BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2026 at 11508 Cypress North Houston, Cypress, TX 77429

The Cypress Group

Started at	Chaired by	Recorded by	Next Business Meeting is:
	Thomas H.	Aviboaz	August 3, 2026

SUMMARY MOTIONS THAT PASSED:

1- To have a meeting chair and a lead for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening meetings and for the Sunday morning meeting and 7 A.M. meetings.

2- The meeting chairperson of the Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays 6:30pm meetings and then Sunday morning meeting 9 am can only serve once during a year, this motion is retroactive back to January 2026.

3- Allow an anonymous donor to donate a picture of “the man on the bed” to The Cypress Group to be displayed somewhere attractive.

4- The 501(c)(3) annual filings are a part of the Treasurer's responsibilities, whether he/she does it themselves or has someone else do it.

5- Becky files the 501(c)(3) status for the group.

6- Morgan S elected as Literature Chair.

7- Helen elected as Literature Co-Chair.

8- Daniel D elected as new group chairperson.

9- Jaime elected as new group Co-Chairperson.

10- Group approves option 3 (new build) and letter of intent from Real Estate Committee.

7:49	MEETING OPENS

	REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

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Thomas give thankful remarks about size of group
Thomas resigns, is a sandbagger, and is thinking about who to vote for as the new Chair.
Thomas reviews open positions and asks everyone to be thinking about filling these important positions.
Also the Literature chair and Supply chair are now open.

CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Thomas	**Given by: Thomas**

SECRETARY; Aviboaz S.	**Report given by: Aviboaz S.**

- 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.
- I need a Co-Secretary, this is a pretty demanding job with a lot of work
- Please remember to submit your reports 3 weeks in advance of each business meeting, this is what the group previously voted on. When you don't give reports on time, it makes the secretary;s job much harder because of the distribution requirements now in place. The agenda is supposed to be out 2 weeks in advance so everyone can see and debate and talk about whatever is coming, that way there aren't surprises at the meeting and everyone gets a better understanding of what they are hearing and voting on.
- The following emails appear to be incorrect as I am getting return rejection notices, if one of these looks like yours, please let me know so it can be corrected.

rhondabatch@gmail.com mariecordova326@gmail.com
karenwens1@comcast.net balhyett@aol.com vwwallace10@gmail.com
rodneyloeber@hotmail.com

Daniel moved to accept and Marie seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

TRADITIONS COMMITTEE; Jeff	**Report given by: Daniel**

The Traditions Committee meet at 7:41 pm on May 18, 2026,
TK Chaired by request of Jeff R. who was not able to attend.
Also present were Steven W and Jeff C, along with Aviboaz as secretary.

There were a total of six motions, four were advanced for motions to be heard by the group, below in "New Business". The remaining two submitted motions were actually notices that someone was stepping down; Gene T. as Co-Supply and Thomas H. as Co-Chair.

The meeting closed at 7:58 pm.

Ginger moved to accept, John A seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

TREASURER: Rich	**Report given by: Rich**

- Bank Account
    - Statement Balance
        - April 1: $32,991.69
        - May 29: $34,752.03
    - Over/Under Prudent Reserve ($32,000):
        - **$2,752.03** ⇧

	April	May	Notes
Cash	$6,790.00	$5,081.00	
E-donations	$1,909.32	$1,509.58	
Total Receipts	**$8,699.32**	**$6,590.58**	← ***$2,108.74 lower than April***
Rent	($4,800.00)	($4,800.00)	
Utilities	($756.57)	($686.15)	
Insurance	–	–	
Pest Control	–	–	
Carpet Clean	–	($350.00)	
Supplies	($435.38)	($644.25)	
Fees	($5.36)	–	
Group Donations	–	($300.85)	
Total Expenses	**($6,748.31)**	**($6,781.25)**	
Net	$1,951.01	($190.67)	

- Receipts for April **$8,699,32** **$5,116.73 above 2026 average**
- Expenses for April **$6,748.31** **$1,951.01 less than Receipts**

- Receipts for May **$6,590.58** **$3,007.99 above 2026 average**
- Expenses for May **$6,781.25** **$190.67 more than Receipts**

Notes:

- Treasury is downloading bank statement detail throughout the month - all financials are fully reconciled between CG income and expense categories and Chase as they occur instead of waiting for month end
- 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 (in progress)

Q MARINE: Why don't we have a full spreadsheet like we did previously?
A Rich says we will have spreadsheet

Q PAULA: Do you keep track of attendance and its correlation to donations?

A RICH Yes, laborious but are working on it.

Q Donnie Can you see where there are yearly trends like last year at the same time?
A Rich says yes, but it takes time to build due to poor record keeping in the past.
Thomas says our record keeping in the past has been spotty but rich is working on it better to see   if we have issues or attendance.

A lively exchange followed, during which the concept of taking turns was explored only in theory.

Marie moved to accept, Ann seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

GSR: Kathy H	**Report given by: Kathy H**

District 32 GSR Report
Submitted by Kathy H.

District 32 Meeting Information
• April 12, 2026 —Second Sunday in April
May17,2026- ThirdSundayinMay
Motion passed to move the meeting to accommodate Mother's Day.

When: Second Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM Location: Champions Club - Non-Smoking Room
14340 Westfield Drive Houston, Texas 77014
Our next Area Assembly wil be held July 11-12, 2026, ni Beaumont. This will be a two-day event rather than a one-day event due to a hotel credit remaining from the canceled January assembly.

Vacant District 32 Service Positions
• Public Information (PI)
• Corrections Facilities (CFC)
• Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
• Treatment Facilities
• Workshops

Attendance
• Rhett K. - Young at Heart Women's Group
• Dave B. - Cypresswood
• Alex K. - Young at Heart
• Robin - GSYBS Magnolia
• Leah R. - Tomball Acceptance Group
• Erin K. - Williams Purpose
• Willie S. - Tradition Five
• Kathy H. - Cypress Group
• John H. - Cypress Group
District 32 discussed the continued topic of excess funds and opportunities to better serve the district. It was decided that literature would be purchased ot create newcomer packets rather than focusing solely on hosting additional workshops.

New Business
1 Motion to move the May 10 District Meeting to May 17 due to Mother's Day - Passed.
2 Motion to increase the newcomer packet budget from $200 to $350 - Passed unanimously.
3 One future District 32 meeting wil be dedicated to assembling newcomer packets for distribution to groups
4 Discussion regarding canceling District 32 meetings during the week of SETA Assembly - Tabled for further discussion.

May 17 District 32 - TBA
SETA Area Assembly
I was not able to attend the Area Assembly in April, but I am planning on attending the two-day assembly ni July. Christina S,. our delegate for GSO Area 67, attended the General Service Conference and will be sharing what she learned at a future District 32 meeting. She recently sent out the following information regarding an upcoming Fifth Edition: "The 5th Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous has been approved. The spelling of the city 'Plattsburg' ni Bill's Story will be changed to 'Plattsburgh,' and the word 'Eskimo' will be removed from Chapter :7 Working With Others and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term."

In loving service, Kathy H.

Ann moved to accept, Rich seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Michelle S	Report given by: Michelle S

Not much new to report.

Intergroup Open House being rescheduled. Details to come.

Next delegate meeting is Thursday, June 18th

Ann moved to accept, Donnie with noted enthusiasm seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

LITERATURE CHAIR: Vacant	Report given by: Helen

Report read by Helen, Co-Chair Morgan was absent

An order will be placed today for:
Big Books (hard cover)- 2 cases
12 and 12- 1 case
Chips: Desire, 1,2,3,5,9,10,11,18

Helen and I will be meeting on Saturdays to make Newcomer Packets and inventory. Subsequent orders will be placed the following Monday.

Regards,
Morgan S.

Thomas gives commentary on this position being a thankless job and the packets are a lot of work and is much appreciated.

Ann moved to accept, Kathy seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

FACILITY: Donnie S	**Report given by: Donnie S.**

Not much to report again this month. Phil was going to change AC filters, apparently the landlord did when he cleaned squirrel cages. He also commented he was going to upgrade them soon. Donnie also commented about some spilled water and that his assistant doesn't assist so well and the group laughed.

—Comments from group—

Thomas: Coffee filter, having issues with filtration and calcium, do we have those on schedule or used to be on auto replacement. Get with Josh he knows about it.

Becky, I don' t know if this is the right place, but I have a Curtiss coffee maker that I want to donate.

Thomas H says that will come later in new business.

Jamie; I know someone reported ants behind the counter.
Donnie laments about the group's crumb spreading

Bill moved to accept, Barb seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

SUPPLY: MARTIN M	**Report given by: Martin M**

All is well with supplies!

(my email is different from the one on the group)

Sent from my iPhone

NOT PRESENT….. Report read by Thomas

—Group comments—

ANN - whats up with coffee cups , teeny, teeny, tiny ones or huge ones

Thomas - Sometimes there's only small ones, sometimes there only large ones, it all based on stock at the time you go in there, getting just the right size cups can be hit or miss. Maybe Gene can share some knowledge.

Gene - , I never had a problem, they were always available, you just got to know where to look.

CLEANING OFFICER: Barb L	**Report given by: Barb L**

Nothing to report.

Sent from my iPhone

—Group comments—

Donnie - wait, wait, wait, being the facility guy and getting slammed by all those ants, lets talk about the clean up possibilities with the cleaning officer. - the group erupts in laughter.

Thomas - I will say in her defense, that y'all are a bunch of slobs.

Ginger moves to accept, Sarah seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

ARCHIVIST: Jordan S	**Report given by: Jordan S**

One addition has been made to the memory wall.

No present. Report read by Thomas H..

Joe was added to the wall. The group was sullen and quiet.

WEBMASTER: Ronny S.	Report given by: Ronny S.

Hi, the April 6 minutes have been posted to the web site.

Was Feb 6 our first business meeting for 2026? If not, can I have the minutes from the January meeting?

Web Master Report for April 2026:
Nothing new to report.

thanks,
Ronny

Ronny texted to say he wasn't going to make it
Thomas rambles and explains the website was relaunched with new hosting and that it looks really good and encourages members to visit the website.

Jamie - Coed softball, ronny did post this on website

John L - I just wanted to quickly state, oh crap. My phone can't connect, but I wanted to give exact days, hours, minutes, and seconds to the men's kayak trip.
122 days, 20 hours, 44 minutes, 37 seconds
[Secretary's note, it is currently June 1, 2026 at 8:28:23pm.]

Jamie moved to accept, Gene seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

SPEAKER MEETING: Paul B	Report given by: Paul B

Speakers are lined up, nothing else to report.
Paul adds that if you feel like you need to tell your story, let me know.

Ann moved to accept, Jaime seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

BIRTHDAY MEETING CHAIR: Sarah D	**Report given by: Sarah D**

NO REPORT RECEIVED

Forgot to report that she has nothing to repot

—Group comments—

Thomas asks about door protocol and the signs on the door directing people to the door to the second meeting room and they are all the doors unlocked?

Sarah - the door remains unlocked to comply with fire regulations the signs are to stop congestion and to prevent disturbing the speakers and attendees.

Gene - It also helps that A/C but not having all three doors flying open all the time.

John H - its a suggestion that you enter down there.

Sarah moved to accept, Rhonda seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)	

Reports from any standing committee not already given from Chair positions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Lease/Real Estate Comm by: Thomas H.**

Committee Meeting Report
Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Purpose of Meeting: The committee met by Zoom to discuss findings and recommendations regarding the future meeting location of The Cypress Group of Alcoholics Anonymous due to ongoing lease negotiation concerns with the current landlord. The current lease expires in January, and the committee recognized the importance of reaching a recommendation in a timely manner to ensure continuity and stability for the group.

Summary of Discussion

Option 1 – Remain at Current Location
The committee discussed remaining at the current location and continuing lease negotiations with the existing landlord. Discussion included the benefits of avoiding disruption to the group, maintaining familiarity for members, and exploring additional fundraising opportunities or methods to increase donation consistency to better support future lease expenses. Concerns were also expressed regarding uncertainty in future lease negotiations.

Option 2 – Continue Exploring Alternative Rental Locations
The committee reviewed additional rental opportunities that have been identified, including a favorable location on Huffmeister with improved parking and comparable rent, as well as another favorable location on the Highway 249 frontage road between Perry Road and Grant with lower lease expense and improved parking. The committee discussed continuing to evaluate rental opportunities through December and January while comparing accessibility, affordability, parking, and overall suitability for the group.

Option 3 – Build-to-Suit Opportunity
The committee thoroughly discussed the proposed build-to-suit opportunity presented by an investor located approximately six-tenths of a mile from the current meeting location. The proposal includes construction of a 45’ x 60’ building designed to suit the needs of The Cypress Group with a proposed 10-year lease at $4,000 per month. Additional details include written lease protections to prevent displacement should ownership change, well water and sewer availability, parking for approximately 50 vehicles with overflow parking, the ability to host outdoor fundraisers and events, and continued maintenance of the group’s renters insurance while the investor insures the building. The committee also noted that the investor has agreed to attend the June 1 business meeting to answer questions from the group.
Committee Action

Motion and Vote: Following discussion of all three options, a motion was made by Becky and seconded by Michelle to recommend Option 3, the build-to-suit opportunity, to The Cypress Group membership for consideration. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the recommendation.
Recommendation to the Group
The committee respectfully recommends that The Cypress Group consider pursuing the build-to-suit proposal as the preferred long-term solution for the group’s meeting space needs. The committee believes this option provides the greatest opportunity for long-term stability, improved facilities, adequate parking, protection against future displacement, and flexibility for future group growth and activities.

Submitted by: The Cypress Group Facility Committee

[Secretary's note: due to the importance of this topic, I've included all discussions]
[All discussions have been redacted for this ONLINE version of the June 1, 2026 minutes]

Presentation and group comments
012117

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None Listed

	OTHER BUSINESS / Floor Business

012155

→ *Barb is moving to elect Morgan S as literature Chair*.
Daniel seconds, approved by unanimous consent.

→ *Barb is moving to elect Helen G as Co-chair for literature*.
John L seconds, approved by unanimous consent.

Kathy nominates Leslie to be Co-Secretary.
Unknown male second's the motion.
Kathy asks if there is someone else here also wanting the position.
Aviboaz says traditionally both stand and say something about themselves and then they leave the room while the group votes.
Leslie says she was standing cuz she saw Aviboaz's plea for a co-secretary, that if someone else is willing to do it, she will not stand for the position so that person can be co-secretary and she will be of service somewhere else that group needs.

Sarah stands for co secretary -
Jamie, Mark E both seconded
I'm Sarah an alcoholic.
I've been sober Sam's March 8th of 2023, so just every three years. Um, I've been a teacher since 2010, I have my bachelor's and Masters in education. I'm very punctual, organized. I'm a creative thinker. I have a positive attitude.

I served the secretary at a home group level at District level and a regional level, so I'm comfortable with supporting Avi and what he needs, and I run a household by myself with 9 million children, so I'm happy to support him in any way needed.

Nomination is approved by unanimous consent.

Niel nominates Daniel for chair
Michelle S seconded and is approved by unanimous consent.

Sean T nominates Jamie for cochair
Paul B seconded and is approved by unanimous consent.

	OLD BUSINESS - Ongoing business not part of Committee Reports

None Listed

NEW BUSINESS

The Chair advanced the meeting to New Business.

#1	**MOTION BY SEAN T.**

012733 013739

MOTION
I'd like us to consider moving towards having both a chairperson and a co-chairperson for each meeting.

BACKGROUND
I believe this approach could help strengthen our group both now and in the future.

EXPECTED OUTCOME IF PASSED
To strengthening the stability and health of the group and better serving the newcomer.

AMENDED MOTION:
To have a meeting chair and a lead for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening meetings and for the Sunday morning meeting and 7 A.M. meetings.

Group polled, all but two voted in favor.

#2	**MOTION BY HAROLD E.**

013805 014048

MOTION
No repeat chairman for the 6:30 PM meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for one year.

BACKGROUND
To assist in the spirit of rotation and keep the group healthy if a volunteer chairman has done their two month duty during the 6:30 PM meeting scheduled for Monday, Wednesday or Friday. They are not eligible to volunteer for this position until one year has passed. There are only 6 chairperson leaders per year. We have plenty of members that might step up if the same people stop filling the spots.

EXPECTED OUTCOME IF PASSED
We will have a better cross-section of the membership and perspective from the leader chairperson at these large meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening. Some of the other meetings during the week have limited participation and may need to have repeat cheer people however, these evening meetings are large.

Harold Amended his motion.
AMENDED MOTION:
The meeting chairperson of the Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays 6:30pm meetings and then Sunday morning meeting 9 am can only serve once during a year, this motion is retroactive back to January 2026.

Group polled: All but 1 in favor as amended by Harold, see notes for amendment and discussion.

No minority opinion.

#3	**MOTION BY THOMAS H.**

014132 014226

MOTION
Allow an anonymous donor to donate a picture of “the man on the bed” to The Cypress Group to be displayed somewhere attractive.

BACKGROUND
This is a common image in Alcoholics Anonymous, which is displayed in most groups in honor of our founders discovery of working with others to keep themselves sober.
As a donated artwork, it’s appropriate to accept and display.

EXPECTED OUTCOME IF PASSED
The Cypress Group will have another visual image for newcomers to see and realize the history and promise of our life in RECOVERY.

Thomas unboxes the painting and shows the group.

Ann seconds the motion, passes by unanimous consent

#4	**MOTION BY BECKY M.**

014315

MOTION
To discuss and pass 501 c 3 status for the group.

BACKGROUND
Tax status

EXPECTED OUTCOME IF PASSED
I will file with the IRS and change our status

Daniel	I make a motion that the 501(c)(3) annual filings are a part of the Treasurer's responsibilities, and whether he/she does it themselves or has someone else do it is the treasure’s choice. Discussion by group. MOTION WORDING CORRECTED BY DANIEL: The 501(c)(3) annual filings are a part of the Treasurer's responsibilities, whether he/she does it themselves or has someone else do it. Unknown male seconded the motion, unknown female seconded motion. Group polled, all but 2 vote in favor of the motion. There was no minority opinion.

Michelle S	motions that Becky file the 501(c)(3) status for the group. Sarah seconds the motion Motion passed by unanimous consent.

See discussion notes for clarity of how motions came about.

940pm	**MEETING CLOSED**

Paul B seconded to close, -

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

The Cypress Group

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	Thomas H.	Aviboaz	June 6, 2026

	MEETING OPENS

	REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Thomas	Given by: Thomas

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.

SECRETARY; Aviboaz	Report given by: Aviboaz

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- 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.

STEERING COMMITTEE; jeff	Report given by: jeff

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.

TREASURER: Rich	Report given by: Rich

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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 weeklyTreasury 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
DONATIONS					
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					
TOTAL DONATIONS			**$7,779.51**		
TOTAL ASSETS	**$34,804.86**	**$38,982.63**	**$39,178.60**	**$34,635.16**	**$29,640.79**
EXPENSES					
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			
TOTAL EXPENSES	**-$1,744.46**	**-$7,583.54**	**-$6,482.51**	**-$4,994.37**	**$0.00**
TOTAL NET CASH FLOW	$33,060.40	$31,399.09	$32,696.09	$29,640.79	$29,640.79
vs Prudent Reserve		**($600.91)**	**$696.09**		

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.

GSR: Kathy H	**Report given by: Kathy H**

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

INTERGROUP REPORT: Michelle S	Report given by: Michelle S

Attended Delegate’s meeting February 19th
. Following are highlights of info to pass along:

- Intergroup Workship 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.

LITERATURE CHAIR: Heather S (Chair)	Report given by: Morgan S. (Co-Chair)

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.

FACILITY: Donnie S	Report given by: Donnie S.

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.

SUPPLY: MARTIN M	Report given by: Martin M

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.

CLEANING OFFICER: Barb L	Report given by: Barb L

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

ARCHIVIST: Jordan S	**Report given by: Jordan S**

No Report Received.

Jordan states he has nothing to report

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

WEBMASTER: Ronny S.	**Report given by: Ronny S.**

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.

SPEAKER MEETING: Paul B	**Report given by: Paul B**

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.

BIRTHDAY MEETING CHAIR: Sarah D	**Report given by: Sarah D**

No Report Received.
not present

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)	

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 28st

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Time:

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3:00PM

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Location: ___The Cypress Group_________

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at: _______
6:54pm_________________________
Submitted by: ____
Thomas Hammel

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- Committee Chairman

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Date:

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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 phase "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	**MOTION BY JEFF R**

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	**MOTION BY STEVEN W**

~~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	**MOTION BY CHERYL W. given by Dawn T.**

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	**MOTION BY THOMAS H. proxy to Avi**

ACA Group continues to meet (have been doing so for 5 years) at our facility and begin contributing to the 7th 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	**MOTION BY KIMBERY F**

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	**MOTION BY AVIBOAZ**

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	**MEETING CLOSED**

MEETING MINUTES
Feb 2, 2026 at 11508 Cypress North Houston, Cypress, TX 77429

The Cypress Group

Started at	Chaired by	Recorded by	Next Business Meeting is:
	Phil M.	Aviboaz	Apr 6, 2026

	MEETING OPENS

19:45 with serenity prayer

	REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair thanks volunteers for doing service work and highlights the 3 sides, unity, service, recovery.

Chair discusses group conscious (survey) and highlights points.

-unqualified leaders unable to control the meeting
-newcomers are not followed up with

CHAIR & COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Phil M	**Given by: Phil M**

-Chair discusses ad hoc committee on various issues, about the lease and changes to Real Estate committee as a standing committee.

SECRETARY; Aviboaz	Report given by: Aviboaz

- Group's Dec 2025 business meeting report has been completed.
- I am about ⅔ of the way done with the Motions Codex, which is a searchable list of all motions still in effect for the Cypress Group.
- I present to you this meeting's agenda.
- I used my personal credit card to get zoom up for the CG virtual meetings and am waiting for reimbursement. Receipt for $170.46 was sent to Treasurer (Rich) and Chairperson (Phil)
- The Secretary requests each person who speaks, to say their name first since I am not 100% sure of everyone's name or sound of voice yet.
- The Feb 2, 2026 agenda has been prepared and sent to the Chair.
- December 2025 minutes were sent to the Webmaster to be added to CG website.
- Thank you to everyone who emailed their reports on-time, it really helps to keep the minutes accurate and contributes to the meeting not being longer than it needs to be.

accepted by thomas and barb

STEERING COMMITTEE;	Report given by:

Jeff R opened the Steering Committee meeting Jan 19, 2026 at 19:38
conducted at 11506 Cypress North Houston, Cypres, TX 77429

Jeff states there is no minimum quorum necessary to proceed forward.
TK could not make the meeting due to family commitment.
Amber could not make the meeting.
Attending were Jeff R (Steering Committee Chair), Steve W., Daniel D., and Aviboaz as Secretary.

Jeff states one motion was submitted and was submitted by Robert U. and reads the motion.

MOTION

I motion to nominate Robert U. for the vacant Co-Secretary position of the Cypress Group.

BACKGROUND

The position is vacant and the group deserved to have a person in each position of leadership.

EXPECTED RESULT IF MOTION PASSES

Robert U. will assume the challenges and responsibilities immediately.

Debate among attending members consists mainly of whether a person can self-nominate.
Steven W. states that he nominated himself for his position during elections.
Jeff says, "well that's true" and the group accepts that self nomination is acceptable.
Daniel asks which Robert this is.
Aviboaz clarified, Robert U. not Rob H.
Daniel concludes it ultimately doesn't matter, because the motion is within the traditions.
The Steering Committee approves the motion to move to NEW BUSINESS.

Additional discussion about the nature of the steering committee happened, mostly for Steven and Daniels knowledge and benefit.

The meeting concluded at 19:50.

daniel accepts

TREASURER: Rich	**Report given by: Rich**

Per group rules, the Treasurer submits a report 3 days before business meetings in order to give the group the most up-to-date information.

Rich states that he did not get his report in and that he will get it done going forward.
Rich then gives a verbal summary of CG cash position.

December 2025 opening balance of		$33,687
	Receivables	$6,800
	Payables	$12,252
	Ending Balance	$28,268
January 2026 opening balance of		$28,268
	Receivables	$7,246
	Payables	$1,744
	Ending Balance	$33,768.29

Rich adds that this does not include some large bills that have just been paid or are about to be paid such as rent, etc.

TK asked about Zelle and if it is transferred and operating.

Daniel says it fixed

Thomas asks if Rich needs assistance in getting flyers updated for zelle payments

Phil asks Rich how will the treasurers report be delivered and disseminated tot he group? Short discussion ended with Rich indicating he will send to Secretary who will then distribute it to the group electronically.

Michelle S. motions to accept Thomas 2nd, passes by unanimous consent.

GSR: Kathy H	**Report given by: Kathy H**

District 32 Group Report

I attended the District 32 business meetings on December 13, 2025, and January 13, 2026.

Our Treasurer, Brandon H., reported that District 32 closed the year with an excess fund of $6,700. It was also noted that the Cypress Group contributed $2,739 to District 32, and that District 32 made a significant donation to SWRAASA.

Several District service positions remain vacant, including Public Information, CPC, Newsletter, and Workshops. The IT position was filled at this meeting by Sandy from the Telge Road

Women’s Group. Job descriptions for these positions are in the AA Service Manual. District 32 meets the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM at the Champions Club on West Sylvan Drive.

With the excess funds, District 32 voted to purchase Big Books and Twelve & Twelve books to help groups in need. A new group, the Walden Group, will receive 10 to 12 Big Books, and the remaining literature will be distributed to other groups as needed. Excess funds are generally used for literature, newcomer packets, and workshops.

Lastly, a new meeting has started at North Heights Recovery Center called “Old Timers Behaving Badly.” It meets on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 and follows a Red Book format.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

SETA Assembly Meeting Notes
Date: January 25, 2026
SETA Assembly Report
A report was given regarding the financial status of the General Service Office (GSO). It was reported that a literature price increase has been passed due to a lacking prudent reserve and insufficient group contributions. There will be a 25% increase on Big Books and a 15% increase on all other literature. These increases are necessary for GSO to continue providing essential services, including literature production, digital applications, employee support, archives, and public service announcements.

AA Grapevine remains over budget, largely due to the high cost of printing physical subscriptions. Printed copies continue to be necessary for prisons, institutions, and rehabilitation facilities. Updates have been made to the Grapevine app; however, its current reliability is still being evaluated.

Alternate Delegate Report
A report was given on the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA). This is a regional service convention focused on all aspects of service at the world, area, district, and group levels. SWRAASA comes to our area approximately every 22 years and will be held October 9–11, 2026, in Baytown, Texas. Members were encouraged to attend, bring sponsees,

and participate in workshops and service-focused programming.

SETA Convention Report

The 2026 SETA Convention, titled “The Broad Highway,” was canceled due to severe weather. Pre-registration totaled 404, with an anticipated attendance of 800. A weather clause was invoked in the hotel contract. While refunds were not issued by the hotel, approximately $18,000 paid as a deposit was secured as a credit toward future conventions. Registrants may request a refund within 30 days or choose to donate their registration to be applied to a future SETA convention. Hospitality room funds, which were fully supported by contributions, will be refunded or returned to contributing groups.

The January 2027 SETA Convention has a signed contract and will be held at South Shore Harbor.

Motions Brought to the Floor

• A motion to hold the SETA Convention every other year did not pass due to concerns that it would negatively affect attendance.
• A motion to hold the SETA Convention in one central location did not pass in order to honor the spirit of rotation across the area.
• A motion to establish an advisory committee for future SETA conventions passed, allowing experienced convention leaders to review locations, contracts, and provide guidance.
• A motion allowing the Finance Committee to review SETA convention contracts passed to help prevent unexpected financial burdens.

barb and Rich

INTERGROUP REPORT: Michelle S	**Report given by: Michelle S**

Attended December 2025 Intergroup delegate meeting to “check it out” prior to my January start in the position.

Here’s a few random things from December that I picked up to report:

- Still looking for candidates to replace Kelli

- Help needed with phones – various options available with coverage – promote service work within our group, sponsees, etc
- Intergroup feeling pinch of budget – encourage donations among our groups.   I did learn of interesting info on various ways to donate individually – should share these within group:

Individual Direct Gifts

Intergroup Association works fully in accordance with A.A. Traditions. Donations are accepted ONLY from members of the Fellowship. We do not accept outside donations from non-members or from other organizations. Under AA guidelines, donations from individual members are limited to $5000 per year.

Birthday Club

Many members of the Fellowship choose to make a donation to show their gratitude to A.A. on their birthday. Typically, this is called becoming a member of the Birthday Club. Members donate a dollar or some multiple for each year of their sobriety annually. Birthday Club givers can use our online donation page to set up an annual automatic payment on your debit or credit card.

Faithful Fivers

One of the best ways you can help us carry the message is to become a member of the “Faithful Fivers”. These are people who donate $5 or more each month to supporting our primary purpose around the greater Houston Area. Faithful Fiver donations can be set up on a monthly automatic charge on your debit or credit card through our online donation page. Intergroup is very appreciative of all donations. As Bill W. remarked, it’s not how much you give, but the fact that you do give to help support A.A.

- Next delegate meeting is February 19th.

Intergroup has weekend available for groups to handle phones and when she gets dates she will update CG and suggest our group helps out, we don't help despite being one of the largest groups

She discusses new ways to volunteer with newcomers and short time to volunteer for a few hours there. There is a little delay between delegate meeting and out business meeting

Thomas, anything AA related can go on bulletin board

Thomas asks Michelle to explain what phones are.
Michelle explains what intergroup inbound phones are for, for alcoholics who call looking for help, members do little shifts here and there and inbound calls to Intergroup gets forwarded to volunteer members for the time period they signed up for.

Michelle notes that we are one of the largest groups in the Houston area and we do not currently do any phone volunteer work at or for intergroup.

Michelle adds that Intergroup hopes to fill their executive Secretary position soon because Kelly R. is retiring.

Michelle talks about burner phones and passing them off member to member to answer intergroup phones being forwarded to our group as a possibility.
Intergroup needs our support, financial donations and more than just money donations, we give more than most.

Harold, David T does answer phones a lot and marie.
Harold discusses the techniques of forming a committee to get a phone here.

LITERATURE CHAIR: Neal (Chair)	Report given by: Heather S (Co-Chair)

(Neal and Heather were not present, Report given by proxy during business meeting)

Good evening!

I just wanted to check in for Literature this month. So far, so good. I checked the stock of everything today. Please let me know if anything is needed from me.

Thanks,
Heather Shifflet

Michelle S moves to accept and Kathy 2nd’s

neal has stepped down

FACILITY: Donnie S	Report given by:

Everything is good. Donnie is planning to get the mailbox key after the lease is signed.

We signed the lease last week or something.

Is planning to get lights cuz we need lights, our light guy doesn't stock those.
Thomas said we need to change locks to the bathroom towel box.

Safe was unpowered
Thomas put new batteries in it

Mark moves to accept and Thomas 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

SUPPLY: MARTIN M	Report given by: Martin M

Martin says it is all set up and running and he extolls how much he really loves this new job. Much laughter abounds.

Jay raised some concern about toilet paper strategy and Martin gave personal guarantees this issue has been attended to.

Barb moves to accept and Michelle 2nd's, passed by unanimous consent.

CLEANING OFFICER: Barb L	Report given by: Barb L

While we will never turn away volunteers, I have created a calendar with my Sponsee's and other folks who are willing to participate and already assigned all cleaning dates and those responsible for the year. One of the benefits of working with a lot of women I guess!

I did put it on the board near the kitchenette that we clean every Sunday at two if anybody would like to show up.

We are good.
Sent from my iPhone

Barb states the quarterly carpet cleaning is coming up, she spoke to either Roy, Rob or Ray,... and then settles on Ron, possible cleaned next tuesday and will make announcements at meetings to move chairs out.

Jordan moves to accept and Rhonda 2nd's, passes with unanimous consent.

ARCHIVIST: Jordan S	**Report given by: Jordan S**

Archivist Role was unclear to begin with.

Research has been conducted regarding the experience strength and hope from former AA archivists found digitally.

Also, a searchable document has been shared by Aviboaz of the meeting minutes from years past.

More to come as to how (more specifically) the archivist role can help carry the message and preserve the group history.

Efforts to aide are welcome when coming from a place of kindness and patience.

We have a binder, we have searchable google doc, we got all the minutes on the website back to 2012 and 2020.
asks for people to send him stuff they collect from around AA to give to him

Barb asks, they used to record our speaker meeting, is that still happening? Daniel said it doesn't know if they should be archived? Daniel says he has a lot on his Onedrive.

Harold expresses concern regarding the recordings and ponders if there was ever a vote for the recordings or what to do with the recordings. He also expresses the question of who else is reviewing them other than people in the group here.

Jordan says he can speak to this, that he has engaged with the Area level archivist who has been doing this for 9 years and that he plans to apply the same conformity and standards as CG acquires items and archives.

Harold states that he couldn't hear everything that was just said but hopes it is in-line with AA 12 traditions.

Phil and another ask the Secretary for an opinion. Yikes.
In short, I stated that unless the speaker knew in advance and agreed to be recorded and that the recording could be disseminated outside of CG, that the recording should remain private.

Ginger states that is started as a voluntary thing so people in the group could re-listen and that it was not for distribution.

Barb moves to accept and Michelle 2nd's, passes by unanimous consent.

WEBMASTER: Ronny S.	**Report given by: Ronny S.**

No Report Received

has something to report
we have 2 bills to pay coming up.
3 year renewal, 467.64 due march 12
domain name 86.54 (cypressgroupaa.org) due feb 28

Phil asks if Ronny has the invoices and Ronny states that he does but did not pay them until he had approval.

Aviboaz questions the cost of hosting and states that those seem high compared to other industry standard pricing. Ronny replies we are doing this through Wix and that this was previously set up by someone else back in the day and he has inherited what we have.

Aviboaz says he's just trying to save money and that he understands Ronny did not set this up, and that Aviboaz is just trying to understand how we got into this high price website.

Ronny also states that he does not want to move to cheaper hosting right this moment to avoid the high renewal pricing because it would cause a significant amount of burden and work on him since we only have 30 days to get all transferred and set some with new hosting.

Thomas moved to accept and Jeff 2nd's, passed by unanimous consent.

SPEAKER MEETING: Paul B	**Report given by: Paul B**

(Paul was not present, report given by written proxy)

This is Paul B.

I have speakers for the next 2 months. Everything is moving right along.

Kathy moves to accept and Rich 2nd's, passed by unanimous consent.

BIRTHDAY MEETING CHAIR: Sarah D	Report given by: Sarah D

Sarah just had an epiphany and exclaims that she just realized the report she sent was for this meeting and that in her personal deliberations, she didn't understand why no one answered. Report is below.

Hello!

I'm checking in for Birthday night chair with cowboy John. Everything is in order for the last Saturday of the month, including chips, cake and balloons.

Questions:

Is there a budget for these items per month?

How do we get reimbursed and what is the procedure?

Thanks so much,

Sarah D

Sarah ask about budget for those items. She states she did what they did last year and she had a hard time paying, birthday cakes and balloons add up.

Sarah says she'd like to know the procedure.
Aviboaz says Just send the bill to Rich.

Barb asks what is the budget?

Mark, there wasn't a budget, I just turned in my receipts, says there is no budget.

Ronny, how much did you spend

lot of receipts $39.99 for 24 ballons. birthday cake was 50 for half sheet

Harold says, no need to address, leave it to your wisdom

Thomas moves to accept and Barb 2nd's, passed by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)	

Reports from any standing committee not already given from Chair positions.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS	**Lease/Real Estate Comm by: Thomas H.**

Committee met on Dec 4, 2025
Attending were Thomas, Daniel, Donnie, Ken, Aviboaz

Thomas' Report:
We have also been discussing the lease renewal as the ad hoc committee chairman for the lease renewal. We have been gathering information from different sources and discussing options along with the committee members. We have a final meeting and we are finalizing the decision to secure the lease.

Secretary's Notes:
We looked at the property located next door to our current location (on the other side of the fence by daycare). It was close to the same size we currently have, and rent would be roughly $3,700-$4,500 all inclusive of fees, which is similar to what we paid during 2025.

The landlord is slow at responding to inquiries, but did indicate he will ask the owner (his daughter-in-law) to come down on the rent.

The landlord did not give any opposition to CG moving there.

The interior will need to be remodeled to accommodate CG and its 2 main rooms and private meeting rooms and storage. There is space for a better coffee bar.

We re-grouped at CG to meet with our current landlord (Richard). Ken and the landlord got heated as the landlord was not comprehending that Ken was showing his empathy for the landlord stating "problems" with CG and its current lease.

The landlord kept trying to say his Insurance is going up significantly because we are an Alcoholics Anonymous group and that he will have to pass that cost onto us in our release. The landlord stated 3 times that we should be prepared for a significant increase for this coming lease and another significant increase for the lease in 2027.

We have multiple reasons to believe the landlord is not truthful and is either wanting more money based on his assessment of market conditions or wants us out without saying it.

Committee conducted latest meeting Jan 17, 2026 at 14:07 - 15:15
11506 Cypress North Houston, Cypress, TX 77429

Thomas presented the lease options and difficulties on how he got to this; the landlord not being honest and potentially lying about some of the terms.
Thomas presented alternative locations, but none are ready to go right now.
At Thomas' request, Aviboaz read an email to the committee that was written by Thomas and previously sent to Richard the landlord and was also CC's to the committee..

Thomas informed that CG had previously lost its 501C3 due to filings not kept up with.

We don't have an option but to sign.
Phil and Aviboaz suggest we begin looking aggressively for alternatives.

Group voted on option 1 presented, $1,600 per month per unit, $4,800 total monthly, and the total annual rent with CAM fees and AC maintenance fees, $57,600. This is a 1 year lease, landlord refused to give a longer lease nor a month to month.

Committee decided to sign lease the 1 year, while also pursuing aggressive negotiation with the building next door that has the space we need, parking and rent is slightly cheaper than what Cypress Group pays now at our current location, before the rent increase.

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Understanding a deposit for a new next door place to move in Sept/Oct 2026 we can use that strategy to hold the place until CG makes a final decision.

Phil, Donnie and Aviboaz likes the idea of next door because it does not disrupt existing member's transit times or drives to the meeting. (least impact compared to other locations looked at)

Thomas H. paid and is also waiting to be reimbursed for Zoom costs, as the costs the group understood it to be wasn't the cost for the way the virtual meetings are being held. It required a 2nd license.

We are 1000 over what we were paying, rhetoric coming from the landlord was unacceptable. committee is researching for alternatives.
We need to find a place by sept so that we have a new place to go and time to move and get the new place set up.

Harold, we have a committee, they are changing their name, no motion needed.

Michelle a, question, ….. did CG lose 501c3, what does that affect?

Harold, are we going to do 501c3? Michelle Correststs Harold.

Rich moves to accept and Michelle S 2nd's, passed 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.

	NEW MOTIONS

Motion by: **Robert U.** on 12-21-2025 at 12:18 pm

I motion to nominate Robert U. for the vacant CO-Secretary position of The Cypress Group.

Background Info by Robert U.

The position is vacant and the group deserves to have a person in each position of leadership.

Expected Results if Motion Passes:

Robert U. will assume the challenges and responsibilities immediately.

motion withdrawn bc robert was a newcomer and then got drunk and is not currently present.
CG rules require the mover to be present.

Mark E nominated co-facility
approved by unanimous consent

Thomas motions to elect Morgan Co-Literature
And Michelle S. 2nd’s, passed by unanimous consent.

Kathy motions to adjourn at 8:54 pm and Rhonda 2nd's, passed by unanimous consent.

	MEETING CLOSED