

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

Tammy Z opened the meeting at 7:21 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was held via Jitsi Meet.

Catherine W read the long form of Tradition 7.

Tammy Z called Roll silently.

Everyone silently read the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were 12 people present at the beginning, 9 people still present at the end.

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

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Treasurer – Given by Jim S

- Total Receipts = \$2,527.97; Total outlays = \$1,821.85; Net Cash Flow is \$706.12. Available funds (after EOM checking reserve and Prudent Reserve) is \$1,386.74. There was a comment about more money coming in the last couple of months than before the shutdown and the balances being different, that we have excess funds now. Jim said the books had been reconciled, expenses were down, and we had no rent for two months.

GSR – Given by Tammy J

- The 2020 International Convention, scheduled for July in Detroit, was canceled but is now a virtual experience. aa.org. The theme is "Love and Tolerance is Our Code". The stories are about 10 minutes rather than an hour. The 2025 International Convention will be in Vancouver – we should all go!
- Area 48 distributed a service piece / list of guidelines they compiled about reopening your group. There are suggestions such as safety protocols, bring your own book, laws, etc. Tammy J thinks maybe a subcommittee to review and implement for our group is a good idea, will bring up in new business.
- Tammy expressed concern about Atascocita Group members not being on the Jitsi meetings or in person – how can we make sure we stay connected during these new times?

Steering Committee – Given by Catherine W and Travis M

- Cleaning is going on at the group. Travis is still helping with maintenance, no costs to the group.

CFC – No rep

Grapevine Rep – No rep

Intergroup – Travis M

- Attended the July 18 delegate's meeting. Financially Intergroup is doing better this year than last year, bookstore has a minor increase over last year.
- Events: August 8th is Open House. September 9th is Anonymity workshop. October 24th is Traditions workshop.
- Atascocita Group has Intergroup phones this weekend. There are phone times available if anyone wants to volunteer.
- Purpose of Intergroup: link to the alcoholic on the street so they can get to a meeting, whether it's a newcomer or someone traveling from out of town; provide educational support through workshops; they maintain the meeting schedule and meeting guide for the app.

PI/CPC – No rep

OLD BUSINESS

Trusted Servant open positions:

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

In-person meeting and online meetings. Discussion about keeping the online meetings, and – if so – frequency of online meetings. Terri B presented her report on tracking attendance at the online meetings since the last group conscience (see end of report). There is little to no participation at the noon meetings or the weekend meetings. Terri's recommendation is to keep the Monday through Friday 6 pm meetings only. There was discussion with some wanting to keep them all a little longer; some did not want to keep them because finding chairs for meetings where no one is showing up is difficult. The vote was 11 in favor of Terri's recommendation with 1 abstaining from voting, so it passes with substantial unanimity. Terri agreed to continue to coordinate chairs for the M-F 6 pm and track attendance so we can revisit at August group conscience.

Update on May and June discussion on electronic deposits / changing bank accounts. Jim and Myer did additional research. They looked at our current bank, Capital One, along with Woodforest, Chase and Wells Fargo. A report with all the details was sent out prior to group conscience (see end of report). Based on their research, Jim and Myer recommend staying with Capital One and setting up Square as a way to take electronic payments on the Atascocita Group website (<https://atascocitagroup.org/>) and in-person. Members can also set up electronic payments through their own bank that will send a check to the group. Nine people voted – 7 For and 2 Opposed. Minority opinion was heard; no one wanted to change their vote, so the recommendation passes with substantial unanimity.

Motion from June: "to revise the P&P to define substantial unanimity as two-thirds of the members who vote". Tammy Z explained 2/3 of members who vote versus 2/3 of members who are present. Eight people voted – 6 For and 2 Opposed. Minority opinion was heard; no one wanted to change their vote, so the motion passes with substantial unanimity.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim S made a motion to pay \$475 (half a month rent amount) to the landlord for their generosity in waiving our rent for two months. Tammy Z seconded. One member said it was our obligation to be self-supporting; one member wanted to pay a whole month instead of a half month. Nine people voted – 8 For and 1 Opposed. Minority opinion was heard; no one wanted to change their vote, so the motion passes with substantial unanimity.

Tammy J made a motion to ask the Steering Committee to address and have the authority to make decisions related to COVID-19 and measures to safely reopen the group. Tammy Z seconded. Tammy J recommended we use the Area 68 information as a guideline. Nine people were present – 5 For, 2 Opposed and 2 Abstained. Minority opinion was heard; no one wanted to change their vote, so the motion passes with substantial unanimity.

No motion was made to adjourn, we just did!

The meeting was adjourned after Terri B was the voice of the Lord's Prayer at 9:01 PM (Another long one!)

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Z
Asst Secretary

Online Meeting Attendance Tracking

Atascocita Group Online Meeting Schedule for June 2020 Jitsi Room Name: Atascocitaaa									
Day	Time	Mtg Type	Chairperson	Participation					Potential July Chairperson
				Wk of 5/31	Wk of 6/7	Wk of 6/14	Wk of 6/21	Wk of 6/28	
Sunday	10:00a	Discussion	Donna F.		4	No mtg	No mtg	No mtg	
	6:00p	Discussion	Chuck M.		4	2	2	3	
Monday	Noon	Discussion	Cheryl McC.		4	No mtg	No mtg		
	6:00p	Newcomers	Jim S.		6	5	4	7	Jim S.
Tuesday	Noon	Discussion	David L.		No mtg	4	No mtg	3	
	6:00p	Big Book Study	Bill B.		5	6	8	7	Dave T. & Travis M.
Wednesday	Noon	12 x 12 Study	Barbara G.		4	No mtg	No mtg		
	6:00p	12 x 12 Study	Travis M.		7	6	6		Tammy Z.
Thursday	Noon	Big Book Study	Bernie G.		3	No mtg	3		
	6:00p	As Bill Sees It	Tammy Z.	6	No mtg	No mtg	7		
Friday	Noon	Discussion	Luis A.	4	4	3	2		
	6:00p	Discussion	Catherine W.	5	6	2	5		Joshua B.
Saturday	Noon	Discussion	Tamara H.	3	3	No mtg	No mtg		
	6:00p	Discussion	Yasmin K.	No mtg	2	2	2		

Research on banks / electronic deposits

	Woodforest	Chase	Wells Fargo	Capital One
Accept Zelle	NO	YES	YES	NO
Min. to open	\$100	\$100	\$25	N/A
Min. monthly balance to avoid mo. Fee	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$2,000
Monthly fee	\$12	\$12	\$14	\$15
Number of transaction items free	250	100	200	Unltd
Fee per item over	\$0.25	\$0.40	\$0.50	N/A
Amount of cash deposits free	\$5,000		\$7,500	\$5,000
Fee per cash deposit over allotted amount	\$2.50		\$.30 per \$100	\$1 per \$1000
SQUARE				
<p>We can receive payments in person by swiping a credit card - we would need a designated cell phone or could get a device from Square. The cost is 2.9% + \$.10 per transaction. Example: \$2 donation would be \$1.85 after fees. This requires internet.</p> <p>We can add a place on our existing website (www.atascocitagroup.org) to access credit card payments. We would need a person to add it to our website. The cost is 2.9% + \$.30 per transaction. Example: \$2 donation would be \$1.65 after fees.</p> <p>Please go to http://KWGAA.SQUARE.SITE</p> <p>This is the site the Kingwood Group created so their members can donate online. There is no cost to set up a site for Atascocita Group through Square.</p>				
ZELLE				
<p>Atascocita Group would need to enroll in Zelle, as well as any member that would like to donate through Zelle. Each Zelle deposit goes towards the allotted transactions per bank. Then the banks would charge per transaction (same fee listed above in Fee Per Item Over)</p>				