

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP

Group Conscience Minutes

Sunday, July 16th, 2023

GROUP OFFICERS:

CHAIR -	Bill A.	CO-CHAIR -	Jake B.
SECRETARY -	Amy B.	TREASURER -	Dawn B.
CO-TREASURER -	Beverly J.	BIRTHDAY NT -	Colleen M.
CO BIRTHDAY NT -	Bianca L.	CLEANING -	Ron S.
GSR -	Christa S.	ALT-GSR -	Jill M.
INTERGROUP -	Randy B.	LITERATURE -	Kevin R.
SCHOLARSHIPS -	Tamara D.	SPEAKERS -	Lisa F.
WEBSITE -	Jake/Bianca L.	PHONE -	Sean M./ Shannon L.
WORKSHOP	TBD	CO- WORKSHOP -	Erica O.

Bill A. opened the meeting at 9:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes – Amy B.- Amy B. read the Minutes from May 7th Group Conscience. Jay made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Debbie L. 2nd, the Minutes were approved. (0 Opposed).

Treasurer’s Report – Dawn B. read the Treasurer’s Report.

The Current Bank Balance as of 6/30 is	\$29,549.70
○ Our prudent reserve is	\$12,280.00
○ The Scholarship fund is	\$5,641.95
○ Our current Operating Balance as of 6/30	\$1,156.48
○ Scholarships Paid Out YTD	\$1,240.00

Debbie L. made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; Jay 2nd, the Treasurer’s Report was approved. (0 Opposed).

Birthday Night – Colleen M. – present/ Bianca L. – present

- Colleen M. requests people to set up the room an hour before Birthday Night. Birthday night is going great, lots of celebrants and family members are coming to celebrate with us.

Cleaning – Ron S. – absent

- No report.

General Service Representative (GSR) – Christa S. – present/ Jill M. – absent

- District 32 Meeting was held on 6/4/23.
- Highlights were:
 - Moving forward with Plain Language Big Book. “Not meant to replace Big Book, but rather a companion.”

- The General Service Board chairperson resigned, and the Board voted to accept her resignation. One floor action that came from 73rd General Service Conference is that the General Service Board will have to complete an inventory of themselves before the 74th General Service Conference.
- 2035 convention city considerations are Phoenix, Indianapolis, and New Orleans.
- Budget 7th Tradition: 2022 7th tradition support was down from 2021. See detailed GSR Report for details.
- Grapevine paid print subscriptions down by 6.7% in 2022. Grapevine App official launch set for September.
- District 32 Outreach Committee has been formed and flyers made to try to increase participation.
- District 32 successfully hosted the July SETA 67 Area Assembly.
- SETA Convention in January in Galveston at Moody Gardens. District 32 is giving away a free hotel stay for the weekend of the convention. To have your name placed in the drawing for the room, you can attend a district meeting and your name will be placed in the drawing (taking place starting in August).
- District 32 date change beginning in August: We will meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1 pm at Champions.
- SETA 67 Area Assembly took place on July 8: Highlights included a motion to approve the 2024 budget which did not pass.
- Next District 32 Meeting: Sunday July 16th.
- Area Events:
 - SW Regional Forum Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in El Paso. Additional details in GSR Report.
 - SETA 67 Correctional Facilities Conference is September 15-17 at Double Tree Hotel on JFK Blvd in Houston.
 - SETA Convention 2024 will be June 21-23 at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel in Irving.
 - SWRAASA 2024 will be hosted by Area 67 on Oct. 11-13 at Dallas Renaissance Hotel in Richardson.

Christa S. provided detailed printed notes which the Secretary included in email correspondence and attached to these printed minutes.

Intergroup Rep. – Randy B. – absent

- No Report.

Literature – Kevin R. – present

- Literature is good and stocked.

Scholarships – Tamara D. – present

- Tamara said no scholarships were given.

Speakers – Lisa F. – absent

- No report.

Website – Jake – absent

- Debbie L. said the website is working. She updated the meeting schedule on the website and sent it to Jake and Bianca. Jay mentioned that Jake is having difficulty uploading recordings.

Anniversary Party- Shannon L. – present

- Anniversary Party was successful with great committees. Included family and face painting.

Phone – Shannon L. – present

- All is well.

OLD BUSINESS

- Judy W. updated the Cypresswood Group phone list.
- Speaker Guidelines: Shannon L. stated that the committee produced Guidelines to be voted on by Group.
 - Statement No 1: A minimum 1-year continuous sobriety (1 opposed) – **PASSED**
 - Statement No 2: Must identify as an alcoholic only at the podium in keeping with the 3rd tradition and our singleness of purpose, the carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers (0 opposed) – **PASSED**
 - Statement No 3: Must have worked the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous (0 opposed) – **PASSED**
 - Statement No 4: Business casual dress attire for speaker. (13 opposed) – **REJECTED**
 - Statement No 5: Since this is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, it would be appreciated if the speaker would refrain from using profanity at the podium. (0 opposed) – **PASSED**
 - Statement No 6: Has a sponsor who has a sponsor. (0 opposed) – **PASSED**
 - With passage of statements 1,2,3,5, & 6; These are our new Guidelines for speakers.
- Tables and Chairs:
 - Shannon L. found Costco tables for \$129.99. Chairs at Costco (4 pack for \$156.99 padded, upholstered seat with backrest & Scotch guard-treated fabric steel frame); or 4 for \$99.00 (the same folding chairs but not Scotch guard-treated).
 - Dawn B. will research the chairs from Spring Branch group and report back to Jay later.
 - Debbie L. makes a motion to purchase 7 tables from Costco for \$129.99. Shannon L. 2nd (1 opposed).
- Door and Front window beautification: Lisa F. is coordinating the front door beautification. Dawn B. makes a motion for “Alano Club,” “AA Symbol,” and “Intergroup phone number,” to be on the front door and should be presented to the Alano Club Conscience. Shannon L. 2nd. The motion passed. (0 opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

- Don’t erase other people’s topics.
- Scott J. wants to paint and hang mops, etc., in Men’s restroom. Informed the request needs to go to Alano Club.
- Beverly J. will be stepping down from co-treasurer position.

- Discussion about repayment of A/C for the rented space. Jay makes a motion to pay \$284.00. Colleen M. 2nd. (0 opposed)
- Elections.
 - Birthday Night Chair: Colleen M.
 - Birthday night Co-Chair: Allison R.
 - In her absence, Jay makes a motion, Kim Ch. 2nd (0 Opposed)
 - Cleaning Committee: Holly K.
 - GSR: Christa S.
 - Co-GSR: Jill M.
 - Intergroup: Brian F.
 - In his absence, Dawn B. makes a motion, Debbie L. 2nd (0 opposed)
 - Literature: Tamara D.
 - Scholarships: Kim L.
 - Speakers: TBD
 - Website: Dan B.
 - Anniversary Party: TBD
 - Phone coordinator: Bianca L.
 - Treasurer: Debbie L.
 - Co-Treasurer: Kathie E.
 - Chair: Mark C.
 - Co-Chair: Lester B.
 - Secretary: Caroline W.
 - Supply Guy: Jay

Bill A. made a motion to adjourn; entire group 2nd because we were running out of time. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13am with the Lord's Prayer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Group Conscience is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 9:00am.