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

Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2024

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On Wednesday, April 17, 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 SETA CFC Statement of Purpose. 15 volunteers attended. One new person was in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the March 20, 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
Income/Available Funds	
Blue Can balance as of 03/01/2024	\$ 41,713.07
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$ 3,679.79
Conference Contribution	\$ 251.86
Area Contribution for General Fund	\$ 1,963.00
Total Income	\$ 5,914.65
Expenses	
Literature	\$ (8,593.82)
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Grapevine/La Viña	\$
Mail/Postage	\$
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, state correction conferences)	\$
Printing	\$ (342.70)
Supplies	\$
InterGroup Room Rental	\$
General Fund	\$
Conference Hotel Deposit plus WIX	\$
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$
Total Expenses	\$ (12,641.31)
Ending Bank Balance as of 4/31/2024	\$ 34,986.41
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 30,550.15

Tony W asked about available funds from SETA and Roy replied we have about \$200 for printing and about \$300 for supplies. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

- He had no formal report but he did bring 4 Blue Cans, which were not actually blue and were bigger than usual to pass around at conventions and conferences. He noted that Chuck M had spoken at the SETA Area Convention.
- Chuck M was present to discuss the possibility of merging activity of CFC Houston and SETA CFC. Chuck replied that:
 - The question has been discussed at CFC Houston and he would also bring this meeting's discussion and concerns to their attention.
 - Roland R described the annual CFC Houston Round-Up fund raiser. Chuck added that CFC Houston Round-Up had raised \$4,500 recently.
 - Bahiyyah W added that some people are concerned about AA conducting raffles and auctions.
 - O Tony replied that some were concerned about the White and Blue cans causing some confusion. Others added that different AA groups had done various kinds of fund raisers.
 - Chuck added that the reality is that both CFCs do essentially the same work taking books into prisons. CFC Houston shops around for less expensive materials.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Harold B was not present so there was no Co-Chair Report.

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Richard D was not present, so there was no Blue Can report, but Tony W showed the new larger Blue Cans for distribution at Conferences and Conventions.

<u>IT REPORT</u>. Bahiyyah W reported she will have to meet with the SETA IT person because several people had experienced difficulty logging into Google Meets. Tony W added that someone else had a similar problem.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE)</u>. Natalie B, the new Correspondence Chair, reported that she had scanned and distributed all the letters that she had received. She said that there was one letter this month and last month there were 8 letters, rather than the 16 reported in the minutes.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Sarah ME was not present, so there was no Conference Report.

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

• There was a Spanish meeting on April 11 for the Spanish districts and they are going to work planning for catering the Annual Conference as well as helping with Conference Registration.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported that:

- The Grapevine Committee does not have a lot going on over the next month.
- There is an activity planned for June 8 and he will provide more information at next month's meeting.
- The print magazine is going up in price.
- People should download and use the Grapevine app.
- Larry L asked about the rumor that there is discussion about discontinuing the Grapevine due to low subscription rates, and Terry acknowledged that this was indeed under discussion but not yet passed.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount	
Ola T	Luther; Plane State	\$	1,078.00
Roy E	SafeP Estelle; Ellis	\$	412.80
Tilly L	Memorial Unit	\$	492.00
Bahiyyah W	Walls; BAMBI; Plane State	\$	195.30
Manny S	Jester III; Luther	\$	639.60
Jeff H	Bell Unit	\$	1,481.40
Stephanie G	Henley; Plane State	\$	1,238.70
Total		\$	5,537.80

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. Manny also reported that InterGroup informed him that an old order for Spanish CFC Workbooks was going to be delivered and he will resend them the form order.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).

- One person asked about Standard Operating Procedure for a newly approved volunteer to go in the first time. The group informed him to team up with someone already approved to enter his unit of choice. Tony W added that we create a vetted database of who is going into the various units.
- Larry L asked whether we will meet only on the 3rd Wed of the month rather than also meeting at the quarterly meeting of SETA. Tony said it this was under consideration but not definite yet.
- Larry also asked if the Group would allow him to ask everyone on the distribution list whether they are taking meetings into units. The group agreed.
- Another person asked for the SOP for sending books into units.
- Another person asked how does he report that he has had to change the time of his meeting at the Bell unit.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the Lord's Prayer.