

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67**  
**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING**  
**P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241**  
**Preliminary Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2024 – Not Yet Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir).**

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the SETA CFC met at 7:30 PM at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B. Harold B, SETA CFC Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then read the CFC mission statement, after which he invited newcomers/visitors to announce themselves. There were five newcomers, and a total of 21 volunteers attended, including 2 remotely.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto).**

Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, announced that there was no formal Minutes for the December 2024 meeting because he had recorder problems again, but he will try to recreate the minutes from notes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero).**

Roy E, SETA CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, as follows:

<b>Description</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of 11/01/2024	\$	28,337.24
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	2,890.00
Conference Contributions (general and coffee donations)	\$	
Conference Social Fund	\$	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,651.13</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Literature	\$	(4,795.66)
Rent	\$	
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, state correction conferences)	\$	
Printing	\$	
Supplies (checkbook)	\$	
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	
General Fund	\$	(694.35)
Conference Fund	\$	(1,077.40)
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$	(744.17)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4,795.66)</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 9/30/2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,273.00</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,068.88</b>

Roy added that there was new standard operating procedure (SOP) with SETA. In the past, they gave us a set amount for the budget at the beginning of the fiscal year. In future, we will have to document each expense and request reimbursement as we go. He added that he had sent out about 133 letters to the donating groups to thank them for their donations and inform them of our address change. He added that several groups that had not donated in a while, and asked for any information about them. It was then moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

**CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Harold B reported as follows:

- He thanked everyone for voting for him and allowing him to chair the CFC for the coming period.
- Regarding the SOP changes that Roy E reported, above, Harold noted that the Finance Committee at the recent SETA Area Assembly had said CFC was not reporting its expenses properly. Harold said it was the first time anyone was bringing this up to him, he felt that the statement was unfair and the Finance Committee was unfairly attacking how we maintained Treasury records, a number of our Committee regularly drove all over the State to provide CFC services - and he told the SETA Committee as much. He did so as diplomatically as possible. The only difference will be that we will submit our expenses on a monthly basis rather than receiving a check from SETA up front.
- We are providing meetings at about 40 TDCJ or County units around the State. Harold, with Roy E and Roland R when possible, will try to attend at least a meeting a month around the State to explain what we do. We still do not have a meeting in Grimes County Jail, although he has gone there twice and been stood up twice by the Jail security representative. So, we need more volunteers and Harold requested CFC members to go back to their meetings and try to recruit more people to volunteer.
- We'll try to help anyone wanting to start a new meeting. He added that it's important to follow the rules set by each location, lest we get banned.

- Harold has tried to become more familiar with the SETA Announce email system.

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Sarah ME reported that it was the beginning of the year and she did not have anything new to report. She also thanked the Committee for voting to let her do this service.

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Richard D was not present, so there was no Blue Can report. However, Roy E announced that he had brought several Blue Cans with the new address on them.

**IT REPORT.** Bahiyyah W reported that:

- She had just celebrated 40 years in the program, to which everyone applauded.
- The CFC Website is up to date, with a list of all the units we serve and related contact information, including a QR code for people to indicate their interest in serving with CFC, becoming an approved TDCJ volunteer, etc. She requested the Spanish speakers to provide a Spanish translation so she can upload that also. Larry L reminded the group that county jails have a different system from TDCJ, so if anyone wants to volunteer in a jail, they should contact the chaplain's office at the specific jail. Several people reminded the group that TDCJ will not notify anyone that they have been approved; it's up to the individual to contact TDCJ volunteer services.

**CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE.** Natalie B was not present so there was no Correspondence report. Harold B reminded the group that they can convey to potential volunteers that corresponding with inmates is another way to serve with the Committee. In response to a participant, he noted that it's good to have another AA'er or two to form a team, as well as to carry a list of individuals to contact if others or inmates desire follow-up contact.

**CONFERENCE REPORT.** Tilly \_\_\_\_ reported that she had a Spanish speaker and a Sunday speaker. She has communicated with the Stringfellow Unit chaplain about an inmate speaker. He sent her a media worksheet that she needs to complete and return for the Warden to review. Harold noted that the CFC Conference will be after Labor Day but we can go ahead and start recruiting volunteers.

**SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).** Conchia G reported that:

- This was her second CFC meeting.
- The Spanish districts will gather tomorrow (following the CFC meeting) to begin discussion. Edwin C said that they have already scheduled a date for a CFC Workshop on March 9, 2025, to describe CFC activities.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P was not present so there was no Grapevine Report. Roland R that he will call Terry tomorrow (Thursday). Bahiyyah W said the next Grapevine meetings will be March 29 online followed by an in-person meeting at the Area Assembly April 5 at San Jacinto College North.

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

Volunteer	Unit	Amount
Harold B; Michael D	Estelle/Luther	\$ 1,786.80
Bahiyyah W	Walls/BAMBI	\$ 1,291.60
Sarah E	Carol Young	\$ 570.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 3,648.40</b>

Manny added that we do have enough money to cover these orders but he encouraged everyone to be careful and order only what they need for the units they serve. Some orders are much bigger than necessary and the books wind up sitting in the bookshelves in the Chaplain's office rather than getting into the hands of the inmates for which they are intended. Harold B added that the price of literature has gone up about 30%, so our expenses have also gone up. It was moved, seconded and passed to spend the money.

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).**

- Larry L mentioned that TXSCYPAA will have their next State meeting in the Houston Area and he requested that we set up a CFC table there to recruit new volunteers. The groups said yes, to do so.
- Bahiyya W said the BAMBI meeting has changed times to meeting on Thursday at 7:00 PM at Santa Maria Hostel.
- Manny G suggested that we approach TDCJ to make going to AA an option for inmates to prepare for discharge. Harold said he did not think the State would accept this but he would speak to the TDCJ folks about whether it can be considered.
- Jim O said he wanted to get AA literature for Waller County Jail and the Committee procedure was explained to him.
- A volunteer asked about getting literature for Plane State and it was explained to her that two CFC members already had received a lot of AA books for Plane State and she should check there first.
- Two volunteers asked how to confirm that she has become an approved volunteer and when upcoming trainings will be offered. Harold B reminded them that it is important to get trained and to work closely with other AA CFC members to learn the "ropes" and what mistakes are important not to make.

**ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR).** The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM with the Responsibility Statement.