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

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 7/11/2015, 4:30pm by Richard D. at 3rd ¼ Assembly held at the Sheridan North, Houston, TX with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. **ROLL CALL;** roughly 23 were in attendance. A special welcome to the newcomers!!

INTRODUCTIONS (Introducciones) VISITORS/ VOLUNTEER (Voluntarios Neuevos y Visitants)

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/COMMENTS and GENERAL SHARING (Compartimiento):

<u>Richard,</u> SETA CFC Chair; Volunteer- 4 prison meetings each week. He feels honored. He related an inmate story about AA volunteers. The meeting fell on Thanksgiving Day, and inmates asked the guard if they could go. The guard said no one will be there, but let them out anyway. Sure enough, there were 2 AA members there.

OJ, Dist. 90; GSR for Serenity Grp. in Beaumont. Volunteer- county jail.

Chris, Alt chair; Volunteer to Keagan State Jail on Tue.

<u>Gary B,</u> CFC Rep for his grp & Dist. 52. He's the Training Coordinator on Intergroup CFC. Volunteer- to a Trustee mtg. <u>Charles,</u> Post Oak Grp; CFC Co-chairman. Volunteer- the Grad grp. in the Ellis Unit. <u>HE NEEDS</u> to find a replacement & volunteers.

<u>Suzanne</u>, Post Oak Grp; CFC chair & Secretary on a Steering Committee. Went to Carol Vance & was told she couldn't go back because she was female. Brought donations of \$500.00 for conference, \$535.00 Literature.

David N.; 2015 Conference Chair; Conference meeting following this meeting.

Amy; 2015 Conference Registration Chair.

<u>Romeo;</u> Volunteer- Harris county jail 2nd floor on Tue's. Delivers lit. to individual cells. Jester 1 SAFP meeting. Romeo's been giving out meeting directories. Richard said they're not allowed to have maps, don't get caught.

Sue, SETA IT; Volunteer/Coordinator, Galveston & Planes state.

Julie, Spanish Dist. 66; 1st time here. Welcome

Elizabeth, SETA CFC Treasurer; Volunteer- Henley in Dayton & East Hamm & Estelle. Been doing it for 2 yrs.

Joe, CFC Chair; regularly attends CFC monthly mtg. Brought can donation of \$50.00

<u>Earl</u>, Beaumont; Volunteer-Guess county jail. They depend on us. We always let them know in advance when we can't come. It means so much to the people behind the walls. He shares with potential volunteers how much growth happens when we do this special service work.

<u>Larry</u>, Dist. 31; large Dist. coverage. Volunteer- Byrd Unit for 18 yrs. April anniv. 51 yrs. of meetings. Every Tue there's a mtg. in the Byrd Unit & he actively recruits. "I give it away to keep it. I stay sober working the steps & giving it away". John B., home grp 1502; Volunteer work in 1997, quit doing service work, now back in action & going to the Byrd Unit. Jim K; We're Not Saints, DIST 32. Past panel for CFC, now Assembly Secretary. Volunteer for Ellis, Ramsey, Walls once a month. Vol. coord. For Eastham Unit. Large meeting of 60-70 people. <u>HE NEEDS</u> more volunteers for that Unit. (13 miles. West of Trinity, close to Ellis & Estelle) he get far more rewards than the work he does.

Harris jail, 3rd floor ea. week. Chaplain office shake up (due to budget). Currently not under them. Been dba usual. Harold P., East Bernard grp; Volunteers-Fri @9:30 Fort Bend county jail. \$48.68 cent

SECRETARY'S REPORT- CINDY M;

• Review June's Minutes (Revision Minuto)

Add POST OAK ROOM CORRECTION FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING. Motion was made to accept the minutes (as amended.) TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Elizabeth S;

• July 13, 668.09 beginning Balance, June deposit 4093.90

Blue can \$3391.00 for today. (Note, detailed financial reports are on the SETA CFC website aa-seta.org)

Motion was made by to accept the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

Grapevine Position remains open. (*Pass the word to someone who wants the opportunity to get involved.*) Suzanne; Correspondence/Pre-release workshop; 8/8 10am Post Oak. Serving breakfast. Will have flyers soon.

CORRESPONDENCE/PRE-RELEASE (Correspondencia y Ante-Release)-Larry L;

Absent/no report

CFC LIAISON (Enlace de CFC) - Tom K;

Absent/no report.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Roy E;

Absent/no report

GRAPEVINE – OPEN

(Please come to the next meeting & volunteer or nominate someone !!!)

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe) - Richard D. Co- CHAIR-Chris D;

Looking good. Working on PI & registration. Spanish dist. has got a speaker- Jorge from Dist. 63 (flyer is updated.) Had a table at Citywide. Having a pre- conference event, details forthcoming. Chris volunteered last minute to man a table for Sunday at the Assembly with Conference flyers to encourage early registration. Great speakers at 2015 conference. One of the speakers spoke at the International. Announce at your meeting!!!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnologia de la informacion)-Susan B;

Will be posting Minutes monthly now (Secretary made a mental note while typing that I must send it to her monthly!) *LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe) - Paul M;*

Amt.	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Unit</u>
\$760.00 (+postage)	Earl G.	Le Blanc
\$740.00	Zaz M.	Plane State
\$505.00	Larry L.	Harris County Jail
\$525.00	Romeo	HCSO Jail
\$480.00	Eric	Dayton State
<u>\$430.00</u>	Roy	Ellis
(2,440,00) (uncertain on 1 and $(2,2)$)		

\$3,440.00 (+postage on 1 order)

We paid Intergroup for May and June. We owe nothing now (was behind a month).

SPANISH LIASON- Angelo;

Absent/No report

NEW BUSINESS Nuevo Negocio):

Suzanne; Correspondence/pre-Release Workshop on 8/8/2015 location address is 9600 Hempstead road. She will add address to flyer. Q&A Panel- Romeo, Larry, & others have volunteered to help. GSO really needs help in this area. Incredible opportunity to do service. Please bring people with you. CFC gets 10-20 requests each month, but GSO has tons more.

Clement; Corrections Coordinator. The Corrections GSO CFC phone # is 212 870-3085 on Aa.org

Jim will come to workshop and is interested in helping with the Pre-release program.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFC 2015 Conference planning meeting in August will be held at Post Oak, room 2 at noon following the workshop. 9/4 Post Oak Alcathon will have a correctional speaker – Chuck M. was suggested.

TDCJ ORIENTATION 7/18 9am-12. 7620 FM 521 Rosharon, TX 77583 by Darrington Unit.

The Wall's (Pathfinders grp) AA prison meeting is the 2nd oldest behind San Quentin! Their anniversary will be held the 2nd or 3rd week in Oct. The list is going around to attend. (They're filling out thank you cards) Gary said his group got one and it was very touching.

Roundup 8/1 10:30 - 3:30 @ Intergroup. Raised over 6K last year. Inmate speaker TBD. Handmade book covers etc. will be auctioned (that's how the inmates practice the 7th tradition).

Note; after approval from TDCJ you must get on a list for that prison as the final step to go inside for meetings. **ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar):** We closed the meeting at 6pm with the AA service statement.

NOTE:

- The next CFC meeting will be held at the 8/19/2015, 7:30 pm at the Delta club, 6400 Westpark, Houston, TX
- 2015 CFC Conference Planning : August 8,