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
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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, -