

**CFC Houston Monthly Meeting
February 20, 2017
Minutes for January 16, 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: 20

Being the first meeting of the year, John L invited everyone to introduce themselves.

Minutes. Larry L read minutes for the December 19, 2016, meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report. Alice B. provided the Treasurer's Report.

Bank Balance as of January 16, 2017	\$ 8,434.59
7 th Tradition Separation	\$ 2,605.42
2017 Roundup Earmark	\$ 1,500.00
Total of White Can donations for 2016	\$ 21,813.99
White Can beginning balance	\$ 5,408.97
White Can donations through January 16, 2017	801.47
White Can deposits	922.80
Book purchases	\$ (1,977.58)
December 2016 Inmate Mail outs	\$ (22.02)
Funds available for Book Purchases	\$ 4,332.17

- Elizabeth S noted that InterGroup books that are not picked up in one month are charged the following month when picked up.
- Alice noted that January 2016 deposits were 27, 9815. Since becoming a non-profit, donations have dropped dramatically with several groups not donating over the previous 3 months. So we need to contact groups to encourage them to donate. She sends thank-you letter to every group that donates and would like to start sending a self-address stamped envelope with thank-you letters to encourage additional donation.
- Gary B asked about how many groups had not donated. Daniel G noted that a number of groups had started donating through the Blue Can. That even in January 2016, the amount had gone down from the previous year. He suggested that CFC Houston needs an operating budget.
- Jim K noted that some groups had not switched to Blue Can but simply were not donating any more to CFC. He also noted that we can still carry meetings into prisons even without books, which can also be ordered through SETA CFC committee.
- Harvey A said that Westside Club would be voting on this at an upcoming meeting and he suggested others join him to make the case.
- John L recalled that Richard D was organizing contacting groups about changing cans. Jim K noted that we can't really just exchange cans but that it requires a group conscience at each group.
- It was generally noted that we're still collecting a lot.
- Rito provided some historical background to the committee's activity including collecting funds for both the White and Blue Cans, InterGroup and SETA CFCs. He suggested that we share the same commitment to take the program into prisons, that there is an ebb and flow in incoming donations, and that we not get into a fight between the two committees.
- Alice responded that we need to consider which books we order in context of donated amounts. Richard D commented that this was the reason the SETA CFC limited books to the pocket size and that committee also maxed out their budget the previous month.

Moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report

Correspondence. Harvey A reported that there were 3 letters from women and one from a male to Belinda, plus another male inmate. He distributed them to various committee members.

Literature. Earl K reported the following orders:

Deborah S (Walls, Wynn)	\$326.00
Dennis D (Ferguson)	\$352.30
Roy E (Byrd, Estell)	\$651.53
Richard D (Luther, Wynne, Ellis)	\$839.50
Total	\$2,169.33

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

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SETA Liaison. Roland R reported that SETA CFC had 9 letters from female letters, 4 from males; \$5,000 for book orders; 55th Annual SETA Convention, January 20-22, 2017; 1st National CFC Conference, November 10-12, 2017, in St. Louis, MO.; and there would be a CFC Meeting in North Carolina March 10-12, North Carolina.

7th Tradition Basket Collection and White Can Collection. Jim K noted that we were not going to pay rent from the 7th Tradition basket and encouraged everyone to be generous. We collected \$60. 77.

CFC Volunteer Coordination. Chuck M was not present for the volunteer report.

Bridging the Gap. Harvey A reported that Daniel G would be sending him information about Bridging the Gap, and he encouraged everyone to take Bridging the Gap flyers to their meetings inside prisons.

Roundup. Roy E reported that he had arranged the first weekend in August for the 2017 Roundup. There would also be a Mini-Roundup that the Bellaire Club would put on around March 25. Daniel asked whether we have anything left from last year to auction and Roy said there were several items. Jim K asked about money for food. John L suggested we donate \$350 and charge \$7 per plate. Roy E moved that we donate \$250 for the March 25, 2017 Bellaire CFC Mini-Roundup, which would also serve as a fund raiser for this Committee. Tom K said it is not the function of groups to generate funds but it was appropriate for Clubs to do so. It was moved, seconded, and passed to donate \$250 for the Bellaire Mini-Roundup.

Web. Daniel G reported that the Website is working well. He requested digital copies of minutes, treasurer's reports, and White Can reports to post. He added that he has requested Dick at InterGroup to link the InterGroup Website to ours.

CFC training. No upcoming training events were listed.

Old Business. No old business was discussed.

New business. Dennis D announced new meeting at the Ferguson Unit, the 1st Thursday of the month at 6 PM or 7 PM, starting in February. He requested any support and guidance that Committee members could provide.

John L requested the Committee to create a list of all the prisons we go to and listing who is going where to we could provide mutual support for each other's efforts.

Announcements

- 55th Annual SETA Convention, January 20-22, 2017, Houston Hilton North, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX
- SWTA Area 68 2017 Correctional Facility Conference, February 2-4, 2017, San Antonio Marriott Northwest, 3233 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX
- 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 9:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.