

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 January 20th @ 7:30pm by Richard D. at the Delta club, Houston, TX with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. **ROLL CALL;** lots of new faces in attendance (secretary forgot to count heads). A special welcome to the newcomers!!

CHAIR REPORT (Coordinador Informe)- Richard D;

I do this because this is what was done for me. An outside AA member sparked my interest and that's how I got involved. Going to several meetings each week fills me up w/gratitude. A woman at the International held in Atlanta said she was just a link in the chain. That's how I feel too. Welcome to the many new faces tonight!!

SECRETARY'S REPORT- CINDY M; Review December Minutes (Revision Minuto) Approved, no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Informes de Tesorero) – Elizabeth S; (full report will be posted separately on website.)

Beginning balance of \$18, 636.28 Blue can contributions of \$3,000.35. \$4250.61 available today for literature orders.

Stellar year for blue can donations. Grand total of \$46, 898.12 (see web site for individual group contributions)

Clarification was made for the ledger line "Non AA Social Fund". It is for Annual Conference or Service related food only. A collection was made to reimburse the CFC treasurer for money (\$107.02) used in December for the yearend "Eat & Meet pizza meeting.

Calculation correction was noted to the grand totals which will get corrected.

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

Debbie; volunteer for 8 years at the women's Harris county Baker street location. Came to get literature. Diane here. Cindy; from District 32. Diane; volunteer for Montgomery county jail. Came to get literature. Russell; volunteer the men's unit at 1200 Baker street. Came to get literature. Chris, Alt CFC Chair; volunteers at the Keegans unit and needs more men volunteers. Bryan, GSR; from District 70. Terry; from District 70. Connie, District 70 Secretary; Recently got recertified & waiting for approval. (It was suggested she call as they sometimes do not notify you right away). Roy, Blue Can Man; Has cans available for your group. Roy; Volunteer at the "Last Man Standing" group at the Wynn unit on the 3rd Thurs. He needs a volunteer(s). Brian from D70 Deerpark.

OLD BUSINESS (Negocio Viejo):

Chris D., Alt Chair; is setting up dates at the District monthly meetings to present the CFC Power Point to raise awareness about CFC work. Richard & Roy will be helping. District 52 then 32 is on the agenda. Contact him through the SETA CFC website if you'd like to schedule CFC for your District Meeting.

Post oak workshop status; Larry has email the contacts and is contacting them.

NEW BUSINESS (Nuevo Negocio):

Chris; We raised \$664.31 for literature at the SETA Conference during the CFC speaker!

Roland; brought a thank you card to sign for the chaplain Knapp at the Darrington unit. The CFC Speaker in Galveston was supposed to just introduce the speaker, but ended up being the speaker. She did a great job!

Daniel G; is starting the Intergroup *Bridge the Gap* program.

Roy; Darrington Anniversary had 45 inmates, 25 volunteers. Had an Alanon speaker as well.

Larry; anyway we can get \$ for chip cards? Richard said "No" we can pass the basket for individual contributions, but chip cards are not *conference approved material* and therefore not on the approved list for CFC Blue Can lit. money.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Informes Del Subcomite)

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

Received 10 requests.

Correspondence: 2 males. 6 for AA literature. 1 male in the Telford Unit (New Boston, TX) wants help to start an AA meeting there.

Pre-Release: 1 female released to Dallas.

The following is a letter addressed to CFC from a Darrington inmate;

"Thank you all and all the volunteers who came to the Anniversary meeting tonight. We (inmates) all needed to see/witness so many people coming in to show love and support. I like what it says in the book "When the hands of AA reach out...." AA reached out tonight. That was what or that is what the fellowship is all about. Thank you. I need a correspondent sponsor to really work through the steps. I have 5 years and need freedom from myself. My last sponsor disappeared on me. I've been going to meetings. I read all the Grapevines I can get my hands on. (Happy to say a new visitor got his letter at the meeting. We wish a happy joyous journey to you both!)

Special Note: More than 1 outside volunteer can write to an inmate. Just in case they disappear like the above outside sponsor or to get multiple views on experience, strength and hope. Contact Larry for names if you want to get involved in correspondence.

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

Roland was nominated unanimously as CFC Liaison to replace Herman.

BLUE CAN (Contenedor Azul)-Roy E;

Galveston Conference \$646.31 all that will be used for CFC literature.

Group donation brought to meeting; 3rd Tradition Group \$51.95

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

Posted to our web site the Minutes & Treasures Report as well as the new TDCJ 2016 Orientation schedule.

Contacted Intergroup to get our monthly committee time corrected.

She collected new inside meeting information from the new visitors to update our list on website.

LITERATURE REPORT (Literatura Informe)- Paul M;

Volunteer	Amt.	Meeting	
Ana D.	726.75	Jester 3	
Susan B.	710.00	Carole Young Prison	Mon. 7:30 pm
Diane M.	\$621.90	Carole Young	Mon. 7:30 pm
		Darrington	Sun. 6:00 pm
Dianne W.	\$624.00	Montgomery County Jail	Tue.
Debbie L.	\$460.00	Harris Baker St. 4 th flr.	Thur 5:30 pm
Connie H.	\$1,153.50	Henley	Thur. 7:30 pm
Larry L.	\$253.00	Harris County Jail	Tue 6:00 pm
Russell V.	\$360.00	1200 Baker St.	
Total	\$4,909.15		
Blue Can Budget	<u>\$4,250.61</u>		
Remaining	<u>-\$658.54</u>		

Beg. \$4250.61 has 10 orders totaling over 8k. Over 600 budget. Roy & Susan deleted their order. Ana’s order was cut in half.

(Reminder to try to order just a month’s worth since we get money on a monthly basis.)

Noted that large print costs extra & the committee decided for budgetary concerns not to make it available.

Pick up is at Intergroup. If they don’t notify you, call after a week or so. Don’t let them sit longer than a month to help w/ their books.

SETA CFC CONFERENCE-

ADJOURNMENT (Aplazar): We collected \$31.00 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; 2/19-21st ,2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn, South Padre.

(see <http://aa-swta.org> for details).

Area 51 CFC Conference; 3/11-13th,2016 at the Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, NC.

(see <http://corrections@aanorthcarolina.org> for details)

NOTE:

The next CFC meeting will be held at the Delta Club, Wed February 17th, 7:30-9:00 P.M. @ Delta Club 6400 Westpark Dr, Suite 355, Houston, TX.