

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Monday 11/03/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opening Meeting at 8:15 with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes from the last Group Conscience Read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

1. GSR

- a. Motion to make an announcement for the Seta group— Program for sponsorship in the prison. Motion approved.
- b. Financials with Seta – money overflow. Open for discussion on a later date when there is more information.

2. Intergroup

Agreed to post fliers

3. Financials

Motion to accept

4. New Business

- a. "Encourage Birthday Celebrants to Limit Sharing 3-5 minutes." Motion approved.
- b. Help Spirit of Houston host hospitality suite. Cypress group pay for food. Motion approved.
- c. Vote in a New Co-Chair. Viraj nominated. Motion approved.
- d. Announcement for volunteers needed for Speaker Committee. Cesar nominated. Motion approved.

Motion to Close the Meeting

All in Favor

Meeting Closed at 8:55

	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	To Date
Funding Sources														
Bank Deposits	3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,145.00	6,529.00	4,223.00	\$3,700.50	\$3,200.00	\$3,907.00	55,792.07
Petty Cash	106.63	84.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	212.60	43.11	334.11	199.84	30.00	30.00	88.99	41.58	1,394.52
Other Donations	10.00													10.00
SETA Prison Can		9.00	10.00						8.14					27.14
Total Received	4,066.63	6,218.75	3,546.52	4,037.96	3,350.00	2,563.60	3,003.11	8,479.11	6,736.98	4,253.00	3,730.50	3,288.99	3,948.58	57,223.73

Expenses														
Rent - Alano Club		2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	0.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	31,350.00
Grapevine				28.97										28.97
Literature									383.00	1,486.80	175.00		209.00	2,253.80
Chips		18.00	244.00	68.00						123.16	403.55		113.75	970.46
Supplies					48.00	7.56	8.38	53.00		526.00		36.75	45.48	725.17
Quarterly Contributions						1,000.00				1,000.00			1,000.00	3,000.00
Website Renewel - Yearly						205.04								205.04
New Corner Packets	9.65							24.90						34.55
Anniversary -2014					368.98	210.00		2,620.12	35.00	52.46				3,286.56
Birthday Night	96.98	66.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	28.96	43.11	151.21	90.47	30.00	30.00	87.98	60.29	908.66
SETA Donations			19.00											19.00
Intergroup Donation								200.00						200.00
Scholarships				100.00	300.00	375.00	375.00				305.00			1,455.00
Other	23.95									2,147.15				2,171.10
Total Spent	130.58	2,934.68	3,174.52	3,124.43	3,650.98	4,676.56	3,276.49	5,899.23	508.47	8,215.57	3,763.55	2,974.73	4,278.52	46,608.31
Net	3,936.05	3,284.07	372.00	913.53	(300.98)	(2,112.96)	(273.38)	2,579.88	6,228.51	(3,962.57)	(33.05)	314.26	(329.94)	10,615.42
Cummulative Balance		<u>7,220.12</u>	<u>7,592.12</u>	<u>8,505.65</u>	<u>8,204.67</u>	<u>6,091.71</u>	<u>5,818.33</u>	<u>8,398.21</u>	<u>14,626.72</u>	<u>10,664.15</u>	<u>10,631.10</u>	<u>10,945.36</u>	<u>10,615.42</u>	

INTERGROUP ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Come and enjoy the day with us!



Date of Event

Saturday December 13

Time of Event

10-4 p.m

Address

**Intergroup Conference Center
4140 D Directors Row
Houston, TX 77092**

- ☺ **Holiday Treats Snacks**
- ☺ **Good Fellowship**
- ☺ **Bookstore Open**
- ☺ **Tax Free Day !**
- ☺ **Special Discounts up to 50% off for
great savings on your favorite items**

**Please bring a dish or some treat
to share with others**

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Monday 09/08/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
Opening Meeting at 8:15 with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes from the last Group Conscience Read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

New Business

1. Clarify Facility Responsibilities

*no show

2. List Service Work on the Board

Motion made to create a board to list service opportunities and how to get involved. Motion was tabled to the next Group Conscience for more research.

3. Texting During the Meeting

Motion to add an announcement before the meeting "not to text during the meeting". Motion denied.

4. Budget – Anniversary Celebration

- a. Motion made to continue to use the proceeds from the Cake Auction for Scholarship funds. Motion Approved.
- b. Motion to stop catering the party and have a Potluck Dinner. Motion approved.
- c. Motion to limit speakers to locals so that money is spent on gas reimbursement, instead of flight and overnight accommodations. Motion approved.

5. Literature Process Budget

Motion to limit purchase of A.A. literature to the Big Book and the Twelve & Twelve. Motion Denied

6. Redecorating the Club

Motion to have a redecorating committee. Ben will create a committee.

Motion to Close the Meeting

All in Favor

Meeting Closed at 9:15

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Funding Sources												
Bank Deposits	3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,145.00	6,529.00	4,223.00	\$3,700.50	48,685.07
Petty Cash	106.63	84.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	212.60	43.11	334.11	199.84	30.00	30.00	1,263.95
Other Donations	10.00											10.00
SETA Prison Can		9.00	10.00						8.14			27.14
Total Received	4,066.63	6,218.75	3,546.52	4,037.96	3,350.00	2,563.60	3,003.11	8,479.11	6,736.98	4,253.00	3,730.50	49,986.16

Expenses												
Rent - Alano Club		2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	0.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	25,650.00
Grapevine				28.97					383.00	1,486.80	175.00	2,044.80
Literature										123.16	403.55	856.71
Chips		18.00	244.00	68.00	48.00	7.56	8.38	53.00		526.00	1,000.00	642.94
Supplies						1,000.00						2,000.00
Quarterly Contributions						205.04						205.04
Website Renewel - Yearly								24.90				34.55
New Corner Packets	9.65							2,620.12	35.00	52.46		3,286.56
Anniversary -2014						210.00	28.96	43.11	151.21	90.47	30.00	760.39
Birthday Night	96.98	66.68	61.52	77.46	84.00							19.00
SETA Donations			19.00						200.00			200.00
Intergrup Donation												
Scholarships				100.00	300.00	375.00	375.00				305.00	1,455.00
Other	23.95									2,147.15		2,171.10
Total Spent	130.58	2,934.68	3,174.52	3,124.43	3,650.98	4,676.56	3,276.49	5,899.23	508.47	8,215.57	3,763.55	39,355.06
Net	3,936.05	3,284.07	372.00	913.53	(300.98)	12,112.96	(273.38)	2,579.88	6,228.51	(3,962.57)	(33.05)	10,631.10
Cumulative Balance		7,220.12	7,592.12	8,505.65	8,204.67	6,091.71	5,818.33	8,398.21	14,626.72	10,664.15	10,631.10	
Scholarship Fund Accounting		2,961.07										
Bluebonnet					-300.00	-375.00	-375.00				-105.00	
Heart - Heart											-200.00	
Holy Name				-100.00				1,250.00				
Deposit - 2014 Anniv.												
Balance		2,961.07	2,961.07	2,861.07	2,561.07	2,186.07	1,811.07	3,061.07	3,061.07	3,061.07	2,756.07	2,756.07
Atlanta Convention Trip												
Deposits Received									2,710.00			
Paid to Bus Company										(2147.15)		
Balance									2,710.00	562.85	562.85	562.85
Net Cypress Wood Funds		4,259.05	4,631.05	5,644.58	5,643.60	3,905.64	4,007.26	5,337.14	8,855.65	7,040.23	7,312.18	7,312.18
Deposit Detail												
Meeting Basket	3,865.00	2,976.00	3,310.00	3,917.00	3,090.00	2,321.00	2,917.00	3,760.00	3,647.00	4,070.50	3,571.00	37,444.50
Literature	85.00	188.00	165.00	43.50	176.00	30.00	43.00	116.00	172.00	152.50	129.50	1,300.50
Golf Fees								1,715.00				1,715.00
Anniv - Donations								3,218.17				3,218.17
Scholarships (From Alano)		2,961.07										2,961.07
Refrigerator Can								28.00				28.00
Bus Payments - Deposits									2,710.00			
3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,837.17	6,529.00	4,223.00	3,700.50	46,667.24	

Anniv Summary				
	Chairs		\$ 210.00	
	Ice		\$ 7.52	
	Insurance		\$ 52.46	
	Decorations		\$ 54.90	
	Sound		\$ 75.00	
	Speaker Travel		\$ 368.00	
	Food		\$ 650.00	
	Space		\$ 200.00	
	Golf		\$ 1,692.76	
				\$ 3,310.64
	Envelopes		\$ 173.00	
	Donation		\$ 200.00	
	Cakes		\$ 1,250.00	
	Raffle - Donated Items		\$ 482.00	
	50 / 50 Drawing		\$ 594.00	
	Golf		\$ 1,715.00	
				\$ 4,414.00
	Net			\$ 1,103.36



CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 07/06/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

Treasurers Report

Motion was approved to accept treasurers report

New Business

1. New Time Group Conscience.

Motion made to move group conscience from Sundays to Monday night at 8:45 for the next 2 group conscience meetings. We will revisit after the 2 months to see if it works and helps with attendance. Motion approved. Next Group Conscience meeting will be on Sept 8th at 8:45.

2. Add Burning Desire and Definition of what a Burning desire is at the end of the meeting.

Discussion on the burning desire.

Motion made to add at the end of the meeting – “Does anyone have a burning desire” and have the leader describe what a burning desire is.

Motion not approved.

3. Align all committee positions

Motion made to have all committee positions with Regular Group Elections in July.

Discussion on having Birthdays, Speakers, Scholarships, Anniversary all end and start at the same time.

Motion Approved.

4. Anniversary Committee.

New Anniversary Committee. The following have volunteered to head up the Anniversary for 2015

Mary D., David M, Ben, and Cathy A.

Joe C and Jerry B will head up the golf tournament again next year.

5. Birthday Committee

Phil W and Lew B will be the Birthday committee for the next year. Joy volunteered to continue bringing the cupcakes.

6. Speaker Committee

Mark W and Doug B will be the speaker committee for the next year.

7. Scholarship Committee

Nicole S and Roxie will be the scholarship committee for the next year.

8. GROUP ELECTIONS

The new Officers of the Group for the next year.

Chair - Eddie C

Co Chair – Carl H

Treasurer – Lance S

Secretary – Ann

GSR – Bruce

Co GSR – Ben

Intergroup Liaison – Mary D

Literature Rep – Vicki W

9. Read Announcements

Motion made to go back to reading announcements. Discussion on Leaders Readings announcements and also announcements will be written on the white board. A new board will be put in the front room for Group Conscience Items. Marilyn to handle setting this up.

Motion to close Meeting

All in favor

Meeting closed at 1:00 pm

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Petty Cash	106.63	84.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	212.60	43.11	334.11	199.84							1,203.95
Other Donations	10.00															10.00
SETA Prison Can		9.00	10.00						8.14							27.14
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Expenses																
Rent - Alano Club		2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	0.00							19,950.00
Grapevine				28.97												28.97
Literature									383.00							383.00
Chips		18.00	244.00	68.00												330.00
Supplies					48.00	7.56	8.38	53.00								116.94
Quarterly Contributions						1,000.00										1,000.00
Website Renewed - Yearly						205.04										205.04
New Corner Packets	9.65							24.90								34.55
Anniversary -2014					368.98	210.00		2,620.12	35.00							3,234.10
Birthday Night	96.98	66.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	28.96	43.11	151.21	90.47							700.39
SETA Donations			19.00					200.00								19.00
Intergroup Donation																200.00
Scholarships				100.00	300.00	375.00	375.00									1,150.00
Other	23.95															23.95
Total Spent	130.58	2,934.68	3,174.52	3,124.43	3,650.98	4,676.56	3,276.49	5,899.23	508.47	0.00						27,375.94
Net	3,936.05	3,284.07	372.00	913.53	(300.98)	(2,112.96)	(273.38)	2,579.88	6,228.51	0.00						14,626.72
Cummulative Balance		7,220.12	7,592.12	8,505.65	8,204.67	6,091.71	5,818.33	8,398.21	14,626.72	14,626.72	14,626.72	14,626.72	14,626.72	14,626.72	14,626.72	
Scholarship Fund Accounting																
Bluebonnet		2,961.07														
Holy Name					300.00		375.00									
				100.00												
Balance		2,961.07	2,961.07	2,861.07	2,561.07	2,186.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	
Deposit Detail																
Meeting Basket	3,865.00	2,976.00	3,310.00	3,917.00	3,090.00	2,321.00	2,917.00	3,760.00	3,647.00							29,803.00
Literature	85.00	188.00	165.00	43.50	176.00	30.00	43.00	116.00	172.00							1,018.50
Golf Fees								1,715.00								1,715.00
Anniv - Donations								2,526.00								2,526.00
Scholarships (From Alano)		2,961.07														2,961.07
Refrigerator Can								28.00								28.00
Bus Payments									2,710.00							2,710.00
	3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,145.00	6,529.00							40,761.57

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 05/04/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

No Old Business to Discuss

Treasurers Report

Motion was approved to accept treasurers report

New Business

1. GSR and Alt GSR.

The Cypresswood Group is in need of a new GSR and Alt GSR. Discussion on waiting till July when the elections are held. Kelly R volunteered to fill in till then and would probably take the position in July. First meeting will be May 18th at noon and will give a report at next group conscience meeting. We thank Jay and Carl for their service.

2. Additional Space Next Door

Discussion on if there was any interest in obtaining the space next door where the jewelry store used to be. The price of sq. footage has gone up and it would be an additional 2,000 a month. At this time there is no interest in obtaining additional space.

3. Minimum Time for Group Conscience Items to be revoted.

Motion: Revote items no sooner than 6 months. Motion 2nd and not approved

Discussion: Should we have a time limit on how long an item voted on previously can be in place until revoted.

Motion: Revote items no sooner than 6 months. – Not Passed

4. Tinted Windows

Discussion on getting a quote on tinting the windows on the inside (outside is already done) so we can remove the divider behind the couch and see out without people seeing in. Suggestion on getting drapes, moving blue drapes in front room that is being used as a divider to the front window and replace those with new drapes. No motion needed. Get with Marilyn and let the club know. ✓

5. Rephrase the part in the preamble regarding 30 days.

Discussion to take out the part of the preamble that states is there anyone here under 30 days etc.

Discussion on why we do it. Motion made: to switch the wording to read "We ask this not to embarrass you, but so that we may introduce ourselves to you after the meeting and get to know you better. Is there anyone attending with less than 30 days?"

Motion Approved

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Funding Sources									
Bank Deposits	3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,145.00	34,232.57
Petty Cash	106.63	84.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	212.60	43.11	259.74	929.74
Other Donations	10.00								10.00
SETA Prison Can		9.00	10.00						19.00
Total Received	4,066.63	6,218.75	3,546.52	4,037.96	3,350.00	2,563.60	3,003.11	8,404.74	35,191.31

Expenses									
Rent - Alano Club		2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	19,950.00
Grapevine				28.97					28.97
Literature									0.00
Chips		18.00	244.00	68.00					330.00
Supplies					48.00	7.56	8.38	53.00	116.94
Quarterly Contributions						1,000.00			1,000.00
Website Renewel - Yearly						205.04			205.04
New Corner Packets	9.65								9.65
Anniversary -2014					368.98	210.00		2,620.12	3,199.10
Birthday Night	96.98	66.68	61.52	77.46	84.00	28.96	43.11		458.71
SETA Donations			19.00					200.00	19.00
Intergroup Donation									200.00
Scholarships				100.00	300.00	375.00	375.00		1,150.00
Other		23.95							23.95
Total Spent	130.58	2,934.68	3,174.52	3,124.43	3,650.98	4,676.56	3,276.49	5,723.12	26,691.36
Net	3,936.05	3,284.07	372.00	913.53	(300.98)	(273.38)	2,681.62	8,499.95	
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Scholarship Fund Accounting		2,961.07							
Bluebonnet					300.00	375.00	375.00		
Holy Name				100.00					
Balance		2,961.07	2,961.07	2,861.07	2,561.07	2,186.07	1,811.07	1,811.07	

Deposit Detail									
Meeting Basket	3,865.00	2,976.00	3,310.00	3,917.00	3,090.00	2,321.00	2,917.00	3,760.00	26,156.00
Literature	85.00	188.00	165.00	43.50	176.00	30.00	43.00	116.00	846.50
Golf								1,715.00	1,715.00
Anniv - Donation								2,526.00	2,526.00
Scholarships (From Alano)		2,961.07							2,961.07
Refrigerator Can								28.00	28.00
	3,950.00	6,125.07	3,475.00	3,960.50	3,266.00	2,351.00	2,960.00	8,145.00	34,232.57

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 03/2/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members In Attendance, Chair Ron Souders, Co-Chair Eddie C, Secretary Nicole S, Treasurer Lance S, Intergroup Delegate Tamara D

Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion approved to accept minutes

Reports

Treasurer Report read and motion approved to accept report

Old Business

No old Business to discuss

New Business

1. *2nd Delegate Needed for Intergroup*

Tamara attended the delegate meeting at intergroup and it was brought to her attention that each group should have two delegates representing our group. Patti T and Bruce both volunteered for the position. Patti will be the second delegate and Bruce will be her backup. Thanks to all three for their service work.

Intergroup also needs two peoples contact information in case they need to contact the group. Chair Ron S and Treasurer Lance S will be those two contacts. ✓

2. *Anniversary Report*

Beth B reported on the progress of Anniversary

Joe C and Jerry B have the golf events taken care of. They will provide more information as it gets closer to the event and will provide sign up sheets.

Local speaker is booked, hotel and plane tickets paid for
Insurance paid for room next door

BBQ will be provided again this year and some sides.

Philip W to be auctioneer of cake auction

Tickets sales for raffle and 50/50 (there will be no silent auction this year)

Anniversary meeting will be in April for volunteers and to finalize details.

Motion to close meeting.

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned 12:10

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 01/5/2014

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

Board Members

In Attendance

Chair: Ron Souders

Co-Chair – Eddie C

Secretary – Nicole S

Treasurer – Lance S

GSR – Jay A

Old Business still open

Discussion on donations to District, GSO and Inergroup

Previously it was voted to send \$1,000 for each quarter. Since we are not autonomous from the Club we will discuss at next group conscience meeting and vote.

New Business

1. Court Paper Signing.

Lots of discussion on this topic of revoking the previous motion approved of not signing court papers in closed meetings. The preamble read as follows

Court papers will be signed at Open Meetings. To find an open meeting see schedules available by front door.

Motion made to take this verbage out of the preamble at closed meetings and go back to signing papers.

Motions Approved – 5 Opposed

2. *How to conduct meeting workshop*

Discussion on different ways to inform leaders on how to lead a meeting.

Workshops have been done before. At change of leadership, old leaders explains the process of how to chair a meeting the way Cypresswood Group Conscience has voted on it. Follow the preamble that is in the book. If you can't do that then they should not be chairing a meeting.

Discussion and motion made have a workshop at the change of leadership every 3 to 6 months.

Responsibilities are on the front cover of the leaders book

Motion not approved to do workshop

3. *Speaker Committee*

Discussion it is time for a new speaker committee. We thank the previous committee for their service.

Committee responsibilities are to pick speakers, set up, close down, clean up and chair meeting.

New Speaker Committee volunteers are Doug B and Mark W. We thank them for volunteering.

4. *Cleaning Committee*

Discussion on having someone come in and clean each month. Discussion of how some of the other groups do it. Motion made to put it on the meeting schedule for a time of 7:30 to 8:30 every Saturday. Susan, Joy and Nicole will start and we can reevaluate at next group conscience meeting in 2 months. Also will get with Club on cleaning supplies we need.
Motion Approved to set up cleaning meeting

5. *Dividers for more private space*

Discussion to add some drapes or dividers so there is private space to meet with sponsees and others who need to talk. Get with the Club with a plan of where we will hang the drapes as a courtesy. Nothing structural is being changed. Marilyn M to head up this effort.
Motion approved

6. *Change Monday and Tuesday Closed Meetings to Open*

Discussion on the need to have open meetings during the busy 7 pm time.
Motion made to change Monday and Tuesday from Closed Meetings to Open.
Nicole to update website <http://alanohoustonnw.com/>
Motion Approved

7. *Anniversary*

Committee volunteers for Cypresswood Anniversary
Joe C and Jerry B will once again head the golf tournament
Beth B and Donovan will head the group events. Get with any of these if you want to help on the committee. More information will follow on this. Date will be May 17th so mark your calendars.

8. *Jassercise Music*

Not addressed – No one represented

9. *Birthday Night*

Discussion on changing some of the logistics with birthday night. Celebrates will share 3 – 5 minutes from the Podium and changing of how the chairs are set up. Bag for cards but no gift, flowers etc in the room any longer. If you have gifts or flowers you want to give, give after the celebration or privately. Discussion on how its become embarrassing to some and leavings others feeling not part of. If there is time after the celebrants get their chips family members only can share. Birthday night will be back to one hour . We will try out new system for 2 months and then discuss the good, the bad or the ugly at next group conscience.
Motion made and approved to try. Lance to help Jim and Doug as he brought the information from Fort Worth TX.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 11/03/2013

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

Old Business - October 1st Cypresswood started collecting the envelopes. We just collect AA meeting envelopes, not NA, ACA, Alanon or Club Dues. We have been autonomous from the Club for one full month. See expense report posted in the glass cabinet in the front room.

Discussion on what about donations to District, GSO and Intergroup.

Previously it was voted on to send \$1,000 for each quarter. Since we are now autonomous from the Club we will discuss at next group conscience meeting and vote. Prudent Reserve. We will establish a 3-month Prudent Reserve

New Business

1. *Literature*

Discussion on Literature. Literature is still not self-supporting. Discussion on how to fix this.

Motion Made - Create a subcommittee and get Literature to become self supporting.

Motion approved a subcommittee of Beth B., Nicole S and Linda K. These three will set in motion guidelines to follow. Flyers with Literature available – see meeting leader etc. More details as they develop will be added to the announcements.

Motion approved

2. *\$2.00 Donation*

Discussion. The \$2.00 is just a suggestion. You do not have to put \$2.00 in the basket and it is not an announcement. Because we are a wealthy group people, think they do not need to put money in the basket. The flyer is just a suggestion to show inflation. Cypresswood group is self-supporting through the contribution of its members.

No Motion

3. *Singleness of Purpose*

Discussion: Should we have a sign stating we do not sign court papers in closed meetings. There is a lot of controversy on this topic. Some leaders are not reading this part of the preamble. Others are volunteering to sign.

Motion Made – To make up a sign saying we do not sign court papers in closed meetings.

Motion not approved

Leaders introducing themselves not just as alcoholics but also as alcoholics and addicts

Motion Made – Leaders have to introduce themselves only as Alcoholics and not alcoholics and addicts, or alcoholics and overeaters. Just Hi my name is _____ and I am an alcoholic.

Motion approved

Motion Made – Workshop on how to chair a meeting.

Discussion on how this has already been done and no one followed it. Discussion on checking in the service manual for information on this topic.

Motion not approved

Nicole will check in the service manual and ask for input at next GSR meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer @ 12:30 pm

Cypresswood Group/Donations and Expenses

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
INCOME				
Start	10.00			10.00
Meeting Envelope	420.00			420.00
Literature	20.00			20.00
Meeting Envelope	888.00			888.00
Literature	0.00			0.00
Meeting Envelope	1,103.00			1,103.00
Literature	49.00			49.00
Meeting Envelope	727.00			727.00
Literature	6.00			6.00
Meeting Envelope	727.00			727.00
Literature	10.00			10.00
Meeting Envelope				0.00
Literature				0.00
Sub Total Literature	85.00			
Sub Total Meetings	3,865.00			
Sub Total Misc Donations	10.00			
Income totals	3,960.00	0.00	0.00	3,960.00
EXPENSES				
Rent - Alano Club		(2,850.00)		(2,850.00)
Literature				0.00
Chips				0.00
Envelopes	(9.65)			(9.65)
Birthday Night	(96.98)			(96.98)
				0.00
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Totals	(106.63)	(2,850.00)	0.00	(2,956.63)
Total Income	3,960.00	0.00	0.00	3,960.00
Total expenses	(106.63)	(2,850.00)	0.00	(2,956.63)
Cash over/under	1,853.37	1,150.00	0.00	1,003.37

SPECIAL

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 10/06/13

Special Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Club and Group Transition

Report from Lance regarding the Cypresswood Bank Account.
Cypresswood now has its own EIN # and a Bank Account was open at Chase Bank.
There are zero Service Charges.

Ron S (Chairman) and Lance S (Treasurer) attended the Alano Club Board meeting.

Agreed that October 1, 2013 the group would start collecting meeting envelopes.

A set amount of \$2,850.00 to be paid to the Alano club monthly for rent, utilities, insurance, coffee and supplies, phone etc.

Average Monthly Basket is approx. 3,700.00

Literature, chips, birthday night celebration, donations to District, Intergroup and GSO will be done by the group.

The Cypresswood group will establish a 3 month prudent Reserve.

It was suggested we get a few of the flyers from intergroup and post stating a suggested donation of \$2.00 instead of one.

We will evaluate in 6 months, which will be April of 2014.

No Old Business

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New Business

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It is time to select new chairs for birthday night. We want to thank Joe C and Lou for their service of the last year.

Discussion on responsibilities.

Setting up meeting room, decorations, chips, cake, clean up and setting the meeting room back to its normal setting. One year commitment.

Motion approved for Boston Jim and Doug B to be new birthday night leaders for the one year commitment.

2. *Electronic Cigarettes.*

Should they be allowed to be smoked in the building?

Discussion and motion made to keep facility a non-smoking facility

Motion approved: No electronic cigarettes or smoking of any kind allowed inside.

3. *Group Treasurers Responsibility*

Discussion on Cypresswood Group becoming autonomous from the Club. Opening their own bank account.

1st Motion- For Cypresswood to open their own Bank Account and to be autonomous from the Club.

Motion Approved and Lance to set up Bank Account

2nd Motion – Group Treasurer to get from Club a proposal on expenses.

Motion Approved for Group Treasurer to come back in a month (Oct 6th) with a report on expenses and a proposal from the club. Things will continue as they are for now. A Special Group Conscience will be held Oct 6th to discuss the specifics.

4. *Alanon Speakers included in our speaker meetings.*

Motion to have an Alanon Speaker 3 times a year, one being at the anniversary. Discussion and motion denied. Motion was changed to having an Alanon speaker at the anniversary meeting. Tabled till Anniversary and will get with Club.

5. *Court Signed Slips*

Motion to not sign court papers at closed meetings.

Discussion and Motion Approved: We will not sign papers at closed meetings. Add to preamble that we will sign only at open meetings.

6. *Group to have more than 2 Grapevine Subscriptions*

Grapevines keep disappearing from the club. Motion made to have 6 subscriptions at \$25.00 each.

Motion tabled till Group has its own Bank Account.

7. *Change Noon Meeting to Men's Meeting.*

Motion: Since there is a women's meeting in the front room, can we change the regular meeting to a Men's meeting. Discussion and motion denied.

8. *Prison Literature.*

Discussion on getting some prison literature from Intergroup

Get with our intergroup delegate Tamara to pick some up for us.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer @ 1:00 pm

THERE IS BE A SPECIAL GROUP CONSCIENE ON OCTOBER 6TH AT 11:45 TO DISCUSS THE TRANSITION FROM CLUB TO GROUP.

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

Sunday 9/01/2013

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CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

7/7/2013

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

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Minutes from last group conscience read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes

New Business

1. *New Meeting*

Motion to have Beth and Louise start a new Literature meeting at 10:30 am on Tuesdays.

Motion approved

2. *Group Elections*

Co-Chair moves into the Chair Position.

All other positions rotate out and new officers elected in.

Below are the new elected members.

New Board Members for July 2013 – July 2014 Board

Chairman	Ron S
Co-Chair	Eddie C
Secretary	Nicole S
Treasurer	Lance S

GSR	Jay A. - (this is a 2 yr commitment and Jay has already served one yr as GSR)
Co-GSR	Carl T. (this commitment is 2 yrs. 1 Yr as Co-GSR and then moves into GSR)
Literature	Beth Y.
Intergroup	Open <i>Tamara</i>

We have no one to take the Intergroup position. If anyone is interested in becoming the Intergroup Delegate for your home group let someone from the board know. This is a great service opportunity.

Meeting approved to adjourn meeting, closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:05 pm.

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

3/03/2013

Opened meeting at 11:45 with the serenity prayer.
Minutes from last group conscience were read.
Motion was approved to accept minutes.

New Business

1. Spending Budget Items?

- (Beverages for the fridge). Motion was made to just carry water.
- Motion was second and passed.
- Bruce will take on responsibilities for providing water.
- (Literature). Motion was made that things stay the same at the club. Books will be provided for as needed.
- Motion was second and passed.

2. Period of Chair meeting commitment go from 6 to 3 months?

- Motion was made that leadership of meetings will be a minimum of 3 months and maximum of 6 months.
- Motion was second and passed.

3. Anniversary party planning?

- Discussion on different commitments and procedures.

Meeting was adjourned, closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:40pm.

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

2/10/2013

Opened meeting at 11:42 with the serenity prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience were read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes.

New Business

1. Hugs VS Handshakes?

- Motion was made for handshakes to be given rather than hugs.
- After lengthy discussion, motion was withdrawn.

2. Who will be taking over the Cypress wood group website?

- Doug B. Volunteered to take over. The club will reimburse him.
- Motion was second and passed.

3. Who will be taking over for the Scholarship Committee?

- Beth Y. and Vicki W. volunteered to take responsibility.
- Motion was second and passed.

4. Who will be in charge of the Anniversary Committee?

- Donovan P., Doug B. and Vicki W volunteered to be in charge.
- Motion was second and passed.

Meeting was adjourned, closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:20pm.

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

1/06/2013

Opened meeting at 11:45 with the serenity prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience were read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes.

New Business

1. 2013 Speaker Meeting Committee Nominations?

- Motion was made to place names in a basket and draw to select new nominees.
- Motion was second and passed.
- Nominees (Jay A, Gabriel C, Danny B, and Bob B).

2. What are we going to do to keep the club **CLEAN**?

- Motion was made to have a cleaning committee to get together once a week to clean the entire club.
- Motion was second and passed.
- Cleaning Committee members (Carl, Karen G, Gabriel C, Shannon, and Jack).
- Committee is shooting for Sunday around 1pm (Great service work opportunity for anyone else interested).

3. Who is the Grapevine Rep for our group?

- Motion was made to have Jack be our group rep for the grapevine.
- Motion was second and passed.

Meeting was adjourned, closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:10pm.

11-11-12 Group Conscience

- 11:52 opened serenity prayer
- Second that minutes be re-amended.
- New Business
 - motion was asked to have a grapevine rep. person was not here.
 - motion was withdrawn.

- motion is to increase meeting term for chairing a meeting to 6 months?

motion was second and passed.

- Group conscience meeting date & time?

motion to have group conscience on 1st Sunday every other month starting in January at 1145.

motion second and passed

meeting adjourned, closed with Leebs Prayer at 12:02.

CYPRESSWOOD GROUP CONSCIENCE

9/23/2012

Opened meeting at 11:55 with the serenity prayer.

Minutes from last group conscience were read.

Motion was approved to accept minutes from the last group conscience.

New Report

GSR reported about the GSO meeting and also is going to start handing out envelopes for donations for birthday recipients.

New Business

1. Support at Club Conscience from AA, NA, Al-Anon?
 - Donavon volunteered to be the AA liaison.
2. Volunteer for Coordinator Intergroup Phones?
 - Motion was stated that Intergroup Delegate is responsible for coordinating phones.
3. Who is responsible for the answering machines (Checking Messages)?
 - Person was not present to discuss this topic, topic was dropped.
4. New time limits for person chairing meetings?
 - Motion was made for time limits to be 6 months to chair and 3 months to Co-chair a meeting.
 - Discussion was lengthy and motion was withdrawn and restated to be 1 year to chair and 3 months to Co-chair.
 - Motion was second and passed.
5. Protocol for special functions?
 - Motion was made that in the future that no special function can bump a meeting and the club needs at least 30 days notice.
 - Motion was second and passed.
6. Motion was made that when giving away Big Books, give away soft covers instead of hard covers.
 - After lengthy discussion, motion was withdrawn.

Meeting was adjourned, closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:40

July 22, 2012

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Opened Meeting at 11:45 with the serenity prayer.

Group Elections

Co-Chair moves into the Chair Position.

All other positions rotate out and new officers elected in.

New Board Members for July 2012 – July 2013 Board

Chairman	Donavan P
Co-Chair	Ron S
Secretary	Gabriel C
Treasurer	No nominations or volunteers for Treasurer Cathy A will be treasurer for Club and Group.

Non-Board

GSR	Jay A
Co-GSR	Alex E
Literature	Carl H
Intergroup	Hilary G

NEW BUSINESS

1. Exterminator – Club has tried 3 different methods to get rid of the rats. Club can hire an exterminator but will first get with the landlord about all tenants needing exterminated. If we have rats probably all the other tenants do too. Club will take care of meeting with landlord and taking care of the exterminator.
Motion Approved for all Meeting leaders
Meeting leaders are responsible for making sure all candy and food is put away and trash taken out after your meeting.

2. Lights – Lights are out in the front outside area. Donovan volunteered to change the light blubs.

3. Outside Trash Cans – People are putting trash in the butt can and causing small fires to start.
Motion approved for club to purchase a cigarette butt receptacle. Approx \$68.00

4. Birthday Night
Joe and Lew nominated and accepted for chairing Birthday night starting in Sept. 2012
This is a one year commitment.

Meeting Adjourned

Closed with the Lords Prayer at 12:15 pm

Cypresswood Group Conscience

2/12/12

Opened meeting with serenity prayer. Minutes read from last group conscience

Motion approved to accept minutes from last meeting.

New Business

1. Extend birthday night to 90 minutes.

- a. Discussion that birthday night should not exceed 2 hours. Many thought that was far too long and should have limit.
- b. Motion made to extend birthday night as needed but not to exceed 90 minutes.
- c. Motion passed

2. Coke Machine

- a. Discussed that this was an Alano Club issue. Further discussion that a group member could bring drinks at their own expense if they choose to.
- b. Motion made for group to ask club to come up with other options for drinks.
- c. Motion passed

3. Anniversary Committee

- a. Motion made for Kyle B & Jay A to lead committee for groups 25th anniversary celebration
- b. Motion passed

4. New GSR

- a. David L was GSR representative with Eddie as the alternate. Eddie had to step down because of moving out of the area.
- b. Motion made to have Jason as new GSR and for him to name alternate
- c. Motion passed

5. AA Business Cards

- a. Discussed that this is just an expense and we will order them

6. Do We Have Money in Scholarship Fund?

- a. Yes.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer

Group Conscience
Cypresswood Group
11/21/2011

Open 11:45 with the serenity prayer
Minutes from Last Group Conscience Read
Motion to approve minutes – All in favor - Yes

New Business

1. Speaker for Anniversary
Discussion on bringing suggestions to the committee as who the group would like to hear.
Discussion on having Danny B find speaker as he did last year.
Discussion on having Kyle nominated to find speaker for this year's anniversary
Motion to nominate Danny B and Kyle B to find speaker
Danny B declined.
Discussion to have Kyle B and Jay A
Motion approved to have Kyle B and Jay to be speaker committee for anniversary
2. Discuss Group vs. Club Roles.
Lance S provided a pamphlet with of summary from the GSR. Nicole to make copies of pamphlet to distribute at club.
Discussion on clarity what the board is responsible for. Money in basket, A/C, etc.
Discussion on club members having no vote if they are not dues paying.
Motion to recommend to the Club to eliminate all dues so everyone can vote.
Motion approved.
3. Move Birthday night back to Alano Club.
Discussion on it being less expense, we cannot have drinks over there. More intimate at our own place.
Motion to move birthday night back to Alano and not to bring it up for discussion again for 6 months.
Motion approved
4. Group Contributions to GSO/Intergroup
Discussion – donations not being made due to contribution being down, attendance down etc.
Discussion on having a fixed amount. Discussion on we are not here to make money. Trust God. Discussion on having the donations come off the top before expenses.
Motion - Group to donate 1,000 or 10% off the top whichever is greater every quarter.
Motion approved
Motion – To donate 1,000 for 3rd quarter
Motion approved. Cathy to write checks for 3rd and 4th quarter.
5. 5 & 6 where combined. Propose Friday 8 pm meeting and discuss changing meeting times from 7:00 to 6:30 so an 8:00 pm meeting can be held
Discussion on meetings getting very large and would allow for smaller meetings. Safety issues w/ fire Marshall.
Discussion on having an 8 pm meeting Friday night. If there is an open spot, you can have a meeting as long as it is AA and follows the format already established.
Motion to keep 7 pm meetings
Motion Approved

6. Keeping closed meeting closed
No discussion. Person who presented item on board was not present
7. New speaker committee to start 1/2012
Discussion on its time for new committee to start in January.
Nominated and approve – Kyle B, Greg D, Doug B, Beth Y
8. Take tables out of the room
Discussion on removing tables for more room. Would free up for approx 25 more chairs.
Motion to move table – Not approved
9. Set date to clean
Discussion that it should be club and not group. Karen volunteered to head the committee. Peter also volunteered. Karen and Peter to get with Mark W. to discuss
10. Is there one Cypresswood Group or 28 independent “mini Groups”
Discussion: too many meetings making their own decisions and not following the guidelines set down by the Group Conscience – i.e. requirements for chairing/co-chairing meetings, picking new leaders, topics etc. Group Conscience clearly desires there to be 1 Cypresswood Group and all AA meetings of the Cypresswood Group should follow overall guidelines. Any deviations from guidelines should be discussed with Group Officers who will attempt to resolve.
11. Exterminator
Directed to Club President Mark W.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2011

Meeting Opened 11:45 AM

Serenity Prayer

New Business Agenda Items

1. Move Birthday night next door
2. Contributions
3. Group Vs. Club

Discussion - Move Birthday night next door.

Motion approved to move birthday night next door.

Hilary to set up committee to clean and set up for birthday night.

Discussion - Contributions

Basket donation is down 30%. Expenses in the negative. Attendance is down.

Cathy A to report on expenses. No Motion or decision made. No contributions sent.

Discussion - Group vs. Club Roles.

Motion approved for Jeff to form a committee to investigate Group/Club rules, separation and duties.

Cost 250 for meeting RM each approved,

May 15th

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
July 17th, 2011

Meeting Opened 11:45 AM

Serenity Prayer

Minutes from last group conscience read

Motion approved to accept minutes from last group conscience meeting.

New Business Agenda Items

1. Group Elections
2. New chairs for Birthday Night
3. Change date of birthday night for November
4. Volunteers for Beverage

Elections

Discussion: Danny B. moves from Co-Chair to Chair

Nominated and approved for Co-Chair – Marilyn Mc

Nominated and approved for Secretary – Nicole S.

Nominated and approved for Treasurer – Manette M.

David L. remains as GSR

Approved as co- GSR – Eddie C.

Nominated and approved for Literature – Virginia B.

Nominated and approved for new Intergroup Delegates – Doug, Jason and Joe B. as Backup

All three can attend intergroup meetings but only 2 are allowed to vote.

Jeff A volunteered to remain as Grapevine Rep

David S. volunteered to remain as parking lot attendant.

We will put on white board an announcement for volunteers to help.

Discussion: Need new volunteers for beverage, paper good and coffee.

Charlotte P. Jim P and Dan volunteered for beverage, paper goods and coffee commitment.

Birthday night new chair. Nominated and approved Beth Y. and Marilyn Mc.

Discussion on changing Nov birthday date to first week of Dec. because of thanksgiving and pine forest retreat. Motion not passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Closed Meeting with the Lords Prayer

Cypresswood Group Conscience Meeting- 1-23-2011

Chair opened with the serenity prayer.

Passed out Literature on how a Group Conscience used to be held.

First item was on contributions to GSO and Intergroup

Member stated board was in charge.

Member stated up till last year Cypresswood Groups contributions were always more.

Member stated board in charge violates 2nd tradition

Member stated board can control contributions according to Tradition 4.

Member read Tradition 7

Member made a motion that the group have the club donate 30% to all four entity's quartley according to pamphlet after all expenses are made. Motion was second and passed.

Member brought up to roll phones over to voice mail during meetings.

Motion was made to leave as-is take call outside during meetings.

Motion second and passed.

Item was presenting on Protocol for holding group conscience on Birthday or Speaker Meetings.

Motion was made to hold a Group Conscience for Birthday and speaker or anniversary meetings.

Second and passed.

Item for discussion needed volunteer to get water, soda and etc.

Elizabeth S volunteered for 6 months.

Motion was made to draw names out of a hat for each individual meeting.

Motion was second was denied by a vote of 18 against 13 for.

Motion was made to close meeting.

Closed with the Lords Prayer

MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2011

Chair person opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Secretary read the old minutes. Motion made to change minutes to reflect that Group Conscious will be held for all meetings. Seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion held on checking for a place to have the Anniversary Meeting. Can put up a \$1500 deposit or use the space next door. The landlord said we can use the space next door but need to work out details. Motion made to keep it next door and Anniversary Committee will work out details. Seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Birthday night parking was discussed. An announcement will be made and posted a week before Birthday night that early arrivals can park across the street (behind Whatburger). Motion to accept made and seconded. Passed.

B. Asked for a volunteer to be the Literature Chair, which is a 1 ½ year term. Nicole volunteered to do this job.

C. Discussed updating phone list. Elizabeth volunteered to scrub old women's numbers and Doug volunteered to scrub old men's numbers. Motion was made to announce and post on board the period when the phone list will be updated. Seconded and passed.

D. A date for Group Inventory and certificate flyers needs to be set. Shelia and Ken volunteered to make copies of the inventory sheets and copies of why we need to do the inventory. Lynn will put it together. Motion was made for May 1st at 1:00 to be the inventory date. Deadline for sheets to be returned is April 23rd. Seconded and passed.

E. Discussed changing cake sale profits from use for scholarships to pay for anniversary night expenses. Motion was made to not change funds use but to leave it for scholarships. Seconded and passed.

F. Discussed not allowing flip flops. No action taken.

G. Club is scheduled to man Intergroup phones on Oct 7, 2011. Motion was made to do this, seconded and passed.

H. Discussed guidelines for scholarship monies. Motion was made to modify pamphlet and use the pamphlet for the guidelines for scholarship monies. Seconded and passed. Scholarship Committee will be responsible for the modification of the pamphlet.

I. Changing the time for Speaker Meeting was discussed. Motion was made that on Speaker Night to change the potluck dinner to 6:00 pm and the Speaker meeting to 7:00 pm. Seconded and passed.

Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Cypresswood Group Conscience Meeting – July 18, 2010

Agenda

1. Election of Officers
 - Chairperson (Sheila S.)
 - Second Chairperson
 - Secretary (Formerly Gloria L.)
 - Treasurer (Formerly Nicole S.)
 - GSR Representatives (Formerly Wendy & David)
 - Grapevine Representative (Formerly Missy)
2. Select Birthday Night Chairpersons (2)
 - Get chips
 - Decorate and set up room
3. Select a method to decide who is to chair meeting at the end of six month period when more than one person volunteers for same meeting
 - Draw names from basket or
 - First person to ask gets to Chair
4. Vote to approve distribution of funds. (Last time we gave \$200 to the General Service Organization, \$200 to Intergroup and \$200 to SETA.)
 - How much do we want to give?
 - Select organization
 - The Club Treasurer will send the checks out for the Cypresswood Group.
5. Cleaning of Facility - Is it working out? (Stu and Sheila)
6. Need volunteers for set up and clean up of food for Potluck on Speaker Night
7. "Parking Lot Committee" - Is it working? (Bob)
8. Status of Primary Purpose Workshop (Wendy)
9. Order tapes of all the speakers from the International Convention (Cost \$200) for the group
10. New Business

Cypresswood Group Conscience Meeting – March 7th at 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Items

Old Business

1. Elect a Group Treasurer to assist Cathy A. (Nicole has volunteered)
2. Because there is no such organization or address, we need to reappropriate funds of \$600 that were designated to the Hospital & Institution Fund.

Other considerations:

- The General Service Organization
- SETA
- Women's Way Out Shelter

It is important to appropriate funds to a non-profit organization or AA affiliated organization keeping in line with our Traditions.

3. Establish a Prudent Reserve. The Club presently has a draft of a budget that we could use as a guideline subtracting the amount spent on the Alano Club remodeling.

New Business

- 1 Set up a workshop on "Sponsoring" on a Saturday in March. Wendy B. could arrange through the District.
2. Volunteers needed to do some service work by alerting visitors to park in tow-free parking spots or across the street on Birthday Night and Speaker Night.
3. There have been reports that someone is going to AA Clubs around town, putting counterfeit \$20 dollar bills in the basket, and taking the real money for change. Champions and other groups have reported counterfeit money at their facilities.
- 4 Volunteer is needed to do some service work updating, printing and restocking telephone lists.
5. Volunteers are needed to purchase Big Books and monitor so we always have the Big Books in supply.
6. Person to head up volunteers to clean Club on a regular schedule.
7. Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament
8. Any additional New Business.

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The Pot Luck Dinner Committee for 2010 responsible for set up and clean up will be Cate, Joe Ch and Ron S.

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It was decided NOT to purchase a recorder device due to the speaker's anonymity.

Other Items

Miss Nancy inquired about a "grab bar" being installed in the bathrooms. Mark W. stated that he is in the process of taking care of this Club item.

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Gloria Lush
Submitted on December 14, 2009
Group Secretary of The Cypresswood Group

Cypresswood Group Conscience Meeting – March 7, 2010

Group Chair Beth Y. called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. There were 26 people attending the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Nicole S. Group Treasurer. The motion passed by a majority. Nicole's duties will include tracking the Group's basket money and assisting the Club Treasurer, Cathy A.

It was decided and approved by the Group not to donate to the hospital and institution fund as other groups can do that for us. Dudley will work with the Club Treasurer indicating where the money will be spent. It was agreed and approved that we donate \$600 to the following:

- General Service Organization-\$200
- Intergroup-\$200
- SETA-\$200

Wendy B. will set up a workshop on "Sponsoring" through District #32. This will take place sometime in April. The previous workshop on "Chairing a Meeting" was well received.

There was much discussion about the Prudent Reserve and since the Club Treasurer already has a budget in progress, Nicole S. and Cathy A. will set up a budget and a fiduciary spending report for our next Group meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Bob R. will be heading up a "Parking Lot Committee". The volunteers will be trained by Bob R. to facilitate the parking on birthday and speaker nights or whenever it is needed by setting up cones for the handicapped, encourage people to park across the street and to stay clear of the spots reserved by the restaurant. This is a wonderful service opportunity for any who would like to volunteer.

It was decided that there is not much we could do regarding the counterfeit money where \$20 dollar bills are put in the baskets and change is made. So far, no counterfeit money has shown up at Cypresswood.

Hillary S. volunteered to take over the Telephone List responsibility revising the list, typing and printing and seeing that current lists are always available.

Vickie W. will continue to be in charge of Literature and Books.

A motion was made and carried that we now give out chips for each month to encourage newcomers. The chips will be stocked and new chip containers will be purchased.

There was discussion regarding cleaning our newly remodeled facility, and it was decided that Stu G. would head this up with Sheila assisting him. A white board will be on display in the kitchen area for volunteers to sign up for this activity which will occur at least once a month. This will create another service opportunity for the Group.

Lance will set up the Anniversary Celebration Golf Tournament on May 15th if that date is available. There is only one speaker scheduled this year so it does not conflict with the Golf Tournament. The speaker will be Willard M. who is Secretary of the International Conference. Wendy B. will notify the District so they can publish the Cypresswood Anniversary information.

As a new item, there was much discussion about keeping the Group's Primary Purpose to alcoholism and that lately we have been moving away from this at some meetings. It was discussed that the Group members have a responsibility to bring the meeting back to our Primary Purpose. A motion was made and carried that Wendy B. set up a workshop for meeting chairpersons (or anyone who would like to attend) with the focus being the Primary Purpose of AA.

The meeting ended at 1:15 p.m. Those in attendance closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gloria L.
Cypresswood Group Secretary
March 9, 2010

Cypresswood Group Conscience Meeting – December 13, 2009

The Group Conscience meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. on December 13th by Chairperson, Beth Y. Beth opened the meeting with The Serenity Prayer.

Those attending were: Beth Y., Wendy B., Gloria L., David L., Bill S., Ken E., Missy F., Vickie W., Phil W., Joe Ch., Nancy W., Ron S., Marilyn M., Patti T., Steve Z., Tim F., Joe C., Danny B., Rob H., Mark W., Mark W., Ken L., Cathy A., Cate, Vicki B., and Sonya B.

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- 1. Election of Group Treasurer**
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- 4. Appoint Speaker Committee for 2010**
- 5. Appoint person to set up and clean up for Potluck Dinners in 2010**
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 - B. Stay until everyone leaves**
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Cypresswood Group Conscience – September 20, 2009

Beth Y. called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. The meeting opened with the Serenity prayer.

The following items were covered:

Grapevine/Need Grapevine Representative

Jackie V., the District 32 Grapevine Representative, gave an informative presentation.

"The cost of the Grapevine is \$27 a year. The publication began in 1944 for soldiers in WWII. It has evolved from black and white into color. The Grapevine can now be downloaded onto CD's, MP3's and iPods. This subscription is \$4 a month. There is also a digital archive on the website where you can type in any AA subject in the Search Engine, and you will receive information on any article printed in the Grapevine since 1944. Grapevine has two books available, Beginners Getting and Staying Sober and Voices in Long Term Sobriety,"

A Motion was made, seconded and carried to designate Amy C. the new Grapevine representative from Cypresswood group.

Guidelines for Scholarship Recipients

Monies in the amount of \$1400 were raised at the anniversary cake sale last June. It is a fund where money will be available for those who cannot afford to attend retreats/conventions. A motion was made and seconded that Nicole S. and Wendy B. will set up guidelines for the recipients of the scholarship fund, but the funds will be administered by the Alano Club. After much discussion, the motion carried.

Phone List Update

Beth B. is working on the Women's Phone List and her sponsee has the Men's Phone List. Both updated lists will be available next week.

Moving Space

Steve Zapp reported on the latest updates on moving space. Our lease runs until May 2011. It would be prohibitive if we broke the lease. We are currently renting 2,240 square feet, and our rate is very reasonable. Pat, the club president, advised us that this is an Alano Club issue and will be addressed at that meeting.

Parking Issues

The main concern for adequate parking is on Friday nights and birthday night when family members attend. We are encouraging group members to park across the street and to carpool. The Club will address the towing issue again with the landlord.

Literature and Supplies Commitment

Bill S. is presently in charge of AA literature and other supplies. We want to acknowledge Terri G. and the wonderful job she has done for us the past two years. Bill will coordinate the following volunteers:

Dennis B. – Soda

Jan Y. – Coffee

Vickie W. – Literature and Books

Donovan P. – Paper Products

Jeff – Cleaning Supplies

Birthday Night-Chips, Set Up and Clean Up

There was much discussion regarding the chips, set up and clean up for birthday night. There was also much discussion of whether or not we should lengthen the meeting to 90 minutes. A motion was made by Ken E. and seconded by Mark W. to appoint Nicole S. as chair person and to head up the committee for birthday night for the period September 2009-10. (Donovan P. volunteered to assist Nicole.) Joe C. and Ken L. will lead the meetings on all other Fridays. It was also decided that an open group conscience on birthday night will decide whether the meetings should go over the usual hour. This motion carried.

Service Work Positions

A motion was made and carried to appoint Wendy B. and David L. to explore if Intergroup Phones can be set up at Cypresswood for a weekend of service work. This would include the timeframe from Friday at 5:00 p.m. until Monday at 8:00 a.m. They will report their findings to the Club.

Carpet/Floor Covering

Carpeting/floor covering is a club issue; however, Marilyn M. was appointed to do research on flooring possibilities and other types of improvements that may be considered. Marilyn will report this information to the Club. The motion carried.

Anniversary Date

A motion was made by Mark W. and seconded by Joe C. to make May 15, 2010 our anniversary date for next year. Danny B. will then be able to invite Willard M. as our main speaker. The motion carried.

The next Cypresswood group conscience will be November 15th.

Beth Y. closed the meeting and the attendees closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Gloria Lush

Submitted on September 22

Cypresswood Group Secretary

Alano Club Financial Position
9/20/2009

BeginningBalance checking	8/30/2009	18,464.34
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Deposits

Membership	160.00	
Meeting baskets	2,152.29	
Drinks can	173.16	2,485.45

Expenses

Sodas/coffee supplies	394.00	
Chips & Literature	330.57	
AA District 32 Contrib . (July)	126.90	
Electricity (July)	445.92	
Electricity (August)	443.52	
Phone	60.70	
Accountant	250.00	2,051.61

Ending Balance cking	<u>18,898.18</u>
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CD balance	<u>10,223.20</u>
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Total Cash	<u><u>29,121.38</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted
Cathy Allshouse
9/20/2009