iSOUTHEAST 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 Wednesday, December 16, 2020, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D. Roy E, SETA CFC Chair, began the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Fourteen members attended.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u>. The group read the November 18, 2020, meeting minutes on their own. With no corrections offered, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

<u>**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero)</u>**. Diane M presented the monthly Treasurer's Report through November, 2020, summarized as follows:</u>

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Balance Carried forward from 2019	\$ 6,087.64
Blue Can Contributions	\$ 1,527.42
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 36,602.45
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 600.00
Conference Fund	\$ 750.00
General Fund	\$ 808.47
Expenses	
Book Purchases	\$ 171.00
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 21,195.45
Conference Fund	\$ 0.00
Literature	\$ 0.00
Lodging	\$ 0.00
PO Box	\$ 0.00
Postage (for InterGroup mailouts)	\$ 0.00
Printing	\$ 81.11
Room Rental (Zoom)	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 183.32
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 23,053.42
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 21.495.00

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roy E asked whether there were any newcomers attending for the first time. There were none, so he continued asking for any updates about the units. He said he had a call from a Chaplain in Beaumont. He has been working with the National Corrections Committee to update the Corrections Workbook and Corrections Kit, which will be reviewed at the Trustees' meeting in February 2021. There are now several conference call meetings. He would be chairing one the next day (Thursday) at 1:00 PM for the unit in Henderson, TX, and invited anyone who wanted to participate to let him know. There will also be a meeting in Cleveland. Roy said the call in number is (351) 999-3302, and there are also women's meetings. Jeanette W said she was not able to participate in a women's conference meeting the previous week. Roy said there will be a new women's meeting at Bastrop and Henderson. Participants need to be approved volunteers. There is also a women's meeting at the BAMBI unit and he referred people to talk with Bahiyyah W about that. Bahiyyah also said there is a Saturday afternoon conference call meeting at Angola. There will be a Canada CFC Zoom meeting on December 23

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R reported that there is a Zoom Step-meeting which started with the 12&12 and is now going through the Big Book, every Wednesday and Sunday night from 7:00-8:15 PM. Participants also have to be approved volunteers. Roy E added that the organizer then loads about 5 or 6 meetings onto a CD, which he sends to the TDCJ Chaplains office which distributes to all the units. The Zoom meeting ID is 340-726=4266, with Passcode: 670262. Roland said the organizer calls on you to read a couple of paragraphs and then comment on what you read; so you have to have a Big Book with you. Roland added that he had ordered five cases of books for Joe Keegan and for Beaumont in anticipation of whenever they will want us to come in again.

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Frank B reported that he brought a box of unlabeled cans for Jeanette W, who would be taking over Blue Can responsibility. One group, the Islander Group, had requested a can, which he provided. There is a new group in Galveston that meets twice a week in the Rosenberg Library. He thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve these past two years.

IT REPORT. Joel G was not present, so there was no formal IT Chair report. Roy E said that Behiyyah W would be serving as the new IT Liaison. He added that he would upload the remaining reports. Behiyyah W reported that the recent CFC Workshop Presentation was now available in Spanish and she would send it to Roy.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u> (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE. Vadim B thanked the Committee for their help and his being able to serve this past two years. He received the following:

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- 14 letters from women, 12 for correspondence and 2 for literature requests.
- 11 letters from men, 8 for correspondence and 3 for literature requests.
- Grant total of 25 letters, 11 of which were for ongoing correspondence.
- We sent 9 books: 6 Big Books, 2 Daily Reflections, and one 12&12
- Volunteers: Female English = 55; Spanish = 1; Male English = 44; Spanish = 5; Total = 105

Vadim noted that Tom W would be taking over the Correspondence responsibilities. Diane M asked about preparing Pre-release cards to take in for inmates to get our mailing address. Vadim observed that TDCJ now has specific rules about the kinds of materials that can be taken inside. Luis P noted that there are very few letters in Spanish but also that several Spanish letters we received were not really oriented to AA.

<u>ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.</u> Richard D reported that there was nothing new to report about the conference. He said probably he would start a Conference Committee planning meeting early in 2021. We do have a date reserved for September 17-19, 2021, at the Double Tree Hotel at Intercontinental Airport. However, much will depend on development of a vaccine and the pandemic.

SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL). Luis P noted that he had just completed 14 years in the program on December 12, which the group applauded. He said that attendees at our recent CFC Workshop in Spanish reported that it was very good, especially the main speaker, Manny S from our Committee. Manny pointed out that Bahiyyah W and Roy E were also a big part of the Workshop. Luis said different Spanish Districts are still meeting once a month, December at District 66 and January at District 63. A lady this evening brought \$400 for La Viña subscriptions. He thanked everyone for letting him be part of our CFC and wished everyone a good Christmas holiday.

Volunteer	Unit	Amount	
Diane M	Carol Young	\$	813.50
Roy E	Dibald	\$	596.40
Rocco M	Styles	\$	1,545.65
Bahiyyah W	BAMBI	\$	\$454.20
Roland R	Joe Keegan	\$	780.00
Ron J	Cleveland	\$	512.15
Total		\$	4,701.85

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Richard D reported the following orders:

Richard D added that we should order \$500 of La Viñas and \$500 for Grapevine back issues. It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money. Larry L said that Grapevine accepts articles from volunteers as well as inmates if anyone wants to write about their experience, and Roy added to submit them by February.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO).

Roy E reported we were submitting to TDCJ a 12-Step study-guide that interested inmates and AA volunteers can use as an AA "Correspondence Program". Bahiyyah W discussed with the group how such a program would work. The TDCJ wants to call it a class and Bahiyyah noted that there are good materials available, but they are not AA Conference approved. Vadim B noted that this is not really part of the mission for our Correspondence Program and this initiative would have to be a different program and require additional coordination separate from our activity. Frank B said there is another program called Primary Purpose which has its own study guide. He added that a problem with such programs is that participant interest ebbs and flows so they are hard to maintain, especially via correspondence. Jeanette W said there was a similar experience at the Cleveland Unit. Bahiyyah said she was doing a program at BAMBI via Zoom. Vadim noted that doing regular correspondence was very hard to maintain.

Roy E reminded everyone of the individuals who had been elected for 2021-2022 CFC Committee positions at the November 2020 meeting. The following individuals were elected:

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer.