## SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On June 19, 2019, the SETA CFC met at District 66, 5645 Hillcroft, Suite 410. The meeting began at 7:40 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Seventeen members were in attendance.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u> Larry L circulated a copy of the May 15, 2019, meeting minutes. After the group read the minutes on their own, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero)**. Diane M reported distributed a copy of the financial report through May 2019, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Blue Can Balance Carried forward as of June 1, 2019	\$ 7,649.68
Blue Can donations for May, 2019	\$ 6,579.50
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 28,149.11
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 1,405.12
Expenses	
Book Purchases for May, 2019	\$ 6,927.55
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 24,907.17
Postage for May	\$ 5.50
Printing for May	\$ 91.98
Supplies for May	\$ 79.75
Room Rental – Clear Creek Training and Workshop	\$ 50.00
Room Rental – Spanish Workshop	\$ 50.00
Blue Can balance available for purchases	\$ 10,891.62

It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

*Chair Report (Coordinador Informe)*. Roy E invited newcomers to identify themselves but no newcomers were present. He asked for any volunteer concerns. Larry L said that Harris County Jail was closed until further notice for all volunteers due to a mumps outbreak. Richard D reported that a couple of other volunteers and he went to the Ellis Unit but were not allowed in. Apparently, their names were not on the visitors list. Richard and Roy have worked on trying to get the situation corrected but they were told that effectively there was no longer AA at the Ellis Unit. He added that perhaps the CPC may be able to contact the necessary authorities. Gary B reported that Michael S and he had started a new meeting at Jester 4, Tuesday at 6:30 PM in response to a request from the Chaplain. He added that Michael requested him to announce that Jester 2/Carol Vance Unit would like a meeting either Friday 2-4 or Saturday 6-8.

For his formal report, Roy said he had attended the AA State Convention on June 7. A few individuals volunteered for correspondence and taking meetings inside. We plan to offer our biennial training in September since the National Conference will take place in November. There was some interest in using social media for event announcements. The coming weekend, we will participate in the Baytown service workshop at the Clear Creek Club, 1:30 – 5:30 PM on June 22. The InterGroup Open House will also be on June 22, and they invited us to set up a CFC display table. TDCJ has appointed Lisa Langley as the new Volunteer Services Director. There is still no official person at the GSO Corrections Desk, though someone from that office will probably come to the National Corrections Conference in November.

**Alt-CHAIR REPORT (***Coordinador Informe***)**. Roland R said that Roy had covered most of his points but he asked when we may offer the TDCJ training orientation. Roy added that Luis, Rito, and Manny were going to run the Spanish Workshop. Roland said the Clear Creek orientation in April was good and successful. He added that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday meeting at the Luther unit is now open because he can no longer make that time.

**BLUE CAN (***Contenedor Azul***).** Frank B. reported that he provided five Blue Cans to Kelli at InterGroup, but Lowes near him is currently out of cans but they are on order. Several people said they would provide a few cans to Frank. Someone added that cans are available at a low price on Amazon.

**IT Report**. We still do not have an official IT Chair/Liaison, but Joel G who is Area Webmaster said that he will help with getting information posted. So the committee elected him Committee Webmaster and he agreed. Roy said he will upload our minutes and treasurer's report. The prices on the book order form need some correction. Larry L noted that the Google map of AA meetings on the CFC Webpage needs updating.

**Correspondence (Correspondencia)**. Vadim B reported that he had received 30 letters, 15 from females and 15 from males, including 10 literature requests, 3 prerelease requests, and 5 ongoing exchanges with volunteers. He sent out six Big Books, two 2 12&12s, one Daily Reflection, and one As Bill Sees It. He now has a list of 45 female volunteers,

including one for Spanish; and 30 male volunteers, including 4 for Spanish. He also received five requests related to narcotics and he referred them to NA. He reported that the person covering correspondence for Galveston passed away and we will probably be covering mail to Galveston. Tammy added that any announcement regarding her passing away should not be via social media, at the family's request.

**National Annual Conference Report (Informe de la Conferencia Nacional Annual).** Roy E told the group that the next planning meeting would be on Saturday, July 6, 10:30 AM at InterGroup. We have 75 registrations and the hotel reservations are filling up. Workshops are going well with good speakers and we are trying to get one inmate in particular to be allowed to be our speaker. We do need more help for groups to host hospitality rooms.

**Spanish Liaison (***Enlace español***).** Luis P reported that the Spanish districts are ready for the Spanish language workshop schedule for June 30 at District 64. There will be two speakers. He asked that we bring the projector and laptop for the workshop. He asked for anyone going to Jester 1 to talk with him because several Spanish volunteers re ready to go there. Manny S and Roy were not sure which areas at Jester actually have inmates that need a Spanish meeting because most Spanish speakers also speak English very well.

**GRAPEVINE** (*La Viña*). Jackson \_\_\_\_\_ reported that spent time at the State Convention with the Grapevine Committee but he did not have anything new to report. Roy pointed out that if we have extra funds after ordering this month's books, then we should order more Grapevines and La Viñas.

	LITERATURE REPORT	(Literatura Informe) Richard I	D reported that the book orders were as follows:
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Volunteer	Amount	
Michael S	\$	904.75
Shira (?) Z	\$	771.20
Susan B	\$	568.00
Roy E	\$	312.00
John M	\$	156.00
Erik V	\$	156.00
John B	\$	888.80
Frank B	\$	696.80
Gary B	\$	749.40
Aldo	\$	302.15
Diane M	\$	359.60
Roland R	\$	304.00
Total	\$	6,434.40

In addition to approving the book purchases, the Committee agreed to purchase \$1,500 for Grapevines and \$500 for La Viñas. Together the total expenditure was \$8,434.40. It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. However, Richard noted that we are spending more than is coming in from the monthly collection.

**OLD BUSINESS (***Viejo Negocio***).** There was additional discussion about coordinating the Spanish workshop on June 30.

**NEW BUSINESS (***Nuevo Negocio***).** In July, the Committee will meet during the Area Assembly, 4:30 PM, Saturday, July 13, at the Double Tree Hotel – across from the usual Sheraton Houston Intercontinental Hotel. Roy said we can set up a display table for CFC and the National Corrections Committee. Anyone available to sit at the table will be welcome.

Not as a motion, but Roy noted that we have a considerable amount in the Non-AA Social Fund. He suggested that we consider how to spend those funds. It was moved and seconded to donate \$500 from the Non-AA Social Fund to help pay for coffee at the National Conference. he committee vote approved donating the \$500 to the help pay for coffee at the National Conference. There additional considerable discussion about how much was needed, why the donation was necessary, and whether it was appropriate to spend funds Area collected funds for the National Conference. The committee vote, but the motion passed again.

## Upcoming Events.

- District 90 will have a Big Book buy-back
- Baytown service workshop at the Clear Creek Club, 1:30 5:30 PM on June 22.
- InterGroup Open House on June 22.
- Louisiana CFC Meeting at Angola Prison, on September 14, 2019

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar). The meeting closed at 8:45 PM with the Responsibility Statement.