

OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Minutes

Saturday, March 1, 2025

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 **February 2025** meeting were approved. The following motions were discussed:

Motion 1 (Genie) Propose that attendees do not use foul language in the For Today meeting shares. Genie - Our message is for the newcomer. Other language can be used.

Second: Alice

Vote: 36 present, yes=9, no=23, abstained=1; motion fails

Motion 2 (Wanda) **Propose that we keep the GC meeting to an hour.**

Second: Kim

Vote: 37 present, yes=11, no=12, abstained=8; motion fails

Motion 3 (Kim P) Motion votes stand for 6 months. Propose that website administrator would add section to website GC page "Prior motions' results for the last 6 months". Secretary would submit a tracking pdf to website administrator every month when minutes are submitted.

Second: Diana

Bill: call to vote

Vote: 37 present, yes=27, no=0, abstained=2 motion passes

Motion 4 (Kim P) Propose that discussion per motion limited to 4 pros, 4 cons. Indicate that you would like to discuss with thumbs up or thumbs down, chairperson would call on members in order until 4 and 4 are heard, then vote.

Second: Leeann

Diana: call to vote

Vote: 32 present, yes=26, no=0, abstained=2 motion passes

6. **Treasurer Report** (Cathy O and Karen R) **Approved**

- Received \$242 Jan, \$183 expenses in newcomer packets sent, but were donated, so did not hit expenses, sent to WSO \$242 **Report** (Karen R)
- Sent out **newcomer packets:** 6 new packets sent.

7. **Old Business** none

8. **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 (Cheryl) Propose that the service positions of Admit and Rename be combined into one position.

Second: Bill

Discussion:

PROS: No Pros

CONS:

Angie: Con 1 – she renames a lot and it would be too much

Ann: Con 2 – admitting is simple and may be attractive to someone who wants a simple position

Jean S: Con – service can be intimidating – don't want to deter. Maybe we can consider other positions to combine.

Denise: Con 4 – though it may be necessary at times – these are tied to security so they should be able to give it their full attention. Plus, it might be overwhelming.

Vote: 31 present, yes=0, no=20, abstained=5; **motion fails**

9. Future business – Procedure for future business:

- **Jennifer J:** possibly reserve time at end of meeting for those with burning desire or at risk of relapse.
- **Alice:** Possibly add to beginning of meeting “If you have recently shared, please wait”
 - Kim P** – that subject has not come up
 - Ann** – shares every day to maintain abstinence
 - Jean** – hard to monitor
 - Karen R** – when she speaks, she needs to. So not a fan.
 - Bill** – like both ideas. Agree we cannot enforce, just say it as part of script. Maybe a twist, maybe get together to workshop the wording of the motion.
 - Beth** – agrees, maybe a combo
 - Kate** – thinks 2 separate things and should not be combined. Idea: when we do reading, we announce “if you haven't read for a while'...use a similar thing
 - Bill:** For burning desire, could shorten time the person could speak
 - Kate:** in the meetings they do this, they reserve the time and give them the full share time
 - Vinny:** if we callout to those that have not been sharing, it could be embarrassing

- **Christy:** Suggestion for board volunteers, tweak process and maybe a google form on website for throwing your name in the ring. And maybe hold back until later and all go public at same time.
 - i. **Kim p** – believes in rotation of service and transparency.
- **Beth:** does not have a Zelle account. Is there another way to donate?
 - i. **Karen:** Zelle isn't the best. If you don't want to write a check, send electronically to OA.org directly. Paypal has tax implications.
 - ii. **Kim P:** this is an issue at other programs.
 - iii. **Alice:** being international, it's more difficult, so she donates to her intergroup

10. Motion to Adjourn: KarenKay, Alice, meeting adjourned!