

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

CALL TO ORDER (Llame Pedir) on 11/18/2015 @ 7:30pm by Richard D. at the Delta club, Houston, TX with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. **ROLL CALL;** roughly 17 in attendance. A special welcome to the newcomers!!

INTRODUCTIONS (Introducciones):

Chris, Larry, Martin, Antonio, Paul said "Due to personal business, I've been absent and it's good to be back". (We missed you and Welcome back!!!), Roy, Joe, Gary, Susan; (Welcome back from vacation!!!!). Roland said "Thank you for the opportunity to speak at Citywide", Suzanne, Elizabeth, Cindy, Richard. (Apologies for missed names, that dang secretary!)

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe)- Richard D;

Busy month. Several workshops/presentations. We need to get together w/ the Spanish districts about having a panel presentation. Received a Memo re the G.S.O. staff changes. Jeffrey W. will be on the Corrections desk effective October 5th. He has been working many years in his Area and in a future Box 4-5-9 will detail further information. He received correspondence from G.S.O. The committee wants you to share experience via questions. One of the questions were thoughts about an annual "national" CFC workshop and would we be willing to host them? (much excited buzz at this point) Most were for it and cited we have long term experience hosting our annual area CFC conference & we would get lots of help locally & through N.Y.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- CINDY M;

- Review October Minutes (Revision Minuto) Approved w/corrections.
 - 1) Elizabeth was listed but did not attend.
 - 2) Correspondence & Literature reports need to be added.
 - 3) Answer to where monthly group donations brought to meeting shows up. Add, they are listed in the Blue Can section.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Elizabeth S;

Beginning balance of \$12, 188.84. Huge donations from Woodland group. Really good month. Paid Aug & Sept. book order. \$5,651.39 available today for literature orders. (full report will be posted separately on website.)

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEER (Voluntarios Nuevos y Visitants) QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

- Chris: **Needs another volunteer** for the Tue 6:45 Keagan's Unit. The Chaplain needs a few days to get someone on the list.
- Larry: Harris currently doesn't have regular training for new volunteers. Found out that Bakers Unit has a women's meeting.
- Antonio: Attended orientation, haven't rec'd approval from TDCJ. Richard will give # to call because sometimes volunteers aren't notified. He hasn't received approval for the Keagan's Unit and will get w/Chris after this meeting to go.
- Roy: Mon-Estelle, Tue-Byrd, Wed-Luther, **needs help there.**
- Martin & Joe offers bilingual translations/services if anyone has a need.
- Suzanne said there was talk about the Blue Can taking away from the basket money. After researching, she found that it was not true, but in fact when Blue Can donations increased, so did basket money. (Good researching Suzanne!)

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Informes Del Subcomite)

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

Received 15 requests for people in 1 letter.

Correspondence: 8 males, 9 females.

Pre-Release: 1 male released to Dallas, 1 female released to Austin.

Elizabeth has a problem w/someone getting out and nowhere to go. Any suggestions on what to do? The 24-hour club was mentioned, Intergroup maybe has a list of halfway houses. It was also mentioned that the case worker/ministry has a list of resources that the inmate checks out before getting released. The Bridge the Gap-for inside AA's explain "They (outside AA's) will not provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money or such other services".

CFC LIAISON to intergroup (Enlace de CFC) – Herman F; Absent/no report.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Roy E;

Sent out handmade Thank You cards with just a few more to do. Blue Can donations have been averaging \$5k per month. Historically, we've received 30K per yr. Looks like we doubled this year. More Groups are contributing to the Blue Cans. Donations brought to the meeting; Antonio, D64=\$446.00. Joe, D65=\$50.00. Suzanne, Friends of Bill W=\$1860.00 Roland, Desiderata group=\$40.00

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Tecnología de la información)-Susan B;

Posted Minutes & Treasures Report.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe)- Paul M;

Volunteer	Amt.	Meeting	
Kelli H	\$1,196.50	Plane State Jail	1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Alison W/ Kelli H	\$530.00	Plane State Jail	3rd Wednesday, 7 pm
Cindy M	\$326.00	Henley	3rd Thursday 7:30
Richard D	\$719.00	Wynne, Walls, Luther	
Roy E	\$683.00	Luther, Estelle, Ellis	
Roland R	\$960.00	Luther, Estelle, Darrington, Henley	
Gary B	\$713.50	Jester III Trusty	Thursday 7pm
Larry L	\$580.00	Harris County Jail	Tuesday 6-7 PM
Joe Z	<u>\$170.00</u>		
Total	\$5,878.00		
Blue Can Budget	\$5,651.39		
Remaining	-\$226.61		

NEW BUSINESS (Nuevo Negocio):

Larry; Suggested any extra money should be spent on Grapevine orders.

Suzanne; She has received feedback that there has been no response from SETA CFC after the CCS workshop. She suggested an email to be sent a.s.a.p. to all the volunteers who signed up. Larry will follow up on it.

Suzanne; Judy @ assembly said G.S.O. is getting inundated w/ Texas inmates. Seta gets about 10 per month, Intergroup about the same. She believes quicker response times w/CCS is possible & we should discuss it. We need to get the post office box more often. Elizabeth offered to pick up, scan & send letters to CCS chair to help out.

Chris; Clint D. Morris, Director of Volunteer Services – Rehabilitation Program Division is writing up an article for his newsletter. December monthly CFC meeting will have food.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Walls anniversary had 30 volunteers and 70 inmates in attendance. Thanks to everyone for helping out.

Service Fair @ Delta club a few weeks ago. There was a 10-minute presentation of Committees. There were lots of questions and interest about CFC.

CFC presentation to D40 was awesome!!! Richard and Roy did an outstanding job. They loved the PowerPoint presentation. Richard would like CFC to visit all the District monthly meetings in 2016. "That's where future volunteers come from".

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): We collected \$22.00 in basket money which will be donated to the Delta club. We closed the meeting at 9 p.m. with the AA service statement.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Area 68 CFC Conference; 2/19-2/21/2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn, South Padre. Special deal if you book early. (see <http://aa-swta.org> for details).

SETA CFC; to give a Presentation the 1st Wed of January for D63.

Darrington Anniversary is scheduled for January. Details forthcoming.

54th Annual SETA Convention; January 15, 16, & 17, 2016. Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, TX 77554 (details on aa-seta.org)

NOTE:

The next CFC meeting will be held at the Delta Club, Wed December 16th, 7:30-9:00 P.M. @ Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355, Houston, TX. **This will be an "Eatin' Meetin'" so bring some munchies to share.**