

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

Approved

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 3/15/17 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 Jose who was attending his first SETA CFC meeting. 17 people were in attendance.

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) – Chris D; (cfc-chair@aa-seta.org)

- Passed around the SETA CFC Master Roster for the Committee to update contact information.
- Attended the SETA Finance and Budget meeting last month and proposed a SETA CFC Budget increase for 2018. The increase was primarily due to expected shipping increases and CFC Chair Conference travel. Shipping line item of \$750.00 was calculated to cover the cost of mailing literature to inmates. Much Discussion. The Blue Can postage cost will no longer be deducted from the Blue Can monies collected per a vote at our last SETA CFC meeting. The Committee voted to begin subtracting this Postage expense from the CFC General Fund. The 2018 Budget will go to the Floor at the Assembly for a vote.
- Requested all new or updated Agenda items need to be sent via email to him no later than one week before the Monthly scheduled meeting to ensure the item can be added to Agenda prior to the final email sent to all CFC members.

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

February's Minutes were unanimously approved with a few grammatical corrections. 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 to

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

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved with a couple of corrections. There was some discussion regarding depleting the General Fund to cover the expense of mailing literature to inmates.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

Book Orders Larry L reported that he had spoken with both Intergroup and GSO to compare the overall prices of AA literature from Intergroup verses buying directly from GSO. We would save about \$2,000-\$2,500 a year buying directly from GSO, largely due to volume discounts and free shipping for the large number of popular items like the BB and 12 & 12. We do not purchase so many of the other books and pamphlets which would not be discounted. Intergroup does pass along to us the volume and shipping discounts for the most common items, though they charge more for other literature; and considerably more for GV back issues. Larry added that the additional cost through Intergroup comes to only about \$200 a month, for which they have real "business" expense to order and receive the books, stamp the SETA CFC contact info in each book, box the books separately for each of our orders, and hold them for pick up. If we buy directly from GSO, we would have to do all those things. One item that may be worth ordering separately is the GV and La Viña. Intergroup charges \$75 per package of 30 back issues compared with only \$54 buying directly from the GV. Roy E also noted that direct order of \$1,000 or more adds additional discount and get a better selection from GV. It was voted to continue buying regular AA books and literature from Intergroup and to start ordering GVs directly from the GV at least \$1,000 per order and distributing them at the monthly CFC meeting.

Committee voted to continue purchasing literature through Intergroup 10 Yes; 2 abstained; 0 opposed. Back issues of GVs and La Vinas will be periodically bought in bulk from GV directly.

Ordered by:	Order Total:	Correctional Unit:	Meeting Day & Time:
Larry L	\$424.50	Harris County Jail	Tuesday, 6:00 PM
Roy E	\$469.00	Estelle, Ellis	Thursday, 7 PM
Roy E	\$115.88	4 Grapevine Subscriptions for prison libraries	Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Gary B	\$984.40	Jester III Trusty, Harris County, Columbus, Walls	Thursday 6:30 PM, Tues 6:00 PM
Richard D	\$860.20	Luther, Wynne, Ellis	Wednesday, Thursday and Fri 7pm
Michael S	\$543.90	Jester 1 and Kegans	Thursday and Tuesday (6:45 PM)
Mike W	\$642.45	Harris County Jail	Fridays at 7 PM
Diane M	\$557.40	Carole Young	Mondays at 7 PM
Connie H	\$1,116.00	Henley	
Total	\$5,713.73		

Book order was unanimously approved

CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondence y Ante-Release)-Elizabeth S; (cfc-coordinator@aa-seta.org)

- Received 29 letters from 26 individuals:
13 Male (45%) 16 Female (55%)
18 New Requests (62%) 11 On-Going Correspondence (38%)
Sent 18 letters (for all new requests)
- Requests: Correspondence - 15 (52%)
Sponsor - 13 (45%)
Literature - 13/12 (45%) 9 Big Books, 1 Daily Refl., 2 Twelve & Twelves
Other - 1 (3%) Meeting Locations
- David Hock Letter - Need for sending books into units that do have meetings
- New Volunteer Sign-up

There is a huge need for Correspondence AA Volunteers. Elizabeth will compose an email requesting additional correspondence volunteers and provide to Chris D for SETA-Announce@seta.org distribution. Elizabeth also asked the Committee to pass around a Volunteer Sign - up sheet at our Home Groups to boost participation.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Richard D;(cfc-bluecan@aa-seta.org)

Blue Can donations for the month February = \$48443. Cans were distributed at the meeting. One request was made for a large Blue Can for the table at our Upcoming Workshop in May. Thank you cards from inmates will be sent out to Groups who contribute.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnologia de la informacion) - Cindy M; (cfc-it@aa-seta.org)

Webpage Status: The Link on Website for TDCJ Orientation Schedule is broken and is presently working on a solution. Posted SETA CFC event flyers to site and is looking into Pull Down menus. The updated 2016 Blue Can summary will be completed at the end of March and shall be posted soon as well as the prior Month's Minutes.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Harold P

Harold was absent. Please send any meeting facility changes or updates.

CONFERENCE REPORT – Tammy Z;(cfc-conference@aa-seta.org)

- SETA CFC Conference will be September 8-10/2017 the Omni Westside (same location as last year). 13210 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX
- Contract is signed without food with one speaker confirmed
- Planning meeting is the 3rd Saturday of each month at Houston Intergroup, 4140 Directors Row; Houston, TX at 10:30am. All are encouraged to help out. Feel free to contact Tammy Z directly and she will hook you up the Committee position chair. Committee is looking for someone to step up as Secretary and Literature.
- Represented SETA CFC at the NC Area 51 Correctional Conference. Noted what a fabulous Conference and brought back information to implement at our next SETA CFC Conference.

SPANISH LIASONT – Luis P; (cfc-spanish@aa-seta.org)

Spanish CFC would be interested in a participating in a Spanish TDCJ Orientation. Roy E will contact Clint at Volunteer Service about possibly incorporating a Spanish translator at the next TDCJ Orientation. They are also getting on the Gate List at the Darrington and Ramsey units. Luis will contact with Mark S, District 81 CFC Chair, about getting on Gate List at Carole Young Unit for Spanish speaking meeting. He was also invited to attend the District 81 CFC meeting next month.

GRAPEVINE (GV) – Roland R;(cfc-grapevine@aa-seta.org)

Attended the monthly SETA GV Committee meeting. The SETA GV is currently working on updating Website, Flyers, Treasurer's Report, Roster and the like. Roland will inquire about gift subscription for upcoming SETA CFC Orientation as a door prize. GV will be setting up a table at the next Conference as well as the Upcoming 70th Anniversary of the West Baytown Group. He will attend the next Area meeting and keep the Committee informed.

NEW BUSINESS Nuevo Negocio) & QUESTIONS:

Ron, our Delegate, is looking for input on how to better reach Native Americans incarcerated on Reservations (Sovereign Soil)
Review and update the Corrections Kit from GSO

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement with a thank you for all who attend. The 7th Tradition basket provided to Delta Club for rent= \$44.00

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ATTACHMENTS

- April 8, 2017 Next SETA CFC meeting will be at Assembly 4:30pm in Houston Room
- April 8-9, 2017 SETA Assembly, Sheridan North 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd, Houston
- April 15, 2017 SETA CFC Conference Meeting; Houston Intergroup 4140 Directors Row 10:30am
- 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 SETA CFC Conference, the Omni Westside, Houston
- Nov 10-12, 2017: 1st Annual National Corrections Conference. Doubletree Hotel, St. Louis, Mo