

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
Preliminary Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2024 – Not Yet Approved

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir). On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Tony W, SETA CFC Chair, could not attend, so Roy S, SETA CFC Treasurer, chaired the meeting. He began the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the SETA CFC Statement of Purpose. 28 volunteers attended, including 1 remotely, and 3 new volunteers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the August 21, 2024, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented. Larry added that he had printed copies of the minutes but had not yet emailed them to everyone. The Committee asked him to please do so.

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 08/01/2024	\$	30,943.96
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	6,278.58
Conference Contributions (general and coffee donations)	\$	1,594.19
Total Income	\$	7,872.77
Expenses		
Literature	\$	(2,641.00)
Rent	\$	
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, state correction conferences)	\$	(541.40)
Printing	\$	(32.64)
Supplies (checkbook)	\$	(127.72)
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	(200.00)
General Fund	\$	
Conference / Lodging	\$	
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	(160.36)
Ending Bank Balance as of 8/30/2024	\$	38,657.37
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$	32,623.91

Roy observed that several checks were still outstanding for previous month's expenses, to the actual totals would be somewhat less than reported here. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W could not attend, but Roy E read a report that Tony had provided:

- He has heard nothing more about volunteers going to the Gateway Foundation Residential Facility on Atascocita Road in Humble. They have one volunteer provided through SETA CFC, but they need more, especially women, as they have had no women's meetings for several years.
- RE: Brazos County, he has heard no more but did drop off a box of Big Books for the Chaplain's office.
- Waller County is up and running, alternating Wednesdays for men and then for women. The first meeting was September 4. AA literature has been scanned and approved. He took a copy of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to take in on meeting day.
- Beginning in early October, TDCJ will have a new meeting in the city of Bartlett, in Williamson County. The meeting will be in the building formerly known as the Bartlett State Jail. They will need quite a few volunteers.
- We had a very successful SETA CFC Annual Conference.
- The National Corrections Conference will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 8-10. More information is available at NationalCorrectionsConference.org.
- The World Services Correspondence Service still needs volunteers to correspond with incarcerated individuals via www.AA.org. Plus, we need volunteers for Pre-Release and Bridging the Gap. Larry L should send out the Pre-Release form.

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

- The Conference was successful, with a higher number of registrants but many did not attend in person.
- He is recovering from medical problems which he took care of after the conference.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D was not present so there was no Blue Can report. Roy E said that he has some Blue Cans, so if anyone needs any, they should contact him.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that:

- She is updating the list of units where we take meetings, but we will keep private, i.e., not post, the list of contact people for each unit.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Natalie B was not present but reported remotely that several letters had come in. Roy added that there were still problems with TDCJ using a PO Box for forwarding mail to inmates, but there was a sense that the most efficient way to contact inmates was to use the Securus program. One letter came from the Huntsville Anniversary event, and she has arranged for someone to correspond.

CONFERENCE REPORT. Sarah ME reported that:

- The Conference was very successful. There were 198 registrants, of whom about 120 attended.
- About 45 individuals received TDCJ training. Larry L asked whether there was a list of Trainees because last year, many did not know they needed to contact TDCJ themselves to find out about approval. Roy said the list actually belongs to TDCJ, but one can go online to find one's status.
- The panels were successful. Roland R added that the video presentation by an inmate was also very good.
- Sarah thanked the Spanish groups for their support.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Yolanda L was not present so there was no Spanish Liaison report. Roy suggested that the Spanish speaking volunteers identify individuals who want La Viña subscriptions

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported remotely that

- The Spring Group on Aldine Westfield will have a Traditions Discussion and Grapevine exhibit on September 22, from 1-4 PM.
- The Grapevine Committee is trying to spend their Budget and become more active.
- They are pushing use of their App and it looks like they will make back the money used for its development well within their 5-year schedule.
- Larry L noted that he had received an announcement for a Grapevine blog and wondered whether there was a similar Spanish resource. Terry did not know but said he would find out.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). There was some discussion about how to order the new AA "Regular Language" Big Book and how many to order, and it was agreed to order 30 of the new books. After that, Manny S reported the book orders as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Stephanie M	Plane State/Henley	\$ 1,717.80
Sarah E	Carol Young/BAMBI	\$ 668.50
Roy E	Hightower	\$ 538.00
Tony W	Waller County	\$ 485.40
Roland R	Jester III	\$ 268.50
Ola T	Luther	\$ 118.00
Total		\$ 3,796.20

Manny added that he will order 30 cases of the new plain language Big Book. It was moved and passed to spend the money.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with the Responsibility Statement.