

Atascocita Group - Group Conscience Meeting Minutes - June, 2011

Susan G. opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity Prayer.

Vicki S. read the 12 traditions.

Susan G. called Roll

It was noted that there are still trusted servant positions vacant.

Susan G. read the minutes of the previous meeting.
A Motion to accept was made by Don M and 2nd by Liv S.

Position		Present
GSR	Dennis	✓
Asst GSR	Vacant	
CFC	Eric D.	
Steering Committee	Jim S. John B. Frank F. Lee	✓
Intergroup Rep	Kenneth A.	✓
Asst. Intergroup Rep	Barry K.	✓
Treasurer	Liv S	✓
Asst. Treasurer	Cheryl M.	✓
Secretary	Susan G.	✓
Asst. Secretary	Vacant	

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

TREASURER Given by Liv S.

The treasurer's report and the contributions report were distributed and reviewed. Investigation results regarding the account mailing address change were that changing the email address of the assistant treasurer resulted in the system changing the mailing address.

The bank had started charging us for bill pay services and would not remove the charges.

Because of the difficulties with our current bank the treasurer and asst. treasurer are looking into new bank. it was noted that the EIN number the group was using for the bank account was invalid and that we would need to obtain a new one.

Motion to accept by: Don M

2nd by: James F

GSR - Given by Dennis

Nothing new to report.

Motion to accept by: Barry K

2nd by: Lynn F

STEERING COMMITTEE – No report given

CFC - No Representative Present – No report given.

INTER GROUP – Given by Barry K

The two payments to intergroup were for two months and we were caught up now. Barry stated that they are currently making one trip a month to buy supplies and requested that group members add anything needed to the list hanging up in the kitchen.

The 3 new meetings (8:00 PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) have been submitted to Intergroup for the calendar.

Motion to accept by: Reuben W

2nd by: Don M

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Multiple Trusted Servant positions end this month and will be posted for volunteers. Elections will be held in July.

Dennis made a motion to have the group host a district workshop on how to chair a meeting. Gil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously except for one abstention.

Barry reminded us that we are taking the intergroup phones July 15 – July 18 (the same weekend as Birthday night). He will be putting out signup sheets. It was also requested that a reminder be put in the chairperson's notebook to be announced at the end of the meeting.

A member asked what had happened at the impromptu trusted servant's meeting last Sunday. Several trusted servants said they did not know about it until after the fact. Group members who were present reported that there were 3 issues discussed. The issues and the results were reported as:

- 1) Issue: Inappropriate behavior with children by a member
Result: The member in question will be asked to stay away from the meeting for a while, and if he did attend to avoid any contact with the children.
- 2) Issue: Members texting and talking excessively during meetings and bringing drugs on premise
Result: Elder group members should sit with the members and remind them if they started acting inappropriately. The offending member will also be notified that if illegal drugs are brought on the premises the law would be involved.
- 3) Issue: Members sharing at length and inappropriately, in effect "hijacking the meeting"
Result: This is not appropriate meeting behavior and should be handled by the chairperson.

During discussion about these issues and the handling of them it was noted that we no longer have a document process or procedure for handling grievances. Lynn F., an elder of the Atascocita group had written a memo about how grievances were handled in the past both by the group and by AA as a whole.

Tanya made a motion to adopt the memo as the group's grievance process. After discussion the motion was modified to be that we form an ad hoc committee to research and make a recommendation on grievance procedures to be presented to group conscience. The motion was seconded by Dennis and passed unanimously. Cheryl M volunteered to be secretary to the ad hoc committee and document the recommendations decided upon.

Gil made a motion to change the Tuesday 6:00 PM Book study meeting to a closed meeting and it was seconded. The motion will be posted on the board for a month before being voted on. During discussion one member said that it should be a closed meeting but not exclude children. Another member noted that the definition of a closed meeting was that it was for alcoholics only and that if we stated children were allowed it would not be a closed meeting. Further discussion was table until the next meeting due to a lack of time.

A member brought up an issue with a chairperson at a non-smoking meeting taking a vote and declaring the meeting smoking. The consensus was that this was not acceptable; the group conscience decision about meeting should be supported by all members. Any changes to meeting should be brought to group conscience. Discussion was ended at this time because the Group Conscience had to be closed to allow the 8:00PM meeting to proceed.

Gil made a motion to have a group inventory, but the motion had to be tabled due to lack of time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gil, seconded by James and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned after the Lord's Prayer at 8:17 p.m.