

Atascocita Group – Group Conscience Meeting Minutes – 10-03-2020

Travis M opened the meeting at 7 :15 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Donna F read Tradition 10.

Dave T called Roll (silently).

Barbara G. read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Corrections to minutes: None

Position	Name	Present
Secretary	Travis M.	Yes
Asst. Secretary	Open	
Treasurer	Jim S.	Yes
Asst. Treasurer	Myer B.	Yes
GSR	Tammy J.	Yes
Alt GSR	Donna F.	Yes
Steering Committee	Barbara G. Cathy W. Joshua B. Tom R.	Yes Yes Yes Yes
CFC	Open	
Intergroup	Javier	Yes
Alt Intergroup	Open	
Grapevine	Luis A.	Yes

pm

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Treasurer - Given by Jim S.

\$462.30 over the prudent reserve.

Reports provided both via email and at the group. Report was a scanned PDF doc and cannot be attached.

GSR - Given by Tammi J.

Tami joined via Jitsi from SETA

No blue can funds please.

Send extra funds to GSO or another service.

GSO letter says.....

GSR Report Atascocita Group October 3, 2020 Tammy J. SETA Assembly October 3-4 Voting items 1. Election of 2022 SETA Convention Chair 2. IT Committee Motion to Modify E-mail Guidelines Vern P. Motion to 3. Lower the Restricted Funds for the Convention Fund Michelle H. 4. Motion to Establish a Permanent SETA Convention Checking Account with Chase Bank District 31 Clarification from Patty H: District 31 - I've gotten word that someone heard in my CFC report something I feel I need to clarify. Below is part of my report that will be in the minutes. • The Blue Can funds are high right now due to volunteers not taking meetings and books into the units. You can still send donations for books, but there is not a need for literature / Blue Can funds right now. I might have commented that if your group has excess funds, you may want to consider sending them to GSO or another service entity that needs money. General Service Office • September 2020: Greg T, General Service Manager. "Some further context — when literature sales and contributions had dipped dramatically, GSO drew down \$3 million from the Reserve Fund to cover cash flow for May-July. This supported sending out International Convention refunds, as well as ensuring payroll funds for our workers. Now we are in a different place. And it says so much about our Fellowship in this extraordinary time: In May, contributions were \$800,000 and in June \$900,000. July has just closed, with total contributions exceeding \$1.1 million dollars! Also, we are working to recover lost costs related to the International Convention through our insurance claim." • On-line contributions: "Our hope is to provide the most accessible and streamlined experience possible on all web-ready devices, including the ability to contribute without registering for an account and to receive instant email acknowledgments. For members who choose to register an account, both their contribution and webstore details will be available in one unified view. We deeply thank you for your continued support and invite you to visit the new online contributions experience by visiting contribution.aa.org." Unfortunately, the link is not working at the moment. •

Publishing reports a huge increase in international licensing and translations, including 26 new Big Book translations in process. Currently a special discount offer is available for purchases of the Big Book in all formats.

Steering Comm - Given by Barbara G.

OCTOBER STEERING COMMITTEE Report

Catherine W, Tom R, Joshua B, and Barbara G met at Atascocita Group 9-12-20. The guys walked the exterior grounds looking for building problems, then we all went over a "wish list" of repairs. Josh agreed to repaint air ducts (outside the building) gray while Tom will take care of asphalt mound near street in parking lot. Catherine volunteered to repaint AC vents. Everyone was in consensus that repairing ceiling in kitchen is our next priority. Tom got a bid for \$554 with work being completed the first week in October. A very generous, anonymous contribution of \$200 was presented to the SC for this project.

Therefore, I will make a motion to the Group Conscience on 10-3 for the difference of \$354 to repair kitchen ceiling under New Business.

Replacing the six siding panels outside near Alanon door will be the next project.

Next Barbara presented a few changes to the Group P&P Manual and it was discussed thoroughly by SC. Some suggestions were discarded and others shall be brought before the group at 10-3 meeting as Information Only (no vote because any changes to P&P must be posted 30 days). We invite your questions/discussion but no voting. After that, the considerations will go to Group Conscience for vote on 11-3.

Thank you for ALL you do,
Barbara G.

Legend

RED = additions

Strikethrough = deletions

**Suggested Changes to Atascocita Group P&P Manual
Submit to Grp 10-3, Post 30 Days & VOTE 11-3-20**

(1) Meetings – General (page 1)

1. The Birthday Night meeting is on the third Saturday of the month. ~~is non-smoking.~~

(2) TRUSTED SERVANTS – SOBRIETY GUIDELINES / TERM LENGTHS –(page 6)

POSITION	TERM LENGTH	SUGGESTED MINIMUM REQUIREMENT
PI/CPC	ONE YEAR	ONE YEAR OF SOBRIETY

Willing to serve full length of term and carry out responsibilities.

Attend all Group Conscience meetings on the 3rd of each month.

Attend the monthly SETA PI/CPC meeting and report back to the Group.

Attend local health fairs and such, as needed in coordination with the Area Committee.

TRUSTED SERVANT RESPONSIBILITIES

(3) TREASURER – (page 8)

The distribution of excess funds that support four service entities shall be:

50% to Houston Intergroup, 30% to GSO, 10% to District 31, and 10% to SETA Area 67.

Prior to renewing the Grapevine subscriptions each year, the Treasurer and the Grapevine Chair should determine number of monthly copies to present to Group Conscience for renewal, after considering financial position of the Group and needs of the Sunday 6 pm Grapevine meeting.

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(4) STEERING COMMITTEE – (page 11)

Memorial requests shall come before the Steering Committee for a decision. Name and brief background of the AA member plus date and time requested is required. Traditions will be followed and member asking for Memorial shall be responsible for clean-up.

(5) GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE (GV) – (page 12)

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(6) ~~Non-Trusted Servant Committees—Event Committees (pg 14)~~

~~ALL events must be held one hour after a regularly scheduled meeting and must be finished at least one hour before regularly scheduled meetings.~~

Memorial Committee

Members:

Dennis Mahan ——— 281 540 4616

Jim Sullivan ——— 281 703 9511

David Lorenzen ——— 254 723 7833

Guidelines:

- ~~1. Memorial requests are to be made to one of the committee members and should include name and brief background of the AA member who the service is for as well as date and time requested.~~
- ~~2. Flowers and decorations will be allowed but CANNOT promote any religious or secular belief organization or institution.~~
- ~~3. There should be no fundraisers or luncheons connected with the memorial.
NOTE: THE PERSON REQUESTING THE MEMORIAL SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE CLEAN UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MEMORIAL.~~
- ~~4. No cameras, filming or taping to be done at the memorial.~~
- ~~5. Only AA materials are to be displayed or used at the memorial.~~
- ~~6. REMEMBER—this is a memorial for an AA member, and we need to follow our Traditions at all times.~~
- ~~7. The person requesting the memorial is responsible for contacting and getting approval from the immediate family.~~

Group Conscience

(7) Motions and Voting – (pg 15)

1. A substantial unanimity (**two-thirds of the members who vote**) is needed to pass an agenda item.
2. Any alcoholic who regularly attends **calls** Atascocita Group meetings **their home group** is eligible to vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of 2020 Steering Committee

CFC - Given by

No one is standing

Grapevine Rep - Given by Luis A

There was a meeting in September, Luis did not go Because he had bronchitis.

Intergroup -

No meeting this month
Intergroup phones are going well at Atascocita group

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CPC/PI Rep- Kristina will send Dave T a copy of the report. Will publish when received. Report received on 10-8-2020:

I have attached a workshop flyer that was announced. We had our meeting for the month of October at the area assembly. David L. Chair for the area led the meeting which was geared towards new group CPC/PI representatives. He went over the history of CPC/PI and discussed a few things that we could do in our communities to reach out to the public and professionals. A new chair was to be voted in the next day. Next area meeting is November 2nd at 730 pm. Sorry I forgot to send this already. Kristina

OLD BUSINESS

Birthdays Night Food Coordinator: Topic not covered

Open Positions:

Assistant secretary
alt intergroup

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara is asking for \$354.00 for the kitchen ceiling. From money allocated tonight. Before service allocations. Not sure who 2nd the motion Catherine W?

Vote: (for reference this all who were in attendance as well)

Myer B- yes
Keith M- yes
Jim S- yes
Josh- yes
Tom R- yes
Tammi J- no
Javier- yes
Donna- F yes
Dave T- yes
Barbara- yes
Catherine- yes
Luis- yes
Kristina- abstained
Travis M- did not vote

Tammi spoke on minority no one change their mind Vote passed @ 8:29

Luis wants to amend the GV rep position to 1 year.
He will write it on the board

Luis now withdraws his motion

Kristina- add to preamble with chips anyone with 18 months. She will post on the board
One other thing..... Placed a rack at Octavia library if the group would like to maintenance the rack
Donna recommended the district PI. They will discuss outside the meeting to figure it out and get back with the group.
Kristina mentioned the

Tammi motions:

Tracking of building maintenance. Group collectively feels that is being done, less, anonymous donations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Luis, seconded by Catherine W and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's prayer led by Josh B. @ 8:53 PM.

This note was graciously sent by Barbara G. on 10-9-2020 in Response to Jim S. email who stated on 10-6-2020 that the group had not posted the items to be considered for voting as per the 30 day policy.
please see notes below as copied from the emails:

I am at the group and can't find where any of the items that required posting are posted, so the vote will need to wait until December.

Jim S.

Hi Jim

The notices have been posted at the Group.

Barb

Pic attached:

