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 Wednesday, June 16, 2021, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 4140 Directors Row, Suite D, at 7:30 PM. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which he read the CFC Statement of Purpose. Nineteen members attended.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto). Larry L, CFC Secretary, circulated the May 19, 2021, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero). Roy E, CFC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, summarized as follows:

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Bank balance as of 6/1/2021	\$ 23,556.57
Blue Can balance	\$ 19,635.70
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$ 1,988.88
Blue Can donations YTD	\$ 9,928.88
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ (1,505.12)
Conference Fund	\$ 860.00
General Fund	\$ 379.33
Expenses	
Book Purchases	\$ 728.35
Book Purchases YTD	\$ 9,584.89
Literature	\$ 223.60
Lodging	\$ 270.00
PO Box	\$ 80.00
Postage	\$ 363.73
Printing	\$ 194.07
Room Rental	\$ 350.00
Supplies	\$ 468.29
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 22,926.91
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 25,298.20

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

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R reported the following:

- Roland invited visitor introductions. These included Pedro A, the new Alternate Spanish Liaison, Marcu S, CFC representative from District 40; and Jeffrey B (JB), a new volunteer for the Joe Keegans unit.
- Volunteer Concerns: Behiyyah W mentioned that she has heard from several groups a concern that the Committee no longer needs Blue Can contributions. Richard D noted that prison units are beginning to open up but not all groups have re-started their meetings, either. So he suggested that we wait till January 2022 to take up this discussion again, when both prisons and group meetings will have returned more to normal.
- Roland made several additional announcements: A 5th Edition of the Big Book has been approved. There will be some changes in the language, e.g., "inmate" will be changed to "person in custody. September 15, 2021, will be the deadline for submitting suggestions to the General Service Committee. He has some forms for that if anyone wants. World Services Office has an opening for the Grapevine Publisher. As of June 1, 2021, volunteers will no longer need to take a COVID-19 test when visiting units if they have proof that they are vaccinated. The Texas State AA Convention was the past weekend with about 1,400 people registered. The Area Assembly will be July 10-11, at the Greenspoint Double Tree Hotel. For the National Corrections Conference in New Orleans, the trip to Angola State Prison has been canceled. Behiyyah W mentioned that she is in communication with the AA CFC Chair for Louisiana person and the Angola person in charge of the visit and she hopes to have more discussion with them about the trip. The Wynn Anniversary will be August 19 PM and the Walls Anniversary will be October 16.

CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Tony W reported that:

- He has learned that any inmate who writes directly to General Services for AA literature will also get a free subscription to the Grapevine. Roland E added that General Services Office receives about 500 letters a week from inmates all over the country.
- Two more speakers have confirmed that they will speak at our annual conference.
- The rumor is false that there are plans for in-person TDCJ orientation training.

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Jeanette W was again not able to attend, so there was no Blue Can report. Roland E said if she cannot fulfill that responsibility, we may need to find a replacement for that position.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that:

- She is still working with Roy to complete a list of meetings.
- She said she does not have complete information yet. Several members listed units where we are having meetings. Bahiyyah will confirm the list and put it on our Web-site.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE</u>. Tom W reported that we received 10 letters, 4 from men and 6 from women. Harold B and Behiyyah W mentioned that they knew several people who want to correspond and Tom asked them to provide their contact information to him.

<u>ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT.</u> Richard D reminded the group that the Annual Conference planning meeting will be the following Saturday, at 10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon, also at InterGroup. He has printed 100 English flyers and 50 Spanish flyers with both the link and the QR code for people to use to register. For the Assembly, Diane W will have a table with the CFC Display and some Big Books for people to sign that can be distributed to inmates. Larry L reported that Natasha Young from Harris County Jail confirmed she is willing to be on the professionals panel and there is interest in starting meetings again there.

<u>SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).</u> Rufino A was not present and Pedro A said he was new to the meeting but had no report to present. However, he will inform the Spanish speaking districts about what the CFC Committee has done. The next meeting will be the 2^{nd} Thursday of the month at District 64.

<u>**GRAPEVINE/LA VIÑA.</u>** Terry P reported that he had attempted again to participate in the Grapevine Committee Zoom meeting but no one else had shown up, including the Chair. He had a telephone number which did not work. He will try again but does not know what is going on with the area Grapevine Committee. Roland E suggested he try to attend the Area Assembly and perhaps someone there will be able to help.</u>

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Manny S reported the following orders:

Volunteer	Unit	Amount	
Bahiyyah W	Bambi	\$	370.55
Harold B	Luther	\$	499.40
Roland R	Duncan, Darrington	\$	611.00
Diane M	Carol Young	\$	716.00
Paul K	Keegans, Diboll,	\$	651.00
Roy E	Darington	\$	252.90
Total		\$	3,100.85

It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money.

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no additional Old Business to discuss.

<u>NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO).</u>

- It was decided that Larry L should order \$1,000 of Grapevines and \$500 of La Viñas.
- Harold B reported that we have 22 registrations and 18 coffee reservations, 6 donations and 14 banquets for the Annual Conference, 5 scholarships. It will be good to have one or more Spanish speakers for registration. He said He encouraged everyone who takes a flyer to be sure to collect the money. Richard D reminded everyone that people can pay directly online or using the QR code.
- Roland R said there is still a Thursday conference call for a north Texas prison.
- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 7:30 PM at InterGroup.
- Paul K reported that InterGroup will be moving in September.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM with the Responsibility Statement.