

**SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67**  
**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING**  
**P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241**  
**Preliminary Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2025 – Not Yet Approved**

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

On Wednesday, February 19, 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. Twenty-seven volunteers attended, including six newcomers and two who attended remotely.

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

Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, distributed minutes for the January 2025 CFC meeting for everyone to read for themselves. 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:

<b>Description</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Income/Available Funds</b>		
Blue Can balance as of 01/01/2025	\$	20,273.88
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$	4,624.98
Conference Contributions (general and coffee donations)	\$	852.00
Conference Social Fund	\$	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,476.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Literature	\$	(3,948.62)
Rent	\$	
Grapevine/La Viña	\$	
Mail/Postage	\$	
Lodging (quarterly assemblies, annual convention, state correction conferences)	\$	
Printing	\$	
Supplies (checkbook)	\$	
InterGroup Room Rental	\$	
General Fund	\$	
Conference Fund	\$	(1,277.40)
Conference Social Fellowship Fund	\$	(927.60)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(6,153.62)</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance as of 9/30/2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,802.24</b>
<b>Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,597.24</b>

Roy added that we no longer keep our General Fund, which remains in the hands of SETA. Geraldo L asked why donations from individual Spanish Speaking groups were not listed separately, and Roy replied that Spanish groups usually give their contributions through their districts, so in future they are welcome to contribute their funds but need to identify the meetings or groups that are making the donation. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

- There has not been a lot of activity over the past month.
- He is going to contact more Area DCMs, including Districts 31 and 32, to schedule CFC workshops and presentations. March 9 there will be a Spanish workshop for District 63 on Sunday, March 9, from 12-2 PM, with hopes of getting more people to volunteer. Edwin C explained that there would be both the Workshop and Training to become an Approved TDCJ volunteer, but Harold suggested limiting the event to training and not include a talk about CFC because it's a lot of information and possibility for confusion. Also, a number of districts have expressed questions about how we spend our budget. Harold added that it's good to have Spanish speaking volunteers even if they don't have a separate Spanish meeting but they can work with individual Spanish speaking inmates who attend but don't understand everything in an English language meeting.
- We're going to 40+ units. Mark scheduled a Unit Anniversary at the Terrell Unit, with 5 outside volunteers attending. That way, if a volunteer cannot attend, there are always additional people to take care of the meeting. He suggested that new volunteers go in with someone who is already approved.
- There was a request to start a meeting at the Byrd Unit. Harold noted to them that we would need a group of at least 5 volunteers to make sure our times would be covered.
- Harold contacted the Grimes County Jail to start a meeting. The official there was not especially receptive.

- For our Service Conference in September, Harold received about \$100 in contributions for coffee. He noted that Committee members need to be careful to phrase such collection of funds as “contributions” because the SETA budget folks would be concerned about not collecting “donations.”
- Nov. 7-9, will be the National Corrections Conference in Nashville, TN. There is hope to have access to a prison unit. The Website is “National Corrections Conference 2025.”

**CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME).** Sarah ME reported that there is not a lot going on but there are plans to do a workshop in District 81 in League City in mid-to-late Spring. The training may be online because it’s not easy to get TDCJ to come out for in-person training. Harold B added that it’s important to keep up one’s training schedule, which lasts for 2 years

**BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL).** Richard D reported that he had Blue Cans available for anyone who wanted one.

**IT REPORT** Bahiyyah W reported that she is working regularly to update the CFC Website.

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

- For January and February we received 5 letters, one from Brazos County Jail, one from Galveston County Jail, one from a Federal Prison, and two from TDCJ facilities.
- A number of volunteers say they want to correspond with inmates but then don’t respond to requests for correspondence.
- She is putting together a folder with mailing addresses for the non-TDCJ facilities such as county jails. This is information that is not handy, and a hard copy will be something that she can hand off to her successor. Harold B asked whether we could connect inmates to Securus in the first communication with volunteers.
- Larry L said that he had heard that letters must go to the TDCJ Dallas address for conversion to electronic format, but he also heard that one could also write Postal Mail directly to inmates. She said that she recommended that everyone go through Dallas.

**CONFERENCE REPORT.** Tilly L was not present and Olga J reported that for the September 5-7 Annual Conference, we have 20 rooms blocked and \$1,500 committed for the banquet.

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

- There will be the March 9 training workshop.
- The Spanish districts will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month meeting at District 65.
- Edwin C requested a list of all the unit coordinators to contact.

**GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA).** Terry P was not present and Roland R reported that he would have to check with Terry about latest Grapevine developments.

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

<b>Volunteer</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Roland R	Jester/Luther	\$ 715.00
Mark P	Terrell	\$ 492.00
Kimberly B	Plane State	\$ 762.97
Richard D	Luther/Wynne	\$ 724.50
Miguel P	Memorial	\$ 825.60
Roy E	Hightower	\$ 412.80
Bahiyyah W	BAMBI	\$ 1,041.40
Lucky Z	Plane State/Henley	\$ 956.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,930.47</b>

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. Harold B suggested that we are spending a lot of our budget for books, so committee members should be careful to order only what they need and not a maximum according to what they want. Otherwise, we may have to reduce the amounts that we can afford for future orders for new units.

**OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).**

- Bahiyyah W announced that
  - The BAMBI unit meeting has changed to Thursdays from 7-8 PM. Volunteers there must be TDCJ approved.
  - Louisiana is planning to reinstate the death penalty so it would be good for people to send some prayers their way.
  - Sometimes prison staff do not like AA coming in and this may be because our volunteers do not always behave professionally. Manny S reinforced the need to follow the rules at each unit, because we are guests there.
  - Bahiyya will be making a presentation about CFC service and requested that we provide a short piece about why we volunteer.

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