

## Atascocita Group – Group Conscience Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2020

Keith M opened the meeting at 7:17 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was held via Jitsi Meet.

Travis M read the long form of Tradition 6.

Tammy Z called Roll silently.

Tammy Z read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minor grammatical corrections noted.

There were 13 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	Yes
	Darrel R	Yes
	OPEN – 1 yr	---
	Catherine W	No
	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 and Myer B

- Total Receipts = \$2,352.66; Total outlays = \$1,879.08; Net Cash Flow is \$473.58. Available funds (after EOM checking reserve and Prudent Reserve) are (\$444.81). There was a question about the balances being different for Jan-Apr on the May report than they were last month; the Treasurer and Asst Treasurer have been reviewing past transactions and making corrections.
- Myer spoke to the bank about online contributions. We have a business account which will not accept money from a cash app, only personal accounts can. Their suggestions are: 1) members set up a payment to the group in their own online banking portal, which will send a check to the group or 2) members can make a payment straight to the bank, but they would need the group's bank account info. Myer looked into Square – the group would need a credit card to utilize this. This app can accept payment from a designated phone at the group or through a terminal. There is a 3% charge plus a per transaction fee.

#### GSR – Given by Tammy J and Donna F

- Tammy received a Group Handbook / GSR kit and has it as a resource. She researched online meetings; GSO has no guidance. GSO has published some information on the digital meeting experience of members and the digital cash apps that groups are using for Seventh Tradition contributions. Workshops and conference are all being postponed, will let us know when they resume.
- Donna attended the District meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>; it was offered both in-person and via Zoom.
  - The General Service Conference is being held by virtual meeting, not in-person.
  - SETA Assembly July 11-12 is still in question, it may be moved to August.
  - Darryl with 43 years will speak June 13 at 6:30 pm for Recovery Essentials of Trinity; they have plenty of room to park and space people out for distance.
  - Cheryl M, Alt DCM, is looking into having workshops online.
  - D31 is working on the meeting directory to update it and include virtual meetings with times and info.
  - The SETA CFC Conference will be Oct 23-25, 2020 at the DoubleTree IAH on JFK.
  - TFC reported Bridge the Gap will have a new website soon.
  - CPC reported on upcoming events and conferences related to the public / professionals.
  - SETA Convention in Jan 2021 – need help with coffee servers. Maybe the Atascocita Group can help?
  - Next meeting is June 14 at 2 pm.

#### Steering Committee – Given by Travis M

- The SC did not meet last month. The roof leak is fixed! If anyone is at the group and sees something wrong, let the Steering Committee know.

#### CFC – No rep

#### Grapevine Rep – Rep not present

**Intergroup** – Rep not present  
**PI/CPC** – No rep

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Trusted Servant elections:

- Intergroup – Travis M stood and was elected
- No one stood for the following positions, so they remain OPEN: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Intergroup, Grapevine, Two Steering Committee (1 year), CFC Rep, PI / CPC Rep

In-person meeting and online meetings. Options: 1) combine them, 2) continue both and keep separate or 3) get rid of the online meetings. Discussion: some would like to see them combined; attendance is waning at the online meetings so if it's not supported, we should discontinue them; keep the online meetings but reduce them to not twice a day every day, only certain meetings; some do not want to combine due to concerns about how difficult it is to administer that process; concerns about anonymity with a combined meeting; concerns about the large commitment of time and money to manage combining meeting due to volunteers, money, bad reception, etc. Tammy Z made a motion to keep both meetings separately. Donna seconded. 11 fork 1 opposed, 1 abstain. Minority opinion heard, no votes changed, passes with substantial unanimity.

Frequency of online meetings. Options: 1) keep them as they are or 2) reduce the frequency. Discussion: if no one shows up, there's not meeting and that okay; we shouldn't reduce them, as we don't know when people will show up; suggestion to table it until we can talk to the people who are attending the online meetings. There was no motion made for changes so the online meetings will continue as they are.

There are people stepping up to chair meetings at the group, nothing official. Travis and Barbara were finding chairs for the noon and 6 pm online meetings but have not kept up with it. Suggestion was if people show up online, someone should volunteer to chair it like they are doing in-person at the group. Terri B volunteered to coordinate meeting chairs for the online meetings. No one opposed.

Update on motion from May: "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." Jim said we need a cell phone to take to the group to take credit cards at the group, would need to lock it up. Myer said we could add a link to the Atascocita Group website (<https://atascocitagroup.org/>) to take online payments when not in-person at the group. The fees are less when at the group and a card is swiped versus online. No one looked at other banks. We do not have a valid FEIN to open a new bank account, but it's easy to get; the hard part is we have to file annual reports for the FEIN to stay active. There is also a challenge with banks understanding our organization and the annual change of signers. Myer will do more research.

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cheryl brought up the topic of how to account for substantial unanimity, which is considered two-thirds majority. However, is the majority two-thirds of the members present or two-thirds of the members who vote? According to Robert's Rules of Order, it can be interpreted either way, and it is up to each entity to decide. Cheryl M made a motion to revise the P&P to define substantial unanimity as two-thirds of the members who vote. Tammy J seconded. This motion will be posted for 30 days and then discussed and voted on at the July GC meeting.

Jim S said we got a bill from Yellow Pages for around \$357 and asked if we want to pay it. Everyone agreed we should not, just throw it away.

Kristina made a formal amends to the group for not asking for help as Treasurer when she needed it and creating discrepancies with the money.

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Jim S made a motion to adjourn, and Cheryl M seconded it, and it passed unanimously.  
The meeting was adjourned after the Lord's Prayer at 8:58 PM (Whew, that was a long one!)

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Z  
Asst Secretary