

**CFC Houston Monthly Meeting
April 17, 2017
Minutes for March 20, 2017**

John L, the CFC Chair, called the meeting to order @ 8:00 PM, starting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: 16

Minutes. Larry L read minutes for the February 16, 2017, meeting. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer's Report. Alice B. was not present. Elizabeth S provided the Treasurer's Report.

Bank Balance as of February 17, 2017					\$ 8,449.66	
	Beginning		Income		Expenses	\$ Balance
7 th Tradition Separation	\$ 2,605.42	\$	27.00			\$
InterGroup Rent				\$	25.00	\$
2017 Roundup Earmark	\$ 1,500.00					\$ 6,951.66
White Can beginning balance	\$	\$		\$		\$
Book purchases				\$		\$
Invoice 3802 – Roland R				\$	407.40	
Invoice 3803 – Dennis D				\$	225.75	
Invoice 3804 – Debra S				\$	163.80	
Invoice 3805 – Tricia M				\$	454.15	
Invoice 3806 – Roy E					252.00	
Invoice 3807 – Chuck M					1,668.40	\$ 3,171.50
White Can deposits	\$	\$	1,206.42			\$ 1,206.42
Available for Book Purchases						\$ 4,986.58
Bank Balance 3/20/2017		\$	1,233.42	\$	3,196.50	\$ 6,486.58

White Can deposits Year to Date: \$3,944.89. Elizabeth S and Larry L noted that we had received only about \$1,200, and that monthly White Can donations were trending downward. Jim suggested moving that discussion to later in the Agenda. Richard D noted a discrepancy between the White Can reported deposit which was less than in the Treasurer's report. Daniel G suggested she had perhaps received White Can income that was not reflected. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report. Harvey A reported a donation of \$150 \$ from the North Side club. Some thought it may be the 25 Hour Club.

Correspondence and Bridging the Gap. Harvey A informed the Committee that he could no longer serve as Correspondence and Bridging the Gap Chair. Elizabeth S said she would take over that responsibility and reported that for March, there correspondence was as follows: 7 letters total from 6 individuals; 3 male and 4 female. One letter was new; 6 were ongoing correspondence. 2 requested a sponsor and 1 was from a person volunteering for Bridging the Gap. She noted a current trend for more women writing. Jim K volunteered to take responsibility for Bridging the Gap.

Literature. Paul B reported the following orders:

Roy E – Jester 3	\$ 351.50
Chuck M / Paul C – Pack Unit	\$ 689.25
Daniel G – Pam Lynchner	\$ 753.20
Total	\$ 1,793.95

Elizabeth added that we have a print out for 30 books requested by individual inmates: 4 large print, 18 soft cover, 3 Spanish Big Books. The requests went to InterGroup rather than CFC Houston. Since we are not affiliated with InterGroup, and she has not seen the actual requests. Likely inmates are responding to stamped InterGroup contact info stamped in each book. There was discussion about which stamp IG was using. We do have a new CFC Houston stamp, but it was not clear whether IG has it or is using it. Also need to make sure they know not to send large print. Richard D said they should send only pocket size books. John L said he would follow up with IG. Larry L noted that IG was going through organizational changes. Chuck M suggested possibly stamping the books ourselves at the CFC meeting. It was nevertheless agreed to approve the purchases pending clarification by Elizabeth with IG and getting accurate totals each month. It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend the money.

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SETA Liaison. Roland R reported that the SETA CFC Chair went to Area Assembly and there was a discussion about how much would be budgeted to SETA CFC. Some of the discussion related to whether the support should cover postage as well as book purchase specifically. For correspondence, they received 29 letters, 13 M, 16 F. They discussed Spanish speaking groups participating. The Annual Conference will again be in September 2017 at the Omni Hotel. The Conference Planning Committee will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at InterGroup. The National Conference will be in November in St. Louis. There will be an orientation on May 13 at the Clear Creek Club. They had \$7,000 available to buy books and spent about \$1,200. Daniel G observed that SETA CFC was collecting more monthly donations than CFC Houston.

7th Tradition Basket Collection and White Can Collection. White Can = \$38.00; 7th Tradition=\$39.00

CFC Volunteer Coordination. Chuck M announced several events. The Byrd anniversary will be on April 9 and several people would be meeting at the Heights Club morning. There will be several trainings in June and July. He also suggested renting a van to go to the National Conference in November. Several people expressed their interest.

Web. Daniel G. reported that he was still waiting on minutes from Larry L to post on the Website. AA Houston/InterGroup is now linked to the CFC Houston Website. We had 292 visitors over the previous month, so the connection very helpful. About 50 are from AA Houston, and the rest are finding us independently. Events are posted and current. Daniel also said it might be possible to use a PayPal account for bids at the Round-Up auction. Larry L asked about encouraging people who don't have White Cans at their meetings, and Daniel said he could put a note to that effect asking interested visitors to use the Contact Us button.

Round-UP report. Roy E. said that preparations were underway. Daniel G. asked whether there would be a fee for food, and it was noted that we would have a can for donations. Tom K said he would serve as auctioneer. There was discussion about the number of items and auction process.

Training Coordinator. Joey T was not present, so there was no report.

Old Business. Elizabeth asked about requesting InterGroup to support the CFC Houston Chair going to the National Conference in November. Jim K noted that Alice B had not yet drafted the formal request.

New business. Roland R asked about support for the annual 3rd Tradition Group CFC Workshop. It was agreed that we would decide on amount to donate and any additional items at the April committee meeting on April 17. Jim K said in the past he has previously received \$100 from SETA CFC and \$100 from CFC Houston to collaborate supporting the workshop.

John L. reported that Post Oak Club had agreed to have the White Can available to collect donations.

John L. circulated designs for CFC hats to auction as a fund raiser.

Announcements

- 1st National CFC Conference, November 10-12, 2017, in St. Louis, MO.
- Bellaire CFC Roundup, March 25, 2017 at the Bellaire Club, 5625A Beechnut, Houston, TX.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.