

OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Agenda

Saturday, October 5, 2024

1. **Introduction**
2. **Serenity Prayer** (All)
3. **Tradition 2:** “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”
4. **Tradition 4:** “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.”
5. **Minutes** (Deb B)
The minutes & treasurers report for the September meeting were approved. The following motions were discussed:

Motion 1 (Doreen) Proposal to have a speaker/discussion meeting once a month.

- **Vote: 28 present, yes=16, no=8, abstained=4; motion passed**

Motion 2 (Leeann) Proposal to disable the option for emoji reactions, either static or active, for our meeting. They are distracting, and actively reacting with emojis during shares is a form of cross talk.

- **Vote: 25 present, yes=21, no=0, abstained=4; motion passed**

Motion 3 (Leeann) Proposal that the closed chat time from 8:15-8:45 should apply to all, including cohosts. Posting messages such as (OA Meetings, and the like) should be postponed until 8:45 to help minimize distractions while people are doing the reading/meditation/sharing.

- **Vote: 25 present, yes=21, no=0, abstained=4; motion passed**

Motion 4 (Gloria) Proposal to change the months listed in the 12 Traditions back to numerals. AA has written them with numbers and when AA allows us to use them, we are asked to use them as written except for alcohol and alcoholic.

- **Vote: 25 present, yes=19, no=0, abstained=6; motion passed**

Motion 5 (April) Proposal to pay for a basic membership to SignUp Genius at a cost of \$9 per month (or prepay for one year) to eliminate ads

- **Vote: 20 present, yes=18, no=1, abstained=1; motion passed**

6. **Treasurer Report** (Cathy O and Karen R) Treasurer’s report was approved
 - \$617 income, expenses
 - \$107.89 Signup Genius (annual subscription)

- Reserves \$300
 - Amount sent \$509.11 to World Service
7. **Literature Report** (Paula M)
- Sent out newcomer packets: [We sent 8 newcomer packages](#)
8. **Old Business** none
9. **New Business** - Procedure for new business:
- Presenter will make the motion by reading it and giving more information if needed.
 - Chair will ask for someone to second the motion
 - If seconded, discussion will follow. Please raise electronic hand to participate in the discussion
 - After sufficient discussion, call to vote

Motion 1 (Gloria) Proposal to have the pre-meeting social time cease at 7:50 am so that service filling can take place. **Second:** Cathy O

Discussion:

KarenKay – we usually re-ask as people hop on the call. Waiting on that may be more stress on the pre-meeting host.

LeAnn – 10 minutes is too long; premeeting host should interrupt.

Bill – mute all at 10 minutes if still need to get service; avoids conflict so if someone finds it difficult to interrupt because they don't not want to appear controlling

Gloria – Clarified it does not need to be 10 mins.

Robin – the premeeting and host are usually on their toes.

Diana – if you see the host struggling, help them.

Denise – leave as is; understands Bill's point, but also was able to grab service last minute; she values the social time, some are more comfortable talking then.

Karen R – we recently voted on calling for the reads during the meeting so no need to worry about that service; also west coast folks (3 hours prior) often come on last minute, so let it be; this social time is needed.

- **Vote: 26 present, yes=3, no=15, abstained=8; motion failed**

Motion 2 (Kate, Bill, Leann, Carol) Approval to act as a committee to revise the copy/paste text and format. **Second:** Robin

Discussion:

Alice – once changed, will it be brought back to the group to approve?

Kate – no, trust of the committee is needed

LeAnn – to reduce redundancy and number of times chat is popping up and disrupting shares; condense and reduce number of times it shows up.

Bill – and possibly the timing

Kate – nothing new or removed.

Gloria – OA Concept 4 – trust is the spiritual principle

- **Vote: 23 present, yes=19, no=0, abstained=4; motion passed/failed**

10. **Future business** – Procedure for future business:

- If time permits, future agenda items may be introduced and discussed
- However, items will be tabled until next meeting's agenda

Devi: would like to eliminate the spelling of our website on the host script.

Discussion:

Denise - important to spell it out to prevent confusion because diff from password

KarenKay – awkward to spell

Anne – agree with Denise

Carol – it's in the chat so not necessary

Diane – don't care, but So! Much! Fun! To! Say! (like a cheer) 🗨️

Alice – does not take long to spell out, so stick with it

Kathleen – would not notice if they did not do it

Gloria – agree with continue to spell it out

Bill – are people paying attention to other people's shares

Deb – if you don't like it, don't look

KarenKay – the chat is distracting and rude

Kate – agree with KarenKay – they put their shares in the chat

Denise – personally she glances and then goes back; important to leave those 15 minutes for people

Diana – it's about good manners, we cannot control people

Ann – can we just allow direct shares? But then we would not be able to share global stuff

Bill L – appreciates everyone's input. Won't formalize a motion at this point

11. **Motion to Adjourn:** KarenKay, Gloria Seconds, meeting adjourned!