

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING
P.O. BOX 920612, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241
MARCH 18 2026
Meeting Minutes – Preliminary

CALL TO ORDER (Llame) Pedir. Harold B. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and the CFC Statement of Purpose. Visitors were welcomed and introduced.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L. The Secretary reported that the minutes had been emailed to the committee and printed copies were available for review. A question was raised regarding an item listed in new business from the prior month, but no correction to the minutes was requested.

Motion: Minutes accepted as presented.

Result: Motion seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E., SETA CFC Treasurer, reported. Income: Blue Can Contributions: \$5,030.00 Conference Registration: \$15.00 Total Income: \$5,044.00 Expenses: Literature Purchases: \$3,087.00 Blue Can supplies and AI recording device expense were also noted. Balances: Total Bank Balance: \$20,624.19 Funds available for Literature (after restricted funds): \$15,750.02

Motion: Treasurer's report accepted.

Result: Motion seconded and passed.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME) Harold B. reported. The 2026 annual SETA CFC Conference planning committee held its first meeting. Rosemary L. is serving as Conference Chair, and Sarah E. is serving as Co-Chair. Additional committee chair positions are expected to be announced soon. After approximately 18 months of effort, meetings have now begun at Grimes County Jail. A women's meeting is being held each Wednesday at 4:30 PM, with District 33 volunteers helping support the work. Mike D. will serve as liaison there, with Harold continuing to assist during the startup period. Harold also reported an upcoming meeting with the jail administrator at Madison County Jail to explore whether meetings can be started there if local district volunteers are available to support them. Harris County Jail continues to need volunteers, but approvals remain slow and difficult. Additional workshops are being planned, including outreach involving Spanish-speaking participation when possible. Harold expressed appreciation for the corrections presentation and reminded members that carrying the message into facilities changes lives, even when the results are not immediately visible.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Sarah E., SETA CFC Co-Chair, reported. After several delays, a 13-year anniversary celebration was successfully held at the Carol Young Unit. The chaplain was supportive, and the celebration was well received. Galveston County Jail needs male volunteers. A new sheriff has tightened approval standards, especially for applicants with felony histories, although some previously approved volunteers have been grandfathered in. Jenna Tubbs has expressed interest in becoming involved in pre-release work and may assist remotely because of her location. A recent pre-release connection from Carol Young Unit was noted, with a woman leaving the unit being connected with support on the outside.

CONFERENCE REPORT Rosemary L Chair Sarah E., Conference Co-Chair, reported that the planning committee has begun meeting by Zoom so members from across the area can participate more easily. Members were asked to provide their names, phone numbers, and email addresses if they want to join the planning meetings. The 2026 SETA CFC Conference will be held in September at the Sheraton near JFK / Houston Intercontinental Airport. Confirmed speakers include Harold Long, who will open the conference and may participate on panels, and Jason Kelly, who will speak on Saturday night. The committee is still working on the Sunday speaker, Spanish speaker, workshops, panels, and related details. A live TDCJ training is expected to be included as part of the conference. The annual ice cream social is also planned. A Hospitality Chair is still needed, and Harold requested an alternate registration chair so someone can be trained for future conferences. The next planning meeting will be held by Zoom at 10:00 AM on the first Saturday of April because the Area Assembly falls on the second Saturday. After that, planning meetings are expected to move to the second Saturday of each month. Members without Zoom access were told that call-in participation could also be arranged.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Conchia reported. Spanish-speaking volunteers continue working with Blue Can efforts and attending meetings at Memorial on Sundays. A question was raised about communication with the chaplain and getting approved volunteers placed on the gate list. Members clarified that volunteer names and unit access information should be routed through Roy so that communication with the chaplain stays centralized. The committee also noted that state approval does not automatically place someone on the gate list, and members were reminded that patience is often necessary in working through the process.

CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE REPORT. Harold reported. A few correspondence-related requests had been received, including one from GSO and one from District 65 involving someone being released into this area. Harold stated that the committee is receiving very few direct pre-release requests and believes many are being missed because the available forms are not being consistently distributed inside the units. Members were encouraged to carry pre-release forms into meetings, explain their purpose briefly, and make them available to inmates who want help after release. Discussion followed about helping newly released individuals by providing transportation, contact with another AA member, or assistance getting to a meeting on the day of release when possible.

GRAPEVINE (LA VIÑA) REPORT. Roland R reported that Grapevine service work remains limited and needs additional participation. Members discussed the need for more people to become active in Grapevine work. It was also noted that Spanish-language materials remain useful and should continue to be carried where possible.

BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL). Richard D. reported. Blue Can containers continue to be distributed to groups, and members were reminded that they can bring back filled cans or send in contributions. Richard shared an update regarding Ramon Pupo and asked members to keep him in their prayers during his immigration detention and transfer difficulties.

LITERATURE REPORT Manny reported. Harold B – Luther Unit: \$1,964.00 Roy E – Hightower and Darrington: \$777.00 Sarah E – Carol Young Unit: \$1,031.00 Total Literature Orders: \$3,766.00 Blue Can balance before orders: \$15,750.02 Blue Can balance after orders: \$11,984.02
Motion: Literature orders approved.
Result: Motion seconded and passed.

Members were reminded to be conservative with literature distribution and to carry books into units only as needed. The committee also discussed current TDCJ restrictions involving books. Members were warned not to argue with unit staff if books are refused at the gate and were reminded that hardback books are no longer being accepted. Volunteers were advised to remain respectful, avoid conflict, and protect future access to meetings inside the units.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). None noted.

NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO). Edwin Discussion was held regarding electronic giving through Zelle. Members were informed that the committee bank does not support Zelle for the committee account. Members were reminded that contributions may still be made through the conference website, by card, by mail, or directly through the Treasurer with a receipt provided. Additional discussion continued regarding volunteer needs, conference participation, and practical ways to increase involvement from the districts.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned following a motion to close and vote of the committee.

CLOSING With Responsibility statement

NEXT MEETING APRIL 15, 2026