

**CFC Houston Monthly Meeting
March 20, 2017
Minutes for February 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: 19, including 3 guests: Michael E, Lorie L, and John S

Minutes. Larry L read minutes for the January 16, 2017, meeting. Jim K corrected minutes to read that we would start paying rent to InterGroup, not that we had started already. He also noted that the money collected from the basket was not clearly designated for White Can or 7th Tradition. Alice B said she had not differentiated those and would do so in future. A question arose that the \$25 rent was not noted in the budget. Alice B replied that she had indeed written the check directly to InterGroup but it was not reflected in the budget numbers reported and she would correct the oversight. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Minutes as amended.

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

Bank Balance as of January 16, 2017					\$ 8,884.26	
	Beginning		Income		Expenses	\$ Balance
7 th Tradition Separation	\$ 2,605.42	\$	60.77			\$
InterGroup Rent				\$	25.00	\$ 2,641.19
2017 Roundup Earmark	\$ 1,500.00					\$ 1,500.00
White Can beginning balance	\$ 4,778.84	\$		\$		\$
White Can donations thru 1/16/17	801.47	\$		\$		\$
Book purchases				\$		\$
Invoice 3653 – Deborah S				\$	342.30	
Invoice 3654 – Dennis D				\$	342.30	
Invoice 3655 – Roy E				\$	651.50	
Invoice 3656 - Richard D				\$	840.00	\$ (2,176.10)
February Inmate Mailouts				\$	214.25	\$ (214.25)
White Can deposits	\$	\$	1,919.98	\$		\$ 2,265.93
Available for Book Purchases						\$ 4,654.42
		\$	1,980.75	\$	2,415.35	
Bank Balance 1/16/2017						8,449.66

Alice noted regarding the February mailouts that a number of books were being sent to other regions around the State. It was debated whether we should send books to other regions or refer inmate requests to InterGroups closer to them. It was decided to continue on a case by case basis, pending committee approval and excluding large print. Alice also noted that book orders not picked up during the following month would be brought to the Committee meeting to be picked up. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Further discussing the White Can, John L said that he had met with a person at the Post Oak club to discuss their changing from the Blue Can to the White or Blue can. That person should bring it up there during the following week. Alice B added that she sends a thank you note to those who contribute White Can donations, together with our Website URL.

Correspondence and Bridging the Gap. Harvey A was not present but Elizabeth S reported that we had received 12 letters, 6 men and 6 women, with two for Bridging the Gap. A letter was for Joe, a Bridging the Gap to Paxton, and requested correspondents for one man and one woman inmate.

Literature. Paul B reported the following orders:

Chuck M – various units	\$ 1,668.40
Roy E -	\$ 252.00
Tricia M – Plane State	\$ 454.15
Dennis D – Ferguson	\$ 225.75
Debra S – Henley	\$ 163.80
Roland R – Various units	\$ 407.40
Total	\$ 3,171.50

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

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SETA Liaison. Roland R reported that SETA CFC had received letters from 6 women and 8 males. They announced the National conference. Had \$7,000 available to buy books and approved purchase of \$4,500 worth. They discussed whether to buy books from InterGroup or GSO. They also discussed whether to authorize individual books be sent to inmates without committee approval. It was passed to do so if the amount was not too high.

7th Tradition Basket Collection and White Can Collection.

White Can = \$31.25; 7th Tradition=\$27.00

CFC Volunteer Coordination. Chuck M announced several anniversary celebrations coming up at the PACK unit and Byrd unit. He also announced the 1st National Conference coming in November, as well as a conference in North Carolina. Larry L noted he had given to Chuck names of four people who contacted us via the Website. John L reminded the group that one can get re-certified online every two years.

CFC training. Joey distributed a printout list of upcoming TDCJ orientations, noting it was best to call first to confirm that the training is still scheduled.

Roundup. Roy E provided fliers for the March 25 "mini" Roundup at the Bellaire Club.

Web. Daniel G was not present but sent in a written report that Elizabeth S read. AA Houston, InterGroup's Website, has linked to our < www.cfchouston.org > Website. That week we had 55 unique visitors, plus four new contacts requesting information about CFC and going into prisons. He added an Events Webpage and posted events and Treasurer/White Can reports, and was still waiting for Larry L to send previous minutes to upload.

Old Business.

John L reminded the group that we have a new pricelist for AA literature from InterGroup. We discussed preparing a list of the units where we take meetings. Alice B said she has been working on it, and Larry L suggested getting this to Daniel to put on the Website.

New business.

- Chuck suggested asking InterGroup to support travel to the 1st National Conference. Jim K moved that this Committee submit a budget request to InterGroup Board to fund travel for the CFC Chair or Co-Chair if John L is not available to attend the 1st National Corrections Conference in St. Louis in November. This will require submitting a budget for travel, 2 nights in the hotel, and per diem. The motion was seconded and passed. LL asked who would draft and it was clarified that Alice B would draft the budget and request.
- Roland R asked about when to do the regular, annual Workshop for the 3rd Tradition Group. It was decided to do the workshop on April 22. Alice B suggested doing the workshop at meetings where we currently don't get donations.
- John L suggested making CFC hats to sell as a fundraiser.

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 9:15 PM with the Lord's Prayer.