario Z	Wynne	\$ 1,432.80
Bahiyya W	Walls, Bambi, Plane State	\$ 452.00
Sarah E	C Young, Bambi	\$ 196.80
Roland R	Jester III, Keegans	\$ 448.40
Henry N	Harris County Jail	\$ 944.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 6,845.20</b>

Manny added that Julio R had previously ordered 20 Spanish CFC Workbooks in Spanish, but they are on backorder and not in stock, so he will inform InterGroup accordingly. It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money.

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).** It was announced that Grapevine and LaViña subscription prices will be increased and there is some question about whether La Viña will continue due to low subscription rates.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).** It was announced that GSO is considering revising the stories and several aspects of the Big Book for the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Tony W left a map of the new location for the next Area Assembly. There is no time designated for our Committee to meet on the Assembly schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Responsibility Statement.