

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
v Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, May 15, 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. 23 volunteers attended. One new person was in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the April 17, 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 05/01/2024	\$	34,420.52
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,907.67
Conference Contribution (33 registrations and coffee donations)	\$	488.70
Area Contribution for General Fund	\$	1,229.81
Total Income	\$	6,626.18
Expenses		
Literature	\$	(5,978.55)
Rent	\$	(200.00)
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, state correction conferences)	\$	
Printing	\$	
Supplies (checkbook)	\$	(31.80)
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Conference Hotel Deposit plus WIX	\$	
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	(6,210.35)
Ending Bank Balance as of 5/31/2024	\$	33,606.54
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	29,299.94

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

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

- Jim O was asked by the Waller County Jail to start a new meeting. Their main criterion is to be off paper.
- Tony added that we have a hospitality can in all the hospitality rooms of the conference, and he thinks we should use those funds to repay the hospitality hosts so they don't have to donate all the supplies out of their own pocket.
- Tony repeated his several goals for the Committee:
 1. Figure out how we want to use the Bridging the Gap national initiative. For now, we are not using it.
 2. Investigate whether we can combine CFC Houston with our SETA CFC Committee.
 3. Having a functional data base of units where we are taking meetings, the Warden and Chaplain at each facility, and who among us volunteers is going in. There was some discussion of whether such a list already exists and where it should be posted.

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

- He had visited a number of meetings and is trying to reach as many districts as possible. He is trying to connect people to our CFC committee and announce our annual conference.
- He encouraged everyone to announce the conference at their regular meetings and also collect donations for the coffee resource.
- He said everyone going into units should understand that it requires a real commitment to going in for each scheduled meeting so the inmates will not be disappointed and lose their own commitment to the program.
- Larry L noted that the county jails have different rules from the prisons and it's important to check with each jail beforehand to make sure they know what's what. He added, to reinforce what Harold had said, that it's really important to commit to showing up when meetings are scheduled. Likewise important to have a team of several people so if one cannot show up, the inmates do not lose a meeting.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D reported that:

- He had 7 Blue Cans available for anyone who wants one.
- Wynne Unit will have its AA Anniversary on June 15, at 5 PM, so volunteers should arrive by 4 PM. He asked everyone interested in going to please sign a list that he circulated. He also passed a hat for people to donate to help cover food expenses for Yolanda L who will cater the event.

IT REPORT. Bahiyah W reported that:

- Problems with using Google Meets have been solved.
- If anyone wants items to be posted on our Website, they should send the items to her.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Natalie B reported that:

- We received 7 letters from men and 5 women.
- She contacted Jester and books they ordered are being processed.
- She read to the group an inmate's letter requesting help to establish a meeting at his unit. The unit is in the San Antonio and the group will arrange for our contact in that area to work with the inmate.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Sarah ME reported that:

- Conference planning is proceeding appropriately. Panels are confirmed. TDCJ training is scheduled. The Taper is confirmed. We have 45 registrations, but we still need to work on more banquets. Flyers in English and Spanish are available

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L and Fernando, Spanish Liaison Alternate, reported that:

- The 4 Spanish Districts had met and Hospitality Volunteers are working on that task.
- There are volunteers going into the Jester Unit.
- They are taking donations for the Wynne Unit Anniversary.
- Their next District Meeting will be on June 13.
- Yolanda observed that Grapevine/La Viña is willing to provide subscriptions for inmates and she needs to know our procedure for doing so.
- Roland R noted that we have several meetings at Jester 3 already.
- Bahiyah W said that another District had also decided to donate subscriptions.
- It was noted that Yolanda will need to get the names and units for the subscriptions to be arranged.
- Terry P said the amount had recently gone up but he needs to investigate more to help.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported that:

- On June 16, the Grapevine Committee will set up a table display for one of the meetings groups from 11 AM - 4 PM.
- Some Grapevine are on Sale for the Month of May, at a 20% discount for purchasing an entire year.
- At the national level, there is an attempt to make La Viña more profitable.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Tilly L	Memorial	\$ 196.80
Bahiyya W	BAMBI, Wynne	\$ 993.50
Roland R	Jester	\$ 881.20
Yolanda L	Wynne	\$ 1,854.00
Roy E	Estelle	\$ 1,030.00
Sarah E	Carol Young, Plane State	\$ 292.25
Richard D	Wynne, the Walls	\$ 432.00
Miguel P	Memorial	\$ 999.30
Total		\$ 6,679.05

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). Dennis ____, with the Memorial Going Home Group, reported that his group decided to separate passing the basket for group expenses from passing the Blue Can, and announcing that it was specifically for AA literature to go into the units, and that seemed to dramatically increase the amount of CFC donations.

Natalie B said she had been trying unsuccessfully to contact Henry N about going into Harris County Jail. She will talk with Larry L about getting more information.

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