

# CYPRESSWOOD GROUP

## Group Conscience Minutes

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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### GROUP OFFICERS:

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| CHAIR -          | Mark C.     | CO-CHAIR -     | Lester B.           |
| SECRETARY -      | Caroline W. | TREASURER -    | Debbie L.           |
| CO-TREASURER -   | Kathie E.   | BIRTHDAY NT -  | Colleen M.          |
| CO BIRTHDAY NT – | Allison R.  | CLEANING -     | Holly K.            |
| GSR -            | Christa S.  | ALT-GSR -      | Jill M.             |
| INTERGROUP -     | Brian F.    | LITERATURE -   | Tamara D.           |
| SCHOLARSHIPS -   | Kim L.      | SPEAKERS -     | Richard H./Kristy B |
| WEBSITE -        | Dan B.      | PHONE -        | Bianca L.           |
| WORKSHOP         | TBD         | CO- WORKSHOP - | Erica O.            |

Mark C. opened the meeting at 9:01 am with the Lord's Prayer.

**Minutes – Amy B.-** Amy B. read the Minutes from June 16<sup>th</sup> Group Conscience. Ron S made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Debbie L. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Minutes were approved. (0 Opposed).

**Treasurer's Report –** Debbie L. read the Treasurer's Report.

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| Beginning Balance as of 8/1 is             | \$29,357.60 |
| Income                                     | \$4836.00   |
| Expenses                                   | \$5975.56   |
| Ending Bank balance 8/31                   | \$28,218.04 |
| ○ Our prudent reserve is                   | \$12,280.00 |
| ○ The Scholarship fund is                  | \$5,377.00  |
| ○ Our current Operating Balance as of 6/30 | \$1,156.48  |
| ○ Scholarships Paid Out YTD                | \$1505.00   |
| ○ General Fund                             | \$7,765.73  |
| ○ Anniversary Fund                         | \$1000.00   |
| ○ Current Operating budget                 | \$1,795.31  |

7 new tables were purchased

Ron S. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Debbie L 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Treasurer's Report was approved. (0 Opposed).

**Birthday Night – Colleen M. – present/ Allison R. – absent**

- Colleen M. advised all is well.

## **Cleaning – Holly K. – absent**

- No report.

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

- Kim Ch provided report on Christa' behalf
- District Meeting in August took place on 8/13/23
- All business district meetings dates are the second Sunday of the month at Champion's at 1pm
- District Giveaway for free hotel room at SETA Moody Gardens in Galveston continues. If you want a chance to win the room you can put your name in the drawing by attending a district meeting
- New business:
  - Bank statement is available is interested
  - District is in the process of sending district introduction letters to groups in the district for awareness of the support that district 32 has to offer
  - Workshop is happening September 23, Grapevine is having a writing workshop in conjunction with district 32 at Cypresswood Group from 1 -3pm, flyer will be available
  - District 32 is working on Service Outside Your Group workshop, details still to come
  - Plan to make new comer packets for distribution for groups throughout the district. September public service announcement in Spring/Klein Community Impact Newspaper
  - Next district meeting is today (9/10/23), 1pm at Champions
- Area events:
  - South West Regional Forum in El Paso September 29- October 1. Open to all AA members and anyone interested in AA it is designed to enhance communication and participation between AA members, the general service board and staff and directors from the GSO and AA Grapevine
  - SETA 67 Correctional Facilities Conference is next weekend (9/15-17/23) at the JFK Blvd Doubletree.
  - SETA Convention 2024 will be June 21 – 23 in Irving at the Westin DFW hotel.
  - SWRAASA 2024 will be hosted by Area 67 on Oct 11-13 at Dallas Renaissance Hotel in Richardson.

## **Intergroup Rep. – Brian F. – absent**

- No Report.

## **Literature – Tamara D. – absent**

- No report

## **Scholarships – Kim L. – absent**

- No report.

## **Speakers – Richard H.**

- Ron S made motion to pass Richard H and Kristy B as Speakers Night Representatives. Bill A 2<sup>nd</sup> . Motion passed (0 opposed)
- Speakers lined up for next couple of months.

### Website – Dan B.

- Been refreshing the page since he took office
- Views to website increasing
- Most traffic is direct (typing the website directly into their browser)
- Most time spent updating speaker page
- Will continue to update entire site.

### Anniversary Party- TBD.

- Will address again in January to determine Chair.

### Phone – Bianca L.

- No report.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Tables and Chairs:
  - 7 tables were purchased
  - Chairs still to be purchased

### NEW BUSINESS

- Bob K brought up making a change to the opening of meetings to add the question of whether anybody needs a ride home when asking if there are any newcomers. If the request is made, and the chair to then ask the group if anybody is willing to give the newcomer a ride, (in line with their gender). Discussion ensued, this is not entirely uncommon at other groups. Ron S asked how this would be different from people talking to the newcomer before or after the meeting, does it really need to be added to the meeting format? Kim Ch expressed concern that if the question is asked, the expectation is that they will get a ride home and is that guaranteed? Dan B 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. (7 opposed) - **REJECTED**

Ron S. made a motion to adjourn; Bill A 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am with the Lord's Prayer.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Group Conscience is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 9:00am.**