

Southeast Texas Area (SETA) 67
Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Monthly Meeting
P.O. Box 925241, Houston, TX 77292-5241

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 1/18/17 at 7:30 pm by Chris D at the Delta Club (6400 Westpark Dr #355, Houston, TX) with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. All were welcomed with a special recognition to the 2 new folks. Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) – Chris D:

- 1) Reminded everyone of the upcoming SETA Conference the weekend of 1/20-1/22/17 at Hilton North Hotel. The Committee will have a table display at Conference and all are welcome to come help man the table.
- 2) Noted that the International CFC Conference that will be held 11/10-11/12/2017 in St. Louis, MO is considering rotating each year rather than every 2 years. If that's the case; would SETA CFC be interested in making a bid to host Conference in 2018?
- 3) Contacted Jeff at CFC GSO to introduce himself and check on how things were going in NY. Jeff stated there is a backlog of around 100 letters from inmates asking for AA members to correspond with them. Chris asked the Committee if there is an interest in helping out. A few questions were asked about procedures. All were in favor. Elizabeth S, our Correspondence Chair, will get with Chris D and work out the details.
- 4) Shall have a CFC report to add to SETA Secretary's Report at the SETA Conference 1/20-1/22/17 Chrisd_seta@cadcs.org

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto) - Cindy M: (Note, previous Minutes are posted on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

Revised the December's minutes with a few corrections on the laptop at the meeting. December's minutes were unanimously approved with the few corrections made. Chris E will be added to CFC Area Roster. Diane M, the incoming Secretary, encouraged everyone to send in reports via email address;

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Amy E: (Note, detailed financial reports are on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. There was discussion on "current to date funds" available. The Treasure agreed to subtract the current Intergroup invoice from the blue can total to give a more accurate book allowance dollar total. There was a concern about postage expense deducted from the Blue Can monies contributed. Tammy Z will research the uses of Blue Can funds further.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

Book Orders – Larry L called GSO regarding the cost of ordering literature directly from them. He found there was not a significant savings unless it was a huge order. In 2017 Houston Intergroup accessed an additional 10% fee to cover cost of handling literature orders. Chris D spoke with Dick at Intergroup and they are unwilling to budge. Much discussion. Item was tabled until Committee could get addition information aka hard numbers to use as a comparison. Larry L agreed to take this month's book order and calculate the actual cost of same order through GSO. He noted that backorder Grapevines were substantially cheaper through AAgrapevine.org than Intergroup; \$75 vs \$51 for a bulk order.

NETA Workshop – Roy E – Both Chris and I attended the Clear Air North Group Workshop in Dallas. This is our NE area. We gave our presentation on CFC SETA which goes over our history and positions within our Committee. The Workshop was well attended. We are very blessed to have such an active Committee. NE Texas Area CFC Committee meets at their quarterly Assemblies with a Chair, Alternate Chair and Treasurer. The Orange Can raised about \$7,000. They have trouble getting volunteers and are reaching out to the Districts through Workshops. Chris D presented sign-up sheet they used at the Workshop. He would like to incorporate in our upcoming Workshops. The sheet was in a chart form

2017 International Conference Donation – Richard D Committee agreed to donate \$300.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondence y Ante-Release)-Elizabeth S:

She will get with Chris regarding the backlog letters at GSO. heartnhouston@gmail.com please see below Report breakdown;

Received files from Tammy Z.

Emailed previous volunteers (248)

137 Males 111 Females

Received responses from 30 volunteers (12%)

17 Males 13 Females

Received 18 letters from 14 individuals:

8 Male (57%) 6 Female (43%)

13 New Requests (72%) 5 On-Going Correspondence (28%)

Sent 13 letters for all new requests

Requests:

Correspondence - 17

Literature - 7 (4 Big Books, 2 Daily Reflections, 1 Twelve & Twelve)

Sponsor - 8

New Volunteer Sign-up

F26 to World Services

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Richard D;

2016 = \$45,699 total Blue Can monies received. Distributed 4 Blue Cans to members on the Committee and will have Cans available this weekend at SETA. Amy E encouraged everyone to make a special announcement at the meetings explaining what the Can is. Thank you cards will be sent out to Groups who contribute.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnologia de la informacion) - Cindy M;

Shall attend the monthly SETA IT meeting. She is in the progress of updating the SETA CFC website to make it more user-friendly with current information like the links; pictures; contact information etc.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Harold P; absent.

A master facility meeting list was passed along room for corrections and updates

CONFERNECE REPORT – Tammy Z;

The 2017 SETA CFC Conference will tentatively be held the 2nd weekend in September at the Omni Westside (same location as last year). So far, there are 7 confirmed conference planning committee members, including 5 past conference chairs. The monthly Conference planning shall starting either Mar or Apr, likely late Sat morning. It’s early on, more to come.

SPANISH LIASONT – Louis;

They are eager to being going in and wanted to get Chaplin’s contact information at the Darrington, Ramsey and Pac Units. They are also open to begin with Correspondence. 6 members on Committee looking for a Unit to service

GRAPEVINE – Roland R;

Shall attend the monthly SETA Grapevine Committee meeting and have a report next month.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) – Larry L;

Order By	For Units	Amount
Roy E	Luther, Byrd	\$ 703.50
Manny S	Jester I	\$184.80
Gary B	Jester III Trusty, Harris County Jail, Columbus	\$497.50
Shirley M	Huntsville/Walls	\$214.20
Zaz M	Plane State Jail	\$90.00
Mike W	Harris County Jail	\$667.70
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$635.80
Total		\$2,993.50

Book order was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS Nuevo Negocio) & QUESTIONS:

- 1) SETA CFC Newsletter - Cindy M as a way to keep folks informed on the happenings of SETA Corrections with articles, contact information, a help wanted section and the like.
- 2) GSO and Houston Intergroup comparable orders – Larry L
- 3) Blue Can money uses – Tammy Z
- 4) Spanish Speaking Volunteers – Louis

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement with a thank you for all who attend

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ATTACHMENTS

- February 15, 2017: The next monthly committee, Delta Club, 6400 Westpark, Houston. 7:30-9:00 pm
- January 20-22, 2017: 55th Annual SETA Convention. Houston, TX. (flyer attached)
- March 10-12, 2017: Area 51 AA Corrections Conference. Aberdeen, NC (flyer attached)
- Nov. 10-12, 2017: 1st Annual National Corrections Conference. Doubletree Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. (flyer attached)
- May 13, 2017: Tentative District 81 and SETA CFC TDCJ Orientation at the Bay Area Club 1pm – 4pm