

**BUSINESS MEETING**

APRIL 6, 2026 at 11508 Cypress North Houston, Cypress, TX 77429



Started at	Chaired by	Recorded by	Next Business Meeting is:
	Thomas H.	Aviboaz	June 6, 2026

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	REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR
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**CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<b>REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Thomas</b>	<b>Given by: Thomas</b>
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Thomas admonishes the group for not sending in reports 3 weeks in advance and explains process and need.

Thomas states each chair is free to add and share anything about their report while giving their report.

Thomas asks the members to say name first each time they speak to ensure the secretary can accurately documents the meeting.

<b>SECRETARY; Aviboaz</b>	<b>Report given by: Aviboaz</b>
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- I completed the April business meeting report, distributed it to those I have email addresses for and sent it to Ronny S for publication on the CG website.
- I also attended the Traditions Committee meeting for new motions to record the meeting.

Daniel moves to accept and Kathy 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

<b>STEERING COMMITTEE; jeff</b>	<b>Report given by: jeff</b>
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Thomas asks for the "Steering Kitty" report.  
Jeff instantly knew that was him.

Jeff R opened the Steering Committee meeting Jan 19, 2026 at 19:35  
conducted at 11506 Cypress North Houston, Cypress, TX 77429

Jeff states there is no minimum quorum necessary to proceed forward.  
Attending were Jeff R (Steering Committee Chair), Steve W., Daniel D., and Aviboaz as Secretary.

There were a total of 10 motions submitted, and the Steering Committee accepted 7 of those motions. The remaining motions were either withdrawn by the person making the motions or found not to be consistent with AA Traditions.

[Secretary's note: approved motions are listed in "New Business" below]

Marie moves to accept and Rhonda 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

<b>TREASURER: Rich</b>	<b>Report given by: Rich</b>
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Pest Control for March paid 4/4, will be on the April report

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Treasury team is depositing collections and transferring Venmo and Paypal weekly Treasury team is also aligning the incoming and expense categories and upgrading spreadsheets to reduce manual inputs

	2026				
	CYPRESS GROUP MONTHLY CASH FLOW ITEMIZATION				
	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026
CASH ON HAND/ STARTING BALANCE	\$28,266.30	\$33,060.40	\$31,399.09	\$32,696.09	\$29,640.79
<b>DONATIONS</b>					
7TH Tradition Basket	\$6,538.56	\$5,922.23	\$4,931.00	\$1,646.00	
Events					
Other Cash Donations			\$180.00	\$28.00	
Other E-Donations			\$2,668.51	\$265.07	
Interest On Balance					
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>			<b>\$7,779.51</b>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$34,804.86</b>	<b>\$38,982.63</b>	<b>\$39,178.60</b>	<b>\$34,635.16</b>	<b>\$29,640.79</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Rent		-\$5,460.00	-\$4,800.00	-\$4,800.00	
Electricity	-\$846.20	-\$1,019.92	-\$693.50		
Insurance					
AA Supplies					
Facility Supplies	-\$728.43	-\$504.79	-\$988.68	-\$84.37	
Event Budget					
Event Budget		-\$93.27			
Website	-\$169.52	-\$170.46			
Virtual/Zoom mtg					
Facility Repairs					
Pie Out GSO					
Pie Out Area Assbly					
Pie Out District					
Pie Out Intergroup		-\$35.10			
Literature Suppies					
Other Expenses - Bank Fees	-\$0.31		-\$0.33		
Other - Pest Control				-\$110.00	
Other - Carpet Cleaning		-\$300.00			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$1,744.46</b>	<b>-\$7,583.54</b>	<b>-\$6,482.51</b>	<b>-\$4,994.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>\$33,060.40</b>	<b>\$31,399.09</b>	<b>\$32,696.09</b>	<b>\$29,640.79</b>	<b>\$29,640.79</b>
<b>vs Prudent Reserve</b>		<b>(\$600.91)</b>	<b>\$696.09</b>		

Q: Marie asks what all the facility supplies cover?

A: Rich says he is going to itemize going forward.

Q: Donnie asks pets control, what is the service interval? Donnie questions the ants in the ladies room under the couch.

A: no clear answer given.

Q; Donnie asks about the donation trend, if donations are up after announcing?

A; Rich states March donations were about \$1,000 over the March 2025 level, YTD but says that's not really a trend, but is just higher.

Q; Michelle ask about Jan ad Feb donation breakdown, if anything is missing?

A; Rich says that was before he got access and info as treasurer and that he only has limited info, as is reported above.

Q; Marie asks what the event budget in Feb that is for \$93.27 ?

A; Rich say that is birthday night reimbursement. Adds he will split that out in future reports.

Marie motions to accept the report and Michelle 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

Thomas thanks Rich and acknowledges it is a heavy job along with the secretary job.

<b>GSR: Kathy H</b>	<b>Report given by: Kathy H</b>
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#### District 32 Meeting Notes

#### Meeting Schedule:

District 32 meets on the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM

Location: Champions Club

#### Upcoming Dates

- Next District Meeting: April 12
- Quarterly Area Assembly: April 11

- More information available on the SETA website

## District Updates

### Vacant Service Positions:

There are several open positions within District 32:

- PIC (Public Information Committee) – Vacant
- CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) – Vacant
- Workshops Chair – Vacant
- Newsletter Chair – Vacant

If you are interested in serving, please refer to the Service Manual for position descriptions and requirements.

### Available District Resources

District 32 currently has excess funds available to support groups in need, including:

- Literature
- Newcomer packets
- Workshop support

If you know of a group or location that could benefit from these resources, please reach out so the request can be submitted to District 32.

### Closing

That is all to report at this time.

Marie asks, about serving at district

Thomas points out there is a “green Service Manual over here if anyone is interested in reading”

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Jeff moves to accept, Rhonda 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

<b>INTERGROUP REPORT: Michelle S</b>	<b>Report given by: Michelle S</b>
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Attended Delegate's meeting February 19th  
. Following are highlights of info to pass along:

- Intergroup Workshop Sat, April 11th 10am-2pm: How to Lead a Meeting / \$20 cost, includes lunch. Flyer on board.
- Intergroup Open House June 13th
  - – more details to come
- Cost of Big Book increase from World Service – our Literature rep aware of this increase as well

Weekend Phone Volunteers still needed for several dates throughout 2026:

May 15-18

July 24-27

August 7-10

August 14-17○

December 18-21

Jan (2027) 1-4

Replacement for Executive Secretary position has been named – Cody (can't remember his last name)

Two new board members were voted in by delegates – one of which was Chicago Dave



Marie moves to accept, Michael C. 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

<b>LITERATURE CHAIR: Heather S (Chair)</b>	<b>Report given by: Morgan S. (Co-Chair)</b>
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I had to purchase another box of Big Books for the group and the question arose...do we want to continue purchasing the soft back covers or should I go back to the hard covers? The cost difference is \$1.00/book (HC being the higher cost).

Motion from committee - buy hard cover BB's. Ronny 2nd's

(committee motions do not need a 2nd.) -

motion passes.

Ann moves to accept, Becky 2nd's, report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>FACILITY: Donnie S</b>	<b>Report given by: Donnie S.</b>
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Donnie is chasing ants but says that is already scheduled for a resolution.

Doesn't see anything else falling apart but is open to fix issues.

Michelle says trash, dumpster, put overflow to side of dumpster, says landlord is afraid if we don't and trash comes they won't empty trash dumpster if trash is in front of dumpster

Donnie highlights landlord is picky and particular

Kathy moves to accept, Jeff 2nd's , report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>SUPPLY: MARTIN M</b>	<b>Report given by: Martin M</b>
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Nothing to report

Sent from my iPhone

Q; Ann asks, are we out of a lot of stuff due to the facility spending increase ?A: That's all things combined "for now"

. Will break it down later.

Q; Kathy, questions light bulbs and dish soap notice, does it need to stay up there?

A: No.

Q: Marie asks about why we went from individual creamer to a big canister ?

A: They were unavailable at the time of purchase.

Becky moves to accept, Daniel 2nd's, report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>CLEANING OFFICER: Barb L</b>	<b>Report given by: Barb L</b>
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Thomas calls for a Cleaning report.

Various group members help Thomas by telling him to read the report sent in.

Thomas begs for kindness from the group, nearly grovels.

Thomas ponders vociferously if the group has throwing knives or Chinese stars.

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Nothing to report

I will be out of town and wi

<b>ARCHIVIST: Jordan S</b>	<b>Report given by: Jordan S</b>
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No Report Received.

Jordan states he has nothing to report

Michelle moves to accept, Marie 2nd's, report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>WEBMASTER: Ronny S.</b>	<b>Report given by: Ronny S.</b>
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Our existing website provider WIX, raised the price to \$950 for a 3 year term. I called and tried to get them to reduce the cost but was not successful.

I transferred the site and rebuilt the web site using GoDaddy.

The total cost for the 5 year term is \$750.00, this works out to \$150 annually.

The previous group conscience approved \$552 for a 3 year term that works out to \$184 a year.

I spent more than what was approved but in the long run it was cheaper. I have not yet submitted my receipts.

thanks,  
Ronny

Q: Michelle asks if paid upfront  
A: Ronny says yes

Q: Donnie asks if it's active , yes says ronnie  
A: Ronny says yes.

Thomas says new site looks great, meeting schedule, is easier to read

Q: Rich asks if there is an invoice.  
A: Ronny says yes and hands Rich the paper invoice.

Ronny discusses functionality of the new website and adds that for the last 12 months, CG website had 1,578 unique visitors. We get 15-30 emails a month from random people asking for information.

Daniel moves to accept, and Ann 2nd's , report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>SPEAKER MEETING: Paul B</b>	<b>Report given by: Paul B</b>
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This is Paul B.  
I am in charge of getting speakers for each month, I have speaker for April and looking for May. Everything moving right along. If you have any questions please call me. 713 208 4699

Michelle moves to accept, Kathy 2nd's , report passes by unanimous consent.

<b>BIRTHDAY MEETING CHAIR: Sarah D</b>	<b>Report given by: Sarah D</b>
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No Report Received.  
not present

Thomas asks if anyone is sitting in for Sarah or if anyone has anything to share. A pall of silence fell upon the group who otherwise is never short on words, Aviboaz is sure he heard crickets.

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)</b>	
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Reports from any standing committee not already given from Chair positions.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lease/Real Estate Comm by: Thomas H.

### Meeting Minutes

The Cypress Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

Real Estate Committee

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026

Time: 5:45 PM

Location: Cypress Group Meeting Location

### Attendance

Members Volunteering:

Thomas [REDACTED]  
Sean [REDACTED]  
Josh [REDACTED]  
John [REDACTED]  
John [REDACTED]  
Michelle [REDACTED]  
Donnie [REDACTED]  
Phil [REDACTED]  
Becky [REDACTED]  
Martin [REDACTED]  
Sarah [REDACTED]  
Kari [REDACTED]  
Harold [REDACTED]  
Mark [REDACTED]  
Aviboaz [REDACTED]

### Purpose of Meeting

The Real Estate Committee, comprised of volunteer members, convened to discuss the upcoming expiration of the current lease. The group has occupied its present location for approximately fourteen (14) years. With the lease term coming to a close, the committee is evaluating options for securing a new location with more favorable terms, improved parking availability, and/or reduced occupancy costs.~2~

### Discussion

**\*\*Lease Expiration Consideration:\*\*** The committee addressed whether it is necessary to move once the current one-year lease expires in February 2027. Members acknowledged that while the lease provides short-term stability, the decision to relocate depends on identifying a location that offers improvements in parking, cost-efficiency, or convenience. The group emphasized using the remaining lease term to explore viable options and prepare for a potential transition.

**\*\*Financial Considerations:\*\*** The committee discussed rising occupancy and operating costs as a primary driving factor in evaluating the future location. Trends in rental rates, utilities, and related expenses are increasing. Given the donation-based income of the Group, financial sustainability was identified as a key concern in any decision-making.

**\*\*Landlord Relations and Lease Negotiation:\*\*** Members noted the current landlord's unwillingness to negotiate unless the Group agrees to re-brand, based on his claim that affiliation with Alcoholics Anonymous increases insurance risk. This claim has not been substantiated. The committee viewed this condition as potentially unacceptable, conflicting with the Group's identity.

**\*\*Financial Structure and Forward Planning:\*\*** The current lease includes a cost structure similar to a 'triple net' lease, with CAM fees and A/C maintenance fees that increase overall costs. Members emphasized the need to pray and diligently investigate all options, even if the decision is ultimately to remain at the current location.

**\*\*Budget and Financial Trends:\*\*** The committee reviewed past and projected budgets. Up until 2024, the annual budget trended around \$5,200. Beginning the new lease term, the projected budget has increased to approximately \$6,500, highlighting the importance of careful evaluation of future location options.

#### Motions / Decisions / Action Items

- The committee decided to pray and begin research into potential options for securing a sustainable location.
- Government Properties: Explore lease opportunities through government-owned properties that may offer reduced rent for non-profit or healthcare-affiliated organizations.
- Private Rental Opportunities: Investigate rental properties offered by investment groups or private owners that may be available for purchase and lease to the Group.~3~
- Fundraising Initiatives: Develop strategies to stabilize and increase donation-based income to support occupancy costs.
- Organizational Structure: Ensure the Group maintains non-profit status and consider creating a Club organization or similar entity to manage business aspects of property acquisition and lease management.

#### Next Meeting

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday March 28<sup>st</sup>

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Time:

\_\_\_\_\_  
3:00PM

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Location: \_\_\_ The Cypress Group \_\_\_\_\_

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: \_\_\_\_\_

6:54pm \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Hammel

\_\_\_\_\_  
- Committee Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
3-4-2026  
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Thomas adds that the committee met again on March 28th and was not included in his written report.

- Storefront and retail spaces are "really really" going up and where we are at now is comparable to the average lower end of higher rates.
- Got a couple things we're looking into outside the box.
- Says they are doing great research to help them make a more informed decision come Feb 2027 to stay or go.

Daniel says has not received info / broker

Thomas said he sent and will resend

Daniel moves to accept, Jeff 2nd's, report passes by unanimous consent.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**OLD TABLED MOTIONS that have been "moved" from the table**

None Listed

**OTHER BUSINESS / Floor Business**

None Listed

**OLD BUSINESS - Ongoing business not part of Committee Reports**

None Listed

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Chair advanced the meeting to New Business.

**#1 MOTION BY STEVEN W**

Add the phrase "Is there anyone here with less than 30 days?" to the Closed Meeting preamble.

**Background**

This will help identify newcomers to the group, should they choose to identify themselves.

**Expected Outcome**

Sobriety.

not present

#2	<b>MOTION BY JEFF R</b>
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Nominate Jeff C. to Steering Committee to fill the vacancy.

**Background**

The Steering Committee is required to maintain 5 members. One member has resigned, leaving a vacancy that needs to be filled.

**Expected Outcome**

Jeff C.'s nomination to Steering Committee, bringing the number of members back up to the required 5.

Q: Aviboaz asks, do you have direct experience with AA traditions?

A: Jeff C. says "somewhat".

Thomas says his wife says "God cares more about our availability than our abilities".

Daniel moves a vote, Ann 2nd's, motion approved by unanimous consent.

#3	<b>MOTION BY STEVEN W</b>
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~~I move that the group investigate adding a "digital tip jar" (donorbox.org, etc) that allows the fellowship to tap credit cards to donate funds to the group.~~

**Background**

~~Other groups have implimented [sic] this solution; provides an additional avenue for the fellowship to give to the group.~~

**EXPECTED OUTCOME**

Money:

not present

#4	<b>MOTION BY CHERYL W. given by Dawn T.</b>
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The HUGS Al-Anon Group requests permission to use one of your meeting spaces during the month of June as we have in past years. We meet every Monday at 10am

#### Background

Our usual meeting space will not be available because it is needed for Vacation Bible School during June

#### EXPECTED OUTCOME

Permission to use the large meeting room (preferred) or the small meeting room on the following Mondays: June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, and June 29 at 10am

Q: Harold says his understanding is that he is concerned HUGS donation to CG is against traditions, wonders if it is “outside contributions”, and if we are staying within traditions or not.

Responses: Ronny; doesn't think its outside of traditions.

Rich; points out traditions verbage says “ought” to be fully self supporting, It doesn't say “must be fully self supporting”.

Dawn says they were attempting to do the same thing by paying rent To CG.

Aviboaz; asks Harold for clarification, “are you asking if they can meet, or If they can donate?”

Harold says he's fine with them meeting here, his only concern is about If this is an outside contribution?

Daniel; Been coming here for 12 years and even when we started ACA Here, we took donations from ACA. Says this is how it was Explained to him, as long as its AA and Al-Anon and because It's the same family, it was ok. But we can't do Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, none of those things Can meet or donate here.

Ronny; if you study the history of AA and the spirit of that tradition, When AA was founded, Bill Wilson actually accepted donations from the Rockefeller Foundation. Says whoever made the “Ought to be” is really kind of a gray area.

Harold asks if it actually says “ought”.

Thomas says yes and reads it from the wall.

Michelle; In an effort to prove Harold wrong, I proved Harold right.

It says, “accepting donations from Al-Anon could complicate The relationship between the two organizations, potentially leading

To conflicts of interest perceptions of favoritism”  
Michelle adds, HOWEVER, they are not asking for an ongoing  
Thing, this is a 4 week thing, if they just slip the money  
Anonymously.....

Kathy moves that we let HUGS meet here for free.

Ann 2nd'd motion.

Group voted all in favor.

#5	<b>MOTION BY THOMAS H. proxy to Avi</b>
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ACA Group continues to meet (have been doing so for 5 years) at our facility and begin contributing to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition by dropping an envelope with donations each week.

The motion should include the time and day for the weekly meeting at Saturday at 5:00pm (except for the LAST Saturday of the month)

Common Accepted and widely practiced:

1. ACA rents from AA group to meet
2. ACA has a separate schedule posted and not mixed with AA
3. Clear Labeling (maybe a sign posted during meeting so they aren't confused with AA
4. Separate "Trusted Servants"

EXPECTED OUTCOME

None listed.

There was some discussion.

Kelly R. says she think if CG starts collecting rent, we become a landlord.

By being a landlord we divert ourselves from our primary purpose.

I don't have other issues with other groups meeting here, but at

Some point, we he to make a rule that if they meet here, we can't

Collect rent from them, because were a group and not a club.

Daniel says all CG previously voted on was that they could meet here and donate.

Aviboaz moves that they can meet and not pay or donate.

Ann moves to vote, Michael C. 2nd's, motion approved by unanimous consent.

#6	<b>MOTION BY KIMBERY F</b>
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Hello I would like submit a request for Telge rd women's group to use cypress groups location for our Tuesday and Thursday meetings at 10am in the month of June. I will be present for group conscience meeting.

God Bless,  
Kimberly F

Background  
None given

EXPECTED OUTCOME  
None listed

she says they will donate, that we prev decided they come for free

Michelle moves to vote, and Susan 2nd's, motion approved by unanimous consent.

#7	<b>MOTION BY AVIBOAZ</b>
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I move that we rename the "Steering Committee" to the "Traditions Committee" to better reflect the important work they perform.

Background  
Myself and many other members have heard the word "steering committee" and it leads up to believe incorrect ideas of what this important committee does. It is my understanding this committee's purpose is to ensure motions meeting AA Traditions. Whereas a "steering Committee as commonly practiced throughout AA is usually the senior group officer who take up important issues that happen between business meetings that can not wait until the next business meeting. Urgent matters.

EXPECTED OUTCOME  
All attendees and members and guests of Cpress Group will better understand the role of this committee and it's function, less confusion and better clarity.

Ann moves to vote, Jeff 2nd's, motion approved by unanimous consent.

8:41 pm	<b>MEETING CLOSED</b>
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