Cypress Group – Group Conscience Minutes

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Meeting Minutes April 1, 2024

John A Opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 7:45pm

Secretary Report: Kelli R reported.

• February 5, 2024 Minutes submitted and Read.

Motion made by Rob to approve February minutes: seconded by Gene.

Steering Committee: Rob H reported.

- Meet on March 18, 2024
- All agenda items will be discussed in new business with the exception of three (3) items which were submitted to the appropriate committees; i.e. brushes for the vacuum and cleaning supplies.
- Clarified with Cleaning Chairperson that the Cleaning Committee has a budget of \$200.00 to buy supplies.

Motion made by Thomas to accept Steering Committee report; seconded by Christian.

Treasury Report: April Reported

- Have not being doing well We have dipped below our prudent reserve of \$25,000.
- The handout gives a breakdown of Books and Blue can deposit.
- Suggest we inform the group of financial responsibilities.

Question from floor- Why is there a variance in the rent for Jan and Feb?

The average was taken since there was an over payment.

Question from floor- Why is the electricity bill high? Did we go over the usage?

Did not see anything unusual on the bill but will look at the bill in depth and see if usage did go up. Was stated that sometimes the AC has been set to "On" instead of "Auto."

Motion made by Thomas to accept Treasury Report; seconded by Pops.

GSR Update: No Report given.

Old Business:

1. Les proposed that the Chairperson responsibilities and would welcome any changes/comments. Responsibilities of Chairperson were made to match the 12 Steps. Where do we want to place them? Suggested to place in binder and sign up board.

Kathy: should there be a statement about the newcomer in the room and how to address -i.e. "Do you have a problem with alcohol and a desire to stop"?

Thomas- is in the opening of meeting preamble; but we do not ask if they have a desire to stop drinking.

Harold – Sometime will say they are newcomer, and we turn into a newcomer meeting. Thomasagrees with the conversation. 100% should be on the opening statement of preamble and would be added to new business. Explaining that it is a closed meeting when we get to the new business we can talk about.

Motion made by Rob to approve the chairperson responsibility signage: seconded by April. The majority was in favor with 2 oppositions.

Motion by Harold to post Chairperson responsibilities by meeting chairperson board and in binder; seconded by

The majority was in favor with 1 opposition.

 Founders writing – talk about the answer from groups. Come together as a group. Thomas read #6 Question – our GSR can take this back to the Delegate. Motion made by Thomas to have our GSR state that the Cypress Group Conscience that any changes to the founders writing go through the conference process; seconded by Jaime.

New Business-from Steering Committee Meeting

1. Change the Sunday noon meeting from meditation to open discussion. – Not present 2. Why did we purchase a \$200.00 popcorn machine that is not getting used? = Not Present

3. Repaint the walls.

General discussion on "Do we want to repaint the walls. Improvement expenses would come from a second basket. Get a handful of volunteers to paint the wall. Paint cost. Spruce it up *Motion made by Les to repaint walls and allow the maintenance committee to choose the paint color; seconded by Rob.*

Add to old business for June GC Paint cost and color discussion.

- 4. Discontinue the Sunday 1:30pm meeting. No one is showing up. Motion Made by Thomas to remove Sunday 1:30pm meeting: seconded by David.
- 5. Add a Spanish Speaking meeting. Jamie stated that he has been approached about Spanish speaking meetings in the area and would like Cypress Group to consider adding one to the schedule. Jamie will put together an exploratory meeting report about Spanish speaking meetings in the area and the time and day would be best for Cypress to schedule the meeting. Report will be added to old business for June GC.
- Allow Telge Rd to use our space in June at 10:00 am.
 Motion made by Thomas to have Telge Road Women's Group to move their 10am Tue, Thru and Fri meeting to Cypress Group for the month of June; seconded by Jaime.
- 7. Al-Anon request meeting slot on Monday at 10:00 am Paula made a motion to have an Al-Anon meeting held by the Hugs Group on Monday at 10am in small room; seconded Thomas.
- 8. Purchase Roomba Not present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes February 5, 2024

John A Opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 7:45pm

Secretary Report: Kelli R reported.

• Minutes submitted and read.

Motion made by Marie to approve the minutes; seconded by Thomas.

<u>Steering Committee: Rob H reported.</u> □ Meet on Jan 22. □ All Agenda items submitted were passed and will be discussed in new business.

Treasury Report: April Reported

- Available Funds Less Prudent Reserve is \$2570.10.
- Did not spend more than we had this month.
- January 2024 Rent payment was less than normal amount. The amount of \$1,130 was prepayment for February.

Motion made by Thomas to accept Treasurer Report; seconded by Bill.

GSR Update: Marie Reported

- Attended last district meeting.
- District 32 will host concept Q & A covering concept 1, 2, 3 on March 23, 2024
- Would like to propose Cypress host two workshops this year. Possibly on the traditions and sponsorship.
- Marie stated that she is currently holding two positions and would like to step down from the alt GSR.

Old Business:

• Nothing on the table

New Business-from Steering Committee Meeting

1. Move the Steering Committee two weeks before the Group Conscience meeting. Gives members time to consider the agenda items.

Motion made by Rob to move Steering Committee meeting two weeks prior to the Group Conscience Meeting; seconded by Pops. Motion passed with 1 abstained Les

- 2. Purchaser Roomba: Not present
- 3. Establish a Chapter 9 meeting: Not present.
- 4. Move the SC box: not present.
- 5. Establish Chairperson Meeting responsibilities.

General discussion was held concerning the Chairperson of each meeting responsibilities are to set up chairs, make coffee, clean up and lock up. This is part of education that is passed down from old to new. Binder only has lights and doors. Suggested a document be placed in binder outlining the responsibilities of Chairperson responsibilities. *Motion made by Thomas that he and Les will draft a meeting Chairperson responsibility to follow, and this motion will be approved in old business in April Group Conscience meeting; Seconded by Bill.*

6. What we have: Marie Supply Committee

Marie went through the supply room boxes and labeled. Question on the floor- "Why are we spending money on items when we have the supplies?". General discussion: Members are spending their own money as donation/service work- since sometime there may be a time restraint. This discussion led to Birthday chip inventory and why there were so many extra chips in the bin with reply that sometimes we don't have Bill and Bob Chips. *Motion made by Marie to inventory the chip bin: seconded by Bob.*

- 7. Lock up Big Books: not presented.
- 8. Changes to the Founder Writing Discussion was held concerning this topic with many different thoughts on whether to change to change or not change the Founders Writing. What are the proposed changes? Might be helpful if we had more information for us to vote as a group.

Thomas made a motion to table the topic until the GSR attends the next District meeting and provide the group with more explanation; seconded by Rob.

9. Alt GSR position: Motion made by Rob to elect Lucy as the Alt GSR; Seconded by Josh.

Meeting adjourn at 8:40pm.