

**Atascocita Group
Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2008**

Cheryl M. opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
 Don M. read the 12 traditions.
 Cheryl M. read the minutes of the previous meeting.
 Don M. moved to accept, seconded by Susan S. and passed unanimously.

Cheryl M. called roll.

Position		Present	Absent
GSR	Lael G.		✓
Asst GSR	Dawna L.		✓
CFC			
Steering Committee	Dennis M. Reuben W. Travis John D.	✓ ✓	
Intergroup Rep	Susan S.	✓	
Asst. Intergroup Rep	Shane D.		✓
Treasurer	Steve T.		✓
Asst. Treasurer	Arthur W.	✓	
Secretary	Cheryl M.	✓	
Asst. Secretary	Tina H.		✓

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl M. informed the group the treasurer's records and checking account information had been left in a box at the group. A review of the checking account showed that the account was overdrawn and bills had not been paid in two months. The trusted servants had an emergency meeting last week and made arrangements to pay the past due bills with money orders purchased with cash collected by the group during October.

Arthur told the group we still had enough cash on hand to pay the rent and some of the bills for October.

GSR's Report: No representative present and no report given.

Steering Committee's Report:

The Steering Committee report was given by Reuben W. All is well. Dennis M. moved to accept, seconded by Susan S. and passed unanimously.

CFC's Report Position is vacant - No Report

Inter Group Rep's Report

The Intergroup report was given by Susan S. New comer packages were purchased. Reuben W. moved to accept, seconded by Arthur W., and passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

In accordance with the policies and procedures of the Atascocita Group, Steve is removed from the position of Treasurer for misappropriation of funds.

NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

It was asked how much had been taken from the account by the treasurer. Cheryl M. replied that it appeared to total \$4265 over the course of the last year.

There was discussion of the situation and how to help prevent it in the future.

It was noted that our group policy and procedures state that no member should serve more than 2 terms in a trusted servant position and that we had broken our own rules due to lack of participation, which allowed the thefts to continue for as long as they did. We should follow our stated procedures and we need a lot more participation in group conscience.

It was recommended that the treasurer be required to bring a copy of the bank statement to the group conscience.

It suggested the 2 signatures be required on the checking account. Jeff said that we had looked into doing this previously and it was costly. George agreed to research what the costs and requirements would be now.

A group member stated that we are not truly a group, we are mostly financed by just a few members and the financial problems are ongoing. He noted that he had previously been on the steering committee, but they just talked about getting things done with out actually doing them. He suggested we downsize the group and move to a different (less expensive) meeting place and start over. He stated he had found such a place but left before the suggestion was discussed.

Another group member commented on the lack of participation and support of the group. He stated he had previously participated extensively and was not willing to do so any more. He also shared that he had been told that the alternative location for us to rent meeting space was at the Humble House.

It was asked if we were taking any legal action against Steve T. Leslie stated that from a legal perspective we probably could. After discussion the question was tabled pending further investigation. Leslie will check on the legal side, Cheryl will check with World Services for any recommendations or experience they have on the situation.

Don M. moved that Arthur W. be appointed to Treasurer for the remainder of this term (through December 2008). Dave seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Leslie moved that we accept Dave's offer to fill in as the Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of this term. Liv seconded the motion and it passed with 18 for and 2 opposed.

Jeff moved that we pay any outstanding fees with the bank. Tracy seconded it. The motion passed with 16 for and 3 opposed. Don M. stated that we should have the bank remove Steve as a signer before we pay the fees.

Don M. moved that we change the meeting date and time for the Group conscience from the 3rd of the month after the 6:00PM meeting to the first Sunday of the month (after the 10:00 AM meeting). This will be put on the board for 30 days and voted on in the next group conscience meeting.

Cheryl M. reminded the group that we are hosting the Round Robin for November. Don moved to form an ad-hoc committee to coordinate volunteers, seconded by Ruben W. and passed unanimously. It was noted that no group funds are to be expended it. Cheryl M. volunteered to lead the committee.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don, seconded by Reuben and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.