

## For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Minutes June 3, 2023

1. **Introduction:**

Welcome to the group conscience meeting of the For Today Meditation meeting of OA. My name is *Patsy*, I am powerless over food, and your chair for this meeting.

2. **Serenity Prayer:**

With lines muted, will those who wish to, please join me in the Serenity Prayer: *“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”*

3. **Tradition 4:** “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole.”

4. **Establishing Ground Rules:**

This meeting is held for one hour. The purpose of this meeting is to make decisions that affect our group. Decisions can be changed, amended, even thrown out. I encourage everyone here to participate. If a matter comes to a vote and you do not attend our meeting regularly or do not plan to, please consider whether it would be reasonable for you to vote. However, we welcome everyone’s viewpoint; we can all learn from one another. Please remember *Tradition Five: ‘Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers.’ Therefore, anything we decide at this meeting must reflect that purpose. No matter what we believe as individuals, we must be united in our purpose to carry our message as best we can to the compulsive overeater who still suffers. That person is our focus. May we do our best for them.*

**Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** *Minutes Approved*

GC Secretary Kate in Texas provided highlights of the May 2023 GC meeting citing motions that were carried and motions that failed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** *Treasurer’s Report Approved*

GC Treasurer Christy R presented the May 2023 report indicating \$516 income (fellow donations) which was sent as the contribution to the World Service Office. The treasury also holds \$850 in reserve broken down as follows:

- Zoom annual fee \$150 (payable 6/23)
- WIX Webhosting \$350
- Newcomer packets \$216
- Additional prudent reserve \$134

7. **Literature Report:**

GC Literature Coordinator *April* reported that she mailed out 6 newcomer packets in May 2023.

8. **Old Business:** *Karen R*

*Patsy* indicated that *Karen R* will give a report on the fund committee’s activities at the July 2023 GC meeting.

9. **New Business Proposed Motions:**

• **MOTION 1 (Ann C):** *Motion Carried – 29 Present: Yes 19 No 0*

**Proposed Motion:** To separate the Chair's format from the Screensaver's format. Ann C made the motion; Claudia seconded.

**Amended Motion:** To revise the meeting script by indenting the service position information in the script to distinguish it from the chair’s text. Ann C amended the motion; *KarenKay* seconded.

**Discussion:** Ann said that the current script has lots of colors and info that is distracting from the chair's script. Claudia said that the service people used the chair's text to time their duties. Ann suggested that two versions of the script could be offered with the chair script being simpler and only containing the chair's instructions/text. KarenKay said that having two scripts would be too labor intensive to maintain when changes occur. Susan suggested that the script be reformatted by indenting the service roles to distinguish their information from the chair's script. Kate in Texas, as service board secretary, was tasked to make these formatting changes.

- **MOTION 2 (Ann C): Motion Carried – 22 Present: Yes 11 No 6**

**Proposed Motion:** Arrange our website better. A lot has been added. At the top should be We Care List, service sign, newcomer resources, donate. I see a lot of new things in there that I never voted on in GC. Ann C made the motion; Kate in Texas seconded.

**Discussion:** Ann C suggested that moving the We Care List (WCL) and the newcomer button to the top of the website would make it easier to find. Tracy said that we needed to focus on the website's audience which is the newcomer. Ronna said that GC meetings spent too much time with busy work rather how to get new members and connect them with sponsors, empower members, and save the nitpicky things for offline discussion. Ann C responded that she regularly hears in the after-meeting that newcomers are having trouble finding the WCL and newcomers' button. Kathleen G said that she found the WCL easily on the website. Christy mentioned that the mobile version of the website was not user-friendly and that the newcomer button being moved to the top would remedy that. Patsy reminded that the trusted servants who were voted in to be the website and zoom coordinators, Stacy D and Zeffa, should not be micromanaged. Kate in Texas and Jennifer M suggested a request could be made to Stacy D and Zeffa to move the WCL and newcomer information to the top of the website. Kate in Texas then alerted the meeting that there was a copyright infringement on our website in that the entire For Today book was available as a downloadable PDF. Kate in Texas said that meetings could duplicate excerpts of OA literature on the website but not the whole book. This is illegal according to copyright law and impedes OA from selling these books and receiving the funds.

**After Vote Discussion:** Patsy asked Kate in Texas to convey the website requests to Sandy and Zeffa.

- **MOTION 3 (Claudia): Motion Carried – 20 Present: Yes 19 No 0**

**Proposed Motion:** Presentation of new Service Board (Trusted Servants) for July 1-December 31

**Discussion:** Claudia announced the new service board members as follows:

- GC Chair – Jennifer M (New)
- Secretary – Kate in Texas (Continuing)
- Treasurer – Christy R (Continuing)
- We Care List Coordinator – Amanda L (Pending)
- Meeting Contact – Leeann N (New)
- Service Position Coordinator – Claudia L (Continuing)
- Website & Zoom Coordinator – Stacey D/Zeffa K (Continuing)
- Literature – April K (Continuing)

- **Do we have a motion to end this meeting? Motion Carried -Unanimous**

KarenKay made the motion; Christy seconded.

## **10. Closing:**

*I put my hand in yours, and together we can do What we could never do alone.*

*No longer is there a sense of hopelessness. No longer must we each depend Upon our own unsteady willpower.*

*We are all together now, Reaching out our hands for Power & Strength Greater than ours, and as we join hands,*

*We find love and understanding Beyond our wildest dreams!*

**Meeting ended 9:05 AM EST.**

**Respectfully submitted June 11, 2023 by *Kate Edwards (Kate in Texas), GC Secretary***