

Atascocita Group – Group Conscience Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2020

Keith M opened the meeting at 7:15 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was held via Jitsi Meet.

Tradition 5 – Read by Keith M.

Tammy Z called Roll silently.

Tammy Z read the minutes of the previous meeting and the Emergency GC meeting. No corrections.

There were 21 people present.

Position	Name	Present
Secretary	Keith M	Yes
Asst Secretary	Tammy Z	Yes
Treasurer	Jim S	Yes
Asst Treasurer	Myer B	Yes
GSR	Tammy J	Yes
Alt GSR	Donna F	Yes
Steering Committee	Travis M	Yes
	Joshua B	No
	Darrel R	Yes
	OPEN – 1 yr	---
	Catherine W	Yes
	Barbara G	Yes
CFC	OPEN	---
Intergroup	Melanie	No
Alt Intergroup	OPEN	---
Grapevine	Tom R	No
PI/CPC	OPEN	---

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Treasurer – Given by Jim S

- Total Receipts = \$1,074.03; Total outlays = \$671.94; Net Cash Flow is \$402.09. Available funds (after EOM checking reserve and Prudent Reserve) are (\$753.80). We will have to pay rent next month. Keith pointed out a discrepancy in March cash flow on the March report being different than what was on the April report; Jim did not know why but will look. David L asked about why we are contributing to service entities even though we have negative available funds; it was explained we distribute minimums when we do not have excess available funds and distribute according to the percentages when we do have excess funds.

GSR – Given by Donna F

- Donna attended the District meeting on April 19.
- We are sending our Delegate, Troy, to the General Service Conference informed, but not instructed.
- The Sponsorship Workshop has been postponed.
- The District had \$1,759 in excess funds and voted to send half to GSO and hold the rest for projects later.
- David L said there are events coming up that we can consider spending the excess funds on.
- The CFC Blue Can has excess funds right now due to the prisons being closed so literature is not being purchased.
- The SETA CFC Conference will be Oct 23-25, 2020 at the DoubleTree IAH on JFK.
- The TX State Convention is Jun 12-14, 2020. We later were informed it has been postponed to 2021.

Steering Committee – Given by Travis M

- The couches are gone!
- Small repairs are being made, as needed.
- Travis needs access to the AI-Anon room to repair the leak in the roof.
- The SC had a meeting to decide how to go forward with the regular meeting and the Jitsi meeting.
 - Their recommendation is to continue the online meetings until they play out.
 - Their recommendation is to keep the Jitsi and in-person meetings separate due to anonymity.
- The SC recommendation is to have a small, no money Birthday Meeting the third Sat in May.
- Their proposal is to resume Speaker Meeting in June.
- Their proposal is to have catch-up Birthday Meetings for months missed on the first Sat in Jun. Discuss in New Business.

CFC – No rep

Grapevine Rep – Rep not present

Intergroup – Rep not present

PI/CPC – No rep

OLD BUSINESS

Open Trusted Servant Positions not filled:

- Assistant Intergroup = OPEN
- CFC Rep = OPEN
- PI / CPC Rep = OPEN
- Steering Committee (1 year) = OPEN

Keith will post the list of positions we will vote on at the June GC meeting: Secretary, Asst Secretary, Intergroup, Asst Intergroup, Grapevine, two 1-year SC positions, CFC, PI/CPC. Treasurer and Alt Treasurer usually rotate in July, but Jim just stepped up earlier this year. After discussion, Tammy Z made a motion for these positions to rotate in January. Eric seconded. There was no one opposed.

Online contributions: Lee was not present to discuss. Travis said most of the services want 3% of the amount, hasn't done a done of research, checks are being picked up and deposited which is the easiest way to continue to contribute. Chuck said 3% is nothing, other groups use an app, it will bring in more money if we offer an electronic way to contribute and they won't mail a check. Eric said there are other services that don't take a fee. Jim's prior research said our bank or bank account won't accept online contribution money. Many thought we needed a way to take online contributions. Cheryl said we have a business account and Capital One will not accept Zelle for online contributions; we will have to change banks to accept online contributions. The challenge is that we would have to get a new FEIN, as our old one expired. There is research needed since we are not a non-profit and might have to report taxes as a social organization. Barbara G said we should get a new FEIN, GSO guidance says we should have one and set up as a not for profit. We should make sure Capital one won't allow electronic deposits from any provider. Tammy J made a motion to change bank accounts, that the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer research and either change the type of account we have to accept electronic deposits or find a new bank that will allow electronic deposits, with reasonable fees, needed services, etc. Travis M seconded. 19 in favor, 1 opposed. Minority opinion heard, no votes changes so the motion passed with substantial unanimity.

NEW BUSINESS

Travis M said May Birthday Night would be held on the third Saturday, no expense to the group, just a small gathering. No vote is needed since that is the regular schedule. No one opposed.

Travis M said the Steering Committee decided we will not combine the regular and online meetings, it is a potential break in anonymity, breaking Tradition Twelve. Tammy Z said the SC shouldn't tell us what to do, rather they should recommend what we should do and let the group decide. Travis clarified that this was the SC's recommendation. Tammy J recommended people do the research on combining meetings, Traditions, etc. Catherine W recommended we table the topic and do some research.

The discussion about catch-up Birthday Meeting for months missed was tabled.

Donna F made a motion to adjourn, and Catherine W seconded it, and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned after the Lord's Prayer at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Z
Asst Secretary