

Atascocita Group – Group Conscience Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2021

Travis opened the meeting at 2:03 pm with a moment of silence. Barbara requested that the group keep Diane D. in their prayers, as her son has recently passed. The group then said the Serenity Prayer. The meeting was held in the hybrid format.

Travis read an AA pamphlet emphasizing unity amongst the group, then read the Preamble.

Chris read the all 12 Traditions, short form.

Amanda called Roll silently.

Travis noted that he hoped the group as a whole would refrain from making motions, due to any new motions would be required to be posted on the board for 30 days.

There were 16 people present at the meeting.

Position	Name	Present
Secretary	Travis	Yes
Asst Secretary	Amanda	Yes
Treasurer	Myer	Yes
Asst Treasurer	Kathy	-
GSR	Donna	Yes
Alt GSR	-----	
Steering Committee	Tommy	*
	Joshua	Yes
	Catherine	Yes
	Open 1 yr	-
	Bahiyyah	Yes
	Open 10 yr	N/A
CFC	OPEN	-
Intergroup	OPEN	-
Alt Intergroup	OPEN	-
Grapevine	D'Leece	Yes
PI/CPC	Kristina	*

First issue up for discussion: Ad-hoc meeting

- Confirmed Bahiyyah / Catherine jointly led the Ad-hoc meeting. Additionally, confirmed a decision had been reached regarding the outside of the building.
- Bahiyyah advised that Dennis “knows the most about the project.” The plan reached at the Ad-hoc meeting was to pass the basket a second time to obtain funds for the project, working in sections (starting at the front of the group), with the labor being done by volunteers from the Atascocita Group on the weekends.
- Don noted that he was under the impression that the Ad-hoc committee would be supplying options to the Group Conscience. Bahiyyah mentioned that she had been confused about the Atascocita Group’s process, and believed that the Steering Committee was responsible for making decisions regarding building maintenance/repairs, not the Group Conscience as a whole.
- At Travis’s request, Catherine was requested to explain the below:
 - Approx. 46 years ago, the Atascocita Group was entrusted with the care/maintenance of the building by the Panzarella’s, with the group providing 100% of the costs of maintenance for the building. There have been exceptions made and the Panzarella’s have assisted the group on at least three separate occasion with building repairs. It was decided not to ask for their assistance again.
 - The goal of the Ad-hoc was to gather information, then vote on how to proceed.
 - A decision was made to wait at least 45 days before beginning the project, in hopes of both summer heat and cost of building materials declining.
 - Per Dennis, cost of wood is a cheaper short—term solution, whereas hardi-plank would require less labor and be more cost-effective in the long run. Also, with wood, we run a risk of rot, if the project is not completed in a timely fashion.
 - Side note: Ad-hoc meeting attended by 3 members of the Ad-hoc committee / 2 members of the Steering committee.

Everyone in attendance was permitted to ask questions on the Ad-hoc’s proposal:

- Chris: Who provided the quote? Home Depot
- Donna: Where quotes obtained from any other entities? Outside professionals? Also, will this be solely dependent on volunteers to complete the project?
 - Considered inquiring to outside parties, then decided against, due to expectations of higher costs to the group.
 - Volunteers shouldn’t be an issue, due to approx. 10+ people have already expressed an interest in assisting.
- Don: Why the sense of urgency (calling emergency meeting) instead of posting this info on the board. Further, reminded all that this should be what the group as a whole wants to do. Also, in beginning the project, probably a better idea to begin the renovation behind the building next to the AC unit (due to present damage to the base line) – biggest potential for extra cost.
- Cheryl reiterated is this really an emergency requiring immediate attention to vote on proposal of passing the basket a second time?
 - Any change to the meeting format, per the Policies & Procedures manual, must be posted on the board 30 days prior to voting.
- Barbara: Expressed the need to discuss the distribution of excess funds.
- Rueben – Doesn’t the building maintenance need to fall under the excess funds, instead of distributing upward, then requesting additional donations from the group?
- David L. – Expressed frustration that people are going outside of the Group Conscience to take care of things, without consulting the Group Conscience.
- Bahiyyah advised this was another misunderstanding on her part.
- Dave T. - \$5900 only for materials; an additional 20% should also be included in the goal set to collect. Also agreed with Don regarding starting with the problem area by the AC first, instead of worrying about the group being “pretty” first.
- Catherine: Why the need to put the second passing of the basket on the board for 30 days? Donna advised that doing this will

technically only qualify as an announcement, hence no need to post for 30 days.

-Barbara – Is a contractor's discount included in the quotation supplied by Home Depot? Will all the members fixing the building be members of AA? (Yes, AA members will be involved with the labor)

-Bahiyah – motion to raise \$7100 for fixing the building. "Someone" seconded.

-Travis confirmed basing the vote on the group having the intention to proceed with hardi-plank.

-Vote taken, passed unanimously.

Second issue up for discussion: Raising funds

Three options Presented by the group:

-A) Use excess funds to cover the project, reverting to "emergency" distribution the 4 entities (\$20 each).

-B) Passing the basket a second time to raise funds.

-C) Both A & C

-All members of the Group Conscience were given the opportunity to voice criticisms, complaints, or concerns about the above three options in turn. The majority expressed favor in the third option.

-Barbara – in addition to discussing how to the above, how is last month's contributions to the 4 entities to be tabulated?

-Question raised as to whether or not the past month's excess funds have been distributed as of yet. Confirmed by Myer they have not. It was confirmed to hold on said distribution until voted on.

-Cheryl made a motion to raise money (maximum of the previously designated amount of \$7100) by passing the basket a second time, in conjunction with using money from the excess funds including last month's contributions. Don seconded the motion.

-Barbara noted that changes in group policy must be posted on the board for 30 days before being voted on. (Cheryl to get with Barbara after the meeting to better clarify, this instance not falling under that edict.)

-Vote taken, passed in the majority with one vote in opposition.

-Minority opinion was heard. No one changed their vote.

Third issue up for discussion: Passing the basket a second time

-Travis – A fair number of other Alcoholics Anonymous groups have "short portion" in meeting to post announcements.

-Cheryl – If asking the chairperson to add an announcement about passing the basket a second time, it would require changing the meeting format (30 days on hold while noted on the board).

-Bahiyah requested to instead post a note for the chairperson to request to pass the basket a second time, technically not changing the meeting format.

-Dave – Will the chairperson need to keep the second basket donation segregated from the first basket donation?

-Don – There's no need to separate the two, as it has been voted on to use excess funds for the project's completion.

-Barbara – If the project is to be done "piece-meal", then receipts should be turned in for labor / materials as the money is spent, not as contracted.

-A motion was made to pass the basket a second time for the purpose of building maintenance.

-Somebody seconded the motion.

-Vote taken, passed unanimously.

-Rueben made a motion to close. Donna (and several others) seconded.

-Meeting was closed at 3:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda