

Cypress Group Conscience

July 7th 2014

- Serenity Prayer led by Jim at 7:40pm to open the meeting.
- Jim reviewed the minutes from April 2014 group conscience.
 - group approved the minutes at 7:47pm
- Missy reviewed the Treasurers' Report
 - significant improvement over the last quarter related to an increase in group attendance.
 - expenses remain the same at ~\$2,700.00/month and the electric bill has greatly improved despite the heat.
 - ↙ -6 month prudent reserve goal = \$20,000.00 and we are at \$19,000.00 to date.
 - noted that all treasurers' reports are kept in the top drawer by the Big Books.
 - group approved the treasurers' report at 7:53pm
- Dru reviewed the GSR Report for District 32
 - multiple service opportunities are available
 - Saturday August 2nd 2014 Topic Discussion at Intergroup on "How to chair a meeting" (see handout) Betsy Gerber will be speaking
 - 5 Committee positions are open in District 32
 - Quarterly Area Assembly Committees' meeting July 12th-13th, open for all to attend.
 - group approved the GSR Report 7:57pm

- Kevin reviewed the Intergroup Report
 - delegates met on June 19th
 - open house was a huge success!
 - >the history of the Cypress Group was discussed **J**
 - “The Link” will now only be available online at www.aahouston.org
 - >those in need of service can always contribute by writing their story and submitting it to “The Link”
 - >at any time you are able to go to www.aahouston.org to view “The Link” without subscribing.
 - group accepted the Intergroup Report at 8pm

Group Conscience Board Items

- Ø 1. Wednesday 12pm 12&12 meeting in place of the Wednesday 12pm Big Book Study
 - passed** at 8:05pm
- Ø 2. Inventory issues handout given by Dru and discussed (see handout)
- Ø 3. Wednesday 10am Alanon meeting
 - passed** at 8:20pm
- Ø 4. Black Chip discussed
- Ø 5. Back to Basics meeting
 - 30day 12 step program.
 - Missy discussed her understanding is that facilitators are to be trained prior to
 - Donovan agreed to gather information from Cypresswood where they have facilitated such groups.
 - tabled until next Group Conscience at 8:27pm

- Ø 6. New Year's Anniversary needs planning. Motion to get a committee started where Stacie will chair.

-**passed** at 8:30pm

- Ø 7. Space

-we are in this space for another 1.5years

-unit is open for rent adjacent to us would cost ~\$1,000.00/month

-parking will continue to be an issue-Missy will revisit the option of parking across the wire.

-discussed construction and space dividers to optimize the use of our current space.

-fire code compliance?

-the space next door will only be available for a short time

-vote 24 to 2 **passed** that more space is needed at 8:42pm

- Ø 8. Monday 8pm Chapter 4 Literature Discussion

-**passed** at 8:46pm

- Ø 9. Saturday 8pm (except Birthday Night) Chapter 9 meeting

-**passed** at 8:49pm

- Ø 10. Hospitality Suite for The Spirit of Houston

-November 21st-23rd

-Rent a hospitality suite, provide food, and staff during the conference.

-motion to support the hospitality suite up to \$750.00 and if it is over we will pass a basket to donate to The Spirit of Houston **passed** at 9pm

Ø 11. Donation Box for AA Literature

-Doc will provide the box to place new or used literature in it for donation.

-**passed** at 9:11pm

· Group closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:12pm

Cypress Group Inventory Issues for Group Conscience Meeting 7/7/14

Perhaps a Step Study meeting

Perhaps the group can come to a group conscience decision that "meeting leaders should come prepared with a topic and be encouraged to call on people (and not always the same people) if no one volunteers."

Sponsorship

Perhaps at the end of a meeting asking for a show of hands of those willing to be sponsors and/or pointing out the sponsor board at the back of the room.

Outreach (Professional Community, Clergy, Prisons, Treatment Centers)/Involvement with SETA and Intergroup

How do we inform members of the opportunities available and encourage them to become involved?

Anonymity

Perhaps at the end of closed meetings, read the 12th Tradition.

Officers

On the announcement of the January Group Conscience meeting, note that officers will be elected.

We need to paint.

Money

On the announcement of all Group Conscience meetings, note that there is a reporting of all finances.

CYPRESS GROUP – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/7/2014

Time: Started @ 7:45pm

Meeting Opened by Chairman & The Serenity Prayer was Read

Secretary Report – Read by Tricia - Minutes Read from the last meeting

Treasure's Report – Read by Missy

Report for this quarter – she compared 2013 to 2014 income & expenses – expenses remain the same but taking in less. There's about a \$350-\$500 difference for this qtr. – It seems to be the noon meeting donations are down. We're taking in about \$2,600 & Expenses are about \$2,500.

GSR Report – District 32 -Drew

Annual service conference coming up in April

3 items to be discussed – “see attached items” – 1. Blue card – mixed opinion on change

2. Big Book change – group ok with change 3. Internet – Anonymity

Drew will pass on to area delegates & will take it to NY conference

Intergroup Report - Jim

Jim said Intergroup met in February and he didn't have any minutes. Appreciation dinner coming u and there will be an open house this summer and they will need donations

Old Business

1. To be discussed in new business
2. Monitor electric plan – the changes didn't make any difference so we will go back to each meeting adjusting the thermostat as needed and to turn off the lights when done.
3. Jim said soda machine to be delivered & serviced by Coca-Cola
4. Phone lists to be printed & were approved

New Business – “See attached notes”

Next meeting – Scheduled for 7/7/2014

Close Meeting – @ 8:45pm with the Lord's Prayer

4/7/14 New Business

1. Insurance - ^{Tim -} landlord has asked that we increase fire insurance to \$300K
Do we get ^{new} insurance? Extra \$300 year - Approved
or
Do we opt-out of lease?

2. Open-house Intergrup - BARB -
Barb motioned to take a second collection to donate \$ for food for the intergroup open house in the amount of \$250. - Approved

3. Meeting Chair Terms - Jim
Motion to change term from 2 months to 3 months. - Approved.

4. (Not Here) - Recycle cans

5. Tidge Women's Mtg to meet here - Stacy - ^{1 week in} June & all of July
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Alanon - 10am Mon -
Tues - } 10am Mtgs.
TH -
Fridy -

6. Inventory Processing - Drew
28 Forms Completed - an outside person - Betty G
to assist Drew
Drew proposes - 1st to Accept Betsy
a Dates Available
4/27 @ 2 PM Approved
5/4

7. Bar Book - Re. (NO rep)

8. Bar stool (Joke)

9. Listing of AA Resources - Jov - Motion for a list of Reliabs for meetings. (Can't motion)

(Dwyer) -
11. New Mtg Friday @ 7AM
New mtg approved

Next Mtg - July 7th, 2014

Closing @ 8:45 pm

CYPRESS GROUP – BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: 1/6/2014

Time: Started @ 7:30pm – Serenity Prayer Read

Meeting Leader - Susan

Secretary - Minutes Read – by Tricia - motion & approved

Treasure's Report

Read by MISSY : To reports Attached : 1. Anniversary Report and 2. Totals for 2013

Notes: from the 2013 report - \$3,400 remaining left over going to Prudent Reserve – goal is a 6 month prudent reserve – which was previously voted on and approved.

GSR Report – District 32 – see attached report

Drew – handed out group inventory sheets for our review – see attached

Motion to accept sheets as- is was approved.

Motion approved for Drew to place a box to collect sheets on back table

Intergroup Report

Jim missed last meeting but not a lot to report but they (intergroup) has expanded their space and having a super bowl party.

Old Business :

None

New Business

See attached notes.

Next meeting – Scheduled for April 7th, 2014

Close Meeting – With Lord's Prayer @ 8:45pm

4/6/14

1. - New cover packed together
2. Elect new birthday committee

Michelle, Carol, Allison, & ~~Justin~~

Setting up room

" " Chairs & signs

" Chrys

" ~~Carla~~

Motion
Nominated -

New Speaker Committee

Stacy - volunteered

Myra - volunteered - Approved

New Cleanly Comm. -

New - Chair - Jeannie

Microphone Statement - Shaker at Podium
Barb volunteered to make a sign for
podium to put on podium

Entering Delegates - to Elect

Nominating - Jim

Kevin

Approved

Energy Usage - Presented by
Tim - see attached
report

Centerpoint Usage -

Motion to type up an instructional
for HVAC usage - Typed up by TIM

1/6/14 -

Officer Election - 2 yr sobriety
- 1 year commitment

Chair - Nominated Craig - Approved

Co-Chair - Jim

Treasurer = Nominated Missy - Approved

Co-Treasurer - Mark co - Approved

Sect. - Tricia - Approved

Co-GSR - Myra -

Discuss Phone Lists + material -

Motion for New Phone Lists

Approved