

Atascocita Group – Group Conscience Meeting Minutes – Mar 3, 2021

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

Barbara read the long form of Tradition

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Amanda called Roll silently.

Amanda read the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were 15 people present at the meeting.

Position	Name	Present
Secretary	Travis	X
Asst Secretary	Amanda	X
Treasurer	Myer	X
Asst Treasurer	OPEN	
GSR	Donna	X
Alt GSR	OPEN	
Steering Committee	Joshua	
	Tommy D.	X
	Tom R	X
	OPEN – 1 yr	
	Catherine W	X
	OPEN – 10 yr	
CFC	OPEN	
Intergroup	Javier	X
Alt Intergroup	D'Leese	X
Grapevine	Luis A	X
PI/CPC	Kristina	X

TRUSTED SERVANTS REPORTS

Treasurer – Given by Myer

Total Receipts: \$2,641.40

Total Outlays: \$2,672.39

Net Cash Flow: (\$30.99)

Available Funds: \$648.84

-Confirmed Jim called TXU to renew electric contract. (Side note – contract had not expired yet. The previous electric bill was high due to high usage, not high rate.)

-Barbara requested clarification \$200 for "General Supplies" – money for the painters hired to finish the kitchen, as circumstances have hindered completion of the project by Kristina and Frank (in addition to \$100 donation received by Catherine).

GSR – Given by Donna

-District 31 meeting (2/21/21) - \$4943 excess funds. Cheryl posted there will be April Area Assembly via ZOOM. Printed copies are available.

-SETA – requested list of District 31 groups to ensure groups coincide with GSO records. Next meeting Mar. 21 (hybrid).

-Karen M. – budgeted for workshops, SETA looking for groups willing to host.

-Alabama Coshada (located near Lake Livingston) – 5:30 Thursday Open Meeting, requesting support

-Donna informed the group of our in-person meetings as well as our opinion regarding the distribution of excess funds:

\$1300 – GSO

\$1000 – hardship during SETA assemblies (GSR rooms)

\$300 – Big Book / Living Sober to libraries

\$125 – increase for Grapevines / workshops (4 Grapevine subscriptions instead of present 2)

\$450 – AA literature for new groups

-Reserve funds for AA "racks"

Darell W. (Grapevine Rep.) – to give 15 minute workshop on Grapevine at the April Assembly

Open positions remaining: Archives / PI / CPC

Steering Committee – Given by Catherine W.

-Advised again of the beam next to the AI-Anon Room needing to be properly replaced. In general, advised the "outside of the building is falling apart."

-Planning to reopen old discussion with Tommy D. regarding insulating the building. Tommy strongly suggests insulating the building to preserve the pipes / building overall, as well as reduce the electric bill. He and Catherine will submit cost and a plan of action at the next Group Conscience meeting for approval.

-Tom confirmed (again) all labor / material paid for in regards to painting the kitchen.

-While insulating the group will assist in lowering the electric bill, it should be noted that the building is no longer on natural gas, now using heat/electricity, explaining the high usage during the past two months (i.e. two winter storms).

CFC – No rep

Grapevine Rep – Given by Luis

- During the January meeting, elected as Grapevine Chair for SETA 67.
- Open positions available
- Motion made for workshop to be held at April Area Assembly via ZOOM
- Motion made to table the approval of the assembly funds budget until April 18 (budget meeting was held, but Luis was unable to attend due to health reasons).

Intergroup – Given by Javier

- Intergroup meeting – 2/25/21
- Intergroup understaffed, low sales
- Main concern – rent. May have to look for new building or rent out rooms. However, all budget numbers are now in the positive (not in the “red”).
- Workshop Mar. 27 - \$7.50, virtual meeting. Flier is at the group in the event anyone is interested in more information.
- Next meeting – 4/15/21

PI/CPC – Given by Kristina

- PI – no committee meeting, next meeting to be held this upcoming month.
- CPC – 3/13 – training workshop online (for more information, see Kristina)
- CPC Northern America – starting to build committee – CPC National Conference
- Looking into virtual 12-step calls in hospitals. Next month will make a presentation regarding this matter.
- Cooperating with professional committee – reach out to schools / professional (seeking to do this virtually).
- Buy “our own ZOOM,” instead of going through SE Area
- Main goal = get into hospitals, reach out to professionals

OLD BUSINESS

-Excess funds now to resume regular distribution allotment as per P&P Manual. No changes requested at this time in the meeting.

Intergroup: 50%
GSO: 30%
District 31: 10%
SETA 67: 10%

Jitsi meetings will continue as is.

Mid Term Election:

Kathy B. stood for the position of Assistant Treasurer. She qualified herself and was voted in. ☺

Thank you Kathy for your support! ☺

NEW BUSINESS

-Catherine - motion to set aside \$600 for the building’s insulation, foregoing the just-resumed regular distribution of allotment for excess funds, donating \$20 per entity instead. Barbara seconded the motion.

-Tammy inquired if there was a time frame for the hold. Barbara clarified this money was already available, specifically setting it aside for the insulation.

-Vote taken regarding the motion: 14 for, 2 against (Donna / Tammy). Donna requested clarification regarding the hold. Tammy pointed out that Atascocita Group is prone to look towards withholding support from our service structure when the discussion of building maintenance arises. No one changed their vote. Motion passed.

-Luis – motion to increase Grapevine subscription to support Grapevine New York. Travis will research to determine when last vote was regarding Grapevine subscription, ensuring it was not in the past 6 months.

-Kristina advised that a member of the group who attends the noon meetings was inquiring about the date of completion for the men's bathroom. Catherine advised the remaining work for the men's room is purely cosmetic, and will be completed once the more pressing matters (kitchen / insulation / outside building's stability) have been taken care of. Volunteers to take on the men's room are welcome to assist in the meantime.

-Javi - Atascocita will be receiving Intergroup Phone calls on below dates:

4/9 – 4/12

7/2 – 7/6

10/2 – 10/5

-Kristina expressed concern over the trend manifesting itself in Group Conscience over the past 1-1/2 to 2 years, regarding heavy focus on finances, which is diverting us from our Primary Purpose. She also noted that several other members of the group have expressed the same sentiment based on conversations they have had / overheard. The recent situation with the pipe freeze was briefly discussed, and all opinions regarding the handling of pipe repairs during this time were expressed.

-Kathy pointed out the importance of the Group Conscience in determining matters for the group, citing the Third Tradition.

-Jim S. inquired if we should consider taking the Group Conscience meetings "back to the rooms," if in-person meetings would make Group Conscience more available to members of the group.

-Kathy made a motion to have Hybrid Group Conscience meetings. Catherine seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed with flying colors. April Group Conscience will be held as a hybrid utilizing Jitsi and at the group.

Jim S. made a motion to close. Donna seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda M.