SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA (SETA) 67 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE (CFC) MONTHLY MEETING P.O. BOX 925241, HOUSTON, TX 77292-5241 Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2022 – Approved June 15, 2022

<u>CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir)</u>. On Wednesday, May 18, the SETA CFC met at InterGroup, 5151 Mitchelldale, Suite 10B, at 7:30 PM. Roland R, SETA CFC Chair, started the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 22 volunteers attended, including 4 newcomers and 1 via the Internet.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT (Revision Minuto)</u>. Larry L, SETA CFC Secretary, circulated the April 9, 2022, meeting minutes, which the group read on their own. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as presented.

<u>**TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero)</u></u>. Roy E, SETA CFC Treasurer, was not present, so Roland R summarized the Treasurer's Report as follows:</u>**

Description	Amount
Income/Available Funds	
Blue Can balance as of 04/01/2022	\$ 38,679.97
Blue Can Contributions for the Month	\$ 3,630.47
Non-AA Social Fund Balance	\$ 1,686.80
Conference Fund	\$ 824.22
General Fund	\$ 1,025.03
Expenses	
CFC Conference Hotel Deposit	\$ 300.00
AA books from InterGroup	\$
Literature – Service Pamphlets	\$
Lodging (Assembly, SETA Convention, Corrections Conference)	\$ 208.26
PO Box	\$
Postage	\$
Printing	\$
Room Rental	\$
Zoom	\$
Supplies	\$
Presentations	\$
Total Expenses	\$ 508.26
Ending Bank Balance as of 04/30/22	\$ 41,802.18
Blue Can funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 38,266.13

Roy added that he was waiting for the annual support check from SETA. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME). Roland R reported:

- July 25, 2022, is the submission deadline if any wants to add their own personal story to the 5th edition of the Big Book.
- The annual SETA Convention will be in January 2023 in Beaumont.
- Area 67 wants all Chairs and Committee members to update their job descriptions.
- New service post office box number is PO 2407, New York, New York, 10116-2407.
- There were seven round-tables at the Area Assembly. Discussion topics included:
 - Adopting new plain language wording for the Big Book, which would be especially helpful and easier to read for people whose first language is not English.
 - What effect did the AA Preamble have on your group. Another example is using "people" instead of "men and women".
- In the northern region of the State, all the prisons are on lock-down.
- Wynn Unit will have its AA anniversary on June 18. Roy E added that if anyone would like to attend, including the newcomers, give him their name and driver's license information. He thought they can go in as Special Volunteers and do not need to be Approved Volunteers.

<u>CO-CHAIR REPORT (COORDINADOR INFORME)</u>. Tony W reported that the Hamilton Unit now has 4 volunteers for Thursday night but there is still no Saturday meeting there.

<u>BLUE CAN (CONTENEDOR AZUL</u>). Richard D announced that he had Blue Cans available for anyone who needed them. He is running low on cans and was told that the previous cans were ordered from Amazon.

IT REPORT. Bahiyyah W reported that the CFC Website was updated. Larry L asked whether Google map and list of units we serve was updated, because someone had asked him about that. Roy E said the pdf file of units is pretty much up to date.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE (CORRESPONDENCIA) / PRE-RELEASE</u>). Tom W reported that the previous month was active, with letters from 11 men and 6 women. Requests included 3 for Big Books and 1 for Daily Reflections.

<u>CONFERENCE REPORT.</u> Harold B was not present so Tony W reported that \$400 had been donated for coffee and EventBrite was open for registration. Marcus S was the new Registration Chair. For the Professionals Panel, they are seeking someone from the Austin Probation Office. For Public Information, Larry will contact Rocco's wife, who did this last year. Hospitality will be open all day on Saturday and Sunday morning. There is still debate about whether to have it open on Friday evening. The Planning Committee is investigating price for Ice Cream social either Friday and/or Saturday night. Manny S is in charge of Security.

<u>SPANISH LIAISON (ENLACE ESPAÑOL).</u> Yolanda L reported a number of Spanish-speaking volunteers have stepped up for the conference and upcoming Spanish Workshop at District 66. She wanted to know whether it's possible to change the Workshop date from June 16 to June 26. Also, several volunteers are starting to go to the Luther Unit.

<u>**GRAPEVINE**</u> (LA VIÑA). Terry P reported that the number of Grapevine Committee attendees was finally increasing a bit, but he is planning to go around to different meetings and announce this volunteer opportunity. One person may be going to SETA to run for Grapevine Committee Chair but the procedure was not clear. It's been a challenge to make things happen but the next Grapevine Committee meeting will be the next day following the CFC meeting.

LITERATURE REPORT (LITERATURA INFORME). Before reviewing book orders, Manny S asked about two communications he had received. (1) Paul K had requested a box of books for a unit in Huntsville, but it was not clear what unit he was going into or whether he even had permission to go into a unit. Roy E and Richard D said they would contact Paul to find out more. (2) Manny also had a request from the Polunsky Unit Chaplain's Office for 20 AA books. It was moved, seconded, and passed to send them a box of Big Books and a box of 12 & 12's. Book orders are summarized as follows:

Volunteer	Unit	A	Amount	
Antonio D	Darrington	\$	338.10	
Miguel	Darrington	\$	606.75	
Roy E	Wynn Unit	\$	795.00	
Total		\$	1,739.85	

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

OLD BUSINESS (VIEJO NEGOCIO). There was no old business.

<u>NEW BUSINESS (NUEVO NEGOCIO</u>). (1) Roy E asked for any volunteers who want to go to the Darrington Unit on Sundays at 5:00 PM. (2) Bahiyyah W said she had spoken to the warden and chaplain at Plane State and Henley. She was told that the units are short staff, have time slots only in the afternoon, and none available for AA meetings. So, Bahiyyah said she will contact them again to see about at least sending in some AA books. (3) Bahiyyah said that the National Corrections Committee had informed members that some Northwest Texas units were not allowing in Books that used language like "inmate" or "convict" rather than newer wording like "persons in custody." (4) Richard D said he had received an email from the Hobby Unit chaplain requesting several different AA books. Richard suggested they send their request to a different CFC and get back to him if that was not successful. (5) Roland reminded the group that the Texas State AA Convention will be in June; the Wynn Unit anniversary will be in June; the Spanish Workshop will be June 26; our annual conference will be in September; the National Corrections Conference will be in November.

ADJOURNMENT (APLAZAR). The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM with the Responsibility Statement.