

**Southeast Texas Area (SETA) 67**  
**Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) Monthly Meeting**  
**P.O. Box 925241, Houston, TX 77292-5241**  
**PREMINIARY 3/13/17**

**CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)** on 2/15/17 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 3 new folks. Approximately 35 people were in attendance.

**CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) – Chris D;**

- Passed around the SETA CFC Master Roster for the Committee to update contact information.
- Thanked all those who helped man the SETA CFC display table at the Conference in January. Received 22 requests for information. 4 women were interested in Correspondence and 2 women interested in Pre-Release. They have been added to the Correspondence List. 9 were interested in becoming TDCJ volunteers. They were given applications and will be contacted prior to the next AA-hosted orientation.
- Touched base with Jeff W at the CFC Desk at GSO. He mentioned Elizabeth, our Correspondence Chair, had called and requested 10 inmate letters written to GSO. He has been having difficulty placing letters from inmates with AA correspondents so he was very thankful. Also; he informed Jeff of our \$300 contribution to the 2017 1<sup>st</sup> CFC National Conference. He appreciated the assistance and felt this would be a great help. The 1<sup>st</sup> CFC National Conference will be held 11/10-12/2017 in St. Louis, MO and is still considering rotating each year rather than every 2 years.
- Requested all new or updated Agenda items be sent via email to him no later than one week before the Monthly scheduled meeting. This in order to inform all CFC members through the minutes and agenda monthly mail out

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

January's minutes were unanimously approved. Lori L will be assisting the Secretary and will step in as Acting Secretary upon Secretary's absence. All were in favor; no vote necessary. The Master SETA CFC Roster was passed around and will be updated. Minutes shall be sent to Cindy M, IT Chair, to update the SETA website. Committee Chair reports should be sent 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. A motion was made and approved that Blue Can monies received will be used for literature purchases only. Shipping charges will be paid by the General Fund. Vote tally was 10 yay, 6 no, and 3 abstained.

**OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):**

**Book Orders** – Larry L; He contacted GSO Corrections about AA-literature prices and shipping options available to us through GSO. There are discounts only for bulk orders and Corrections Discount Package for AA pamphlets. Based on January's book order he found a \$192.40 savings if the same order was placed with Houston Intergroup for roughly a yearly savings of \$2,300. Much Discussion. A wide range of discussion wavering from cost savings versus benefits Intergroup provides as to not divert us from our Primary purpose. He mentioned GV back issues were substantially cheaper through AAgrapevine.org. Agenda item was tabled after much discussion until Committee could get additional information pertaining to cost/benefit analysis from filling monthly book orders from GSO vs AA Intergroup and the benefits of each option. Larry L was requested to do a summary of the past 12 month literature orders.

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

- F26 to World Services/Jeff Wine - 10 Inmate Names a month from World Services
- Received 30 letters from 28 individuals (counting the 10 from WS):  
18 Male (60%) 12 Female (40%)  
21 New Requests (70%); 9 On-Going Correspondence (30%)  
Requests: Sent 20 letters for new requests  
Correspondence - 25 (83%)  
Literature - 9 (23% - 4 Big Books, 1 Spanish Big Book, 1 Daily Reflections, 1 Living Sober, 2 As Bill Sees It)  
Sponsor - 10 (33%)  
New Meeting at Goree - 1 (3%)
- 4 New Volunteers from January's Conference
- Motion to Send Books When Requested by Mail without Committee Approval. ChrisD asked the following questions:
  - Will you confirm the offender is still incarcerated?
  - Are you aware books sent to city and county jails are confiscated and the offender does not receive them?
  - Do we plan to send books to offenders in jails where we have a regular AA meeting?
  - Do we plan to limit mail outs to jails in SETA 67 only?
- Motion passed simply majority

**BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Richard D;**

Blue Can donations for the month January = \$7025.08. He had Cans at the meeting to distribute. 3 Cans were given out to the visitors at tonight's meeting. Thank you cards from inmates will be sent out to Groups who contribute.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnología de la información) - Cindy M;**

Webpage Status: Alt Chair – Roy E. was added. 2017 Literature purchase order form. TDCJ Orientation was updated. 2016 Blue Can summary was submitted but has not been posted as of yet. She will follow-up. Minutes are a couple months behind (outgoing secretary responsibility).  
Removed sideways map & replaced with Unit meeting listing.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Harold P**

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

**CONFERENCE REPORT – Tammy Z;**

The Conference Committee is hard at work and all is going well. The 2017 SETA CFC Conference is still tentatively scheduled be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September at the Omni Westside (same location as last year). The monthly Conference planning shall starting either Mar or Apr, likely late Sat morning.

**SPANISH LIASONT – Louis;**

They are eager to being going in and want to get Chaplin’s contact information at the Darrington, Ramsey and Pac Units. A request for a Spanish speaking correspondent was passed along. 6 members on Committee looking for a Unit to service. Chris D posed the idea of a Spanish speaking Orientation. He will take that back to Spanish CFC for discussion.

**GRAPEVINE – Roland R;**

Attended the monthly SETA Grapevine Committee meeting. They will be setting up a table at the next Conference. He will attend the next Area meeting and keep the Committee informed.

**LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) – Larry L;**

<b>SETA CFC Book Orders – February 15, 2017</b>		
<b>Ordered by:</b>	<b>For Units</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Larry L	Harris County Jail	\$519.90
Roy E	Estelle, Ellis	\$684.60
Manny S	Jester I	\$342.30
Gary B	Jester III Trusty, Harris County, Columbus	\$933.90
Debbi B	Harris County Jail, 1200 Baker Street	\$516.50
Michael S	Jester 1 and Kegans	\$429.98
Mike W	Harris County Jail	\$539.89
Harold P	Ft. Bend County Jail	\$362.30
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,329.36</b>

Book order was unanimously approved

**NEW BUSINESS Nuevo Negocio) & QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Book Orders – Larry L
- 2) Assistance in Spanish CFC

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket = \$49.00

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ATTACHMENTS**

- March 15, 2017: The next monthly Committee, Delta Club, 6400 Westpark, Houston. 7:30-9:00 pm
- March 10-12, 2017: Area 51 AA Corrections Conference. Aberdeen, NC
- April 8-9, 2017 SETA Assembly, Sheridan North 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston
- May 13, 2017: District 81 and SETA CFC TDCJ Orientation/Festivities at the Clear Creek Club 2 – 8pm
- June 9-11, 2017: State Convention, San Antonio, TX
- Sept 8-10, 2017 Tentatively SETA CFC Conference, the Omni Westside, Houston
- Nov 10-12, 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Corrections Conference. Doubletree Hotel, St. Louis, Mo