

OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Agenda

Saturday, September 7, 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 August meeting were approved. The following motions were discussed:
 - Motion 1 (Doreen):** Proposal to have a speaker/discussion meeting once a month. Members who are interested can sign up to speak for 15 minutes. And then open up the meeting for shares. This will enable group members to know our stories better and enable opportunities for those to share what it was like, what happened and what it is like now. We can even still leave 5 minutes of meditation after the speaker. Perhaps the last day of each month.
 - Doreen not present – ask her to resubmit next month
 - Motion 2 (Kim):** Proposal to remind timekeepers that, per the daily service descriptions, they are to use their own timing devices and thus should not display the Zoom timer.
Vote: 34 present, yes=15, no=12, abstained=7; motion passed
 - Motion 3 (Lois):** Proposal to select readers for the 12 steps and tradition during the meeting. In this way more people would have the opportunity to give service in a small way.
Vote: 34 people, yes=24, no=0, abstained=10; motion passed
 - Motion 3 (Lois):** Proposal to increase the share time from 2 minutes to 3 minutes. All our shares have been good, and this would allow a better finishing of the shares.
Vote= 31 present, yes=2, no=22, abstained=9; motion failed
6. **Treasurer Report** (Cathy O and Karen R) Treasurer’s report was approved
 - \$455 income, expenses
 - \$0 no fees
 - Reserves \$300
 - Amount sent \$455 to World Service
7. **Literature Report** (Paula M)
 - Sent out newcomer packets: Paula not on
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 (Doreen) Proposal to have a speaker/discussion meeting once a month.

Second: Ann C

Discussion:

Ann – wonderful idea.

Leann – to do so, there has to be someone to be the tech host

Paula – lack of time for people to share

Claudio – weekly speaker – very nice thing because we know each other

Gloria – agree with time constraints, motion to increase share time was rejected, she feels this is a literature meeting

Deb – agree...if anyone heard Kate we got to hear her story, nice to learn about their background

Bill – maybe we give the platform so people can practice for other speaker, maybe a replacement for after meeting

Teresa – would like it wonderful idea

KarenKay – this is a set For Today reading meditation; there are other speaker meetings; also, if we go to speaker meeting once a month, someone has responsibility

Doreen – would not require an extra meeting, and would be a sign-up sheet

Yes = 16

No = 8

Abstain = 2

Participants = 28

Motion passes

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.

Second: Diana

Discussion:

Gloria – can be distracting

Robin - disagreeing

Diana - form of crosstalk

Ann C – agrees

Jean – call for vote

Yes = 21

No = 0

Abstain = 1

Participants = 25

Motion passes

Motion 3 (Leann) 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.

Second: KarenKay

Discussion:

Claudio split in 2, if chat is closed newcomers can't communicate, and the other thing is the messages as lean laid out

Ann – even during meeting copy/paste should be limited – diff subject for another motion

Ronna – many times there is something posted and then someone comments, she feels nothing should be posted unless before or after

Gloria – there are ways to minimize the chat so it does not get in the way, it is distracting

Doreen – strongly support; she posts her number in beginning

KarenKay – no chats will be posted once meeting begins (clarifying) Leann address...chat shut down as per usual, only copy/paste or critical messages by cohost. KK supports 100%

Diana – call to question

Call to question = 17

Yes = 21

No = 0

Abstain = 1

Participants = 25

Motion passes

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.

Second: Diana

Discussion:

Ann C – agree with this

Diana – agree with this

KarenKay – compromise is a good idea

Bill – call to question

Call to question = 16

Yes = 19

No = 0

Abstain = 0

Participants = 25

Motion passes

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

Second: Leeann

Discussion:

Leann – 100% for this because of impact, plus we have a lot of money

Claudio – depends on each person subscription

April – she confirmed members would NOT see ads

Jessica – gets warnings every time a site tries to sell info, signup genius is one of the worst, therefore this would be great for that also.

Karen R – find it distracting, income is high, this is easily affordable

Bill L – paying for this could mistake endorsing, member clarifies this is not the case

Gloria – for it, if we decide to do it, pay the yearly fee is that cheaper? April – yes we can save \$36

Ronna – pay month to month, then decide if it works as desired, we then pay for a year

Bill L – orgs managing multiple sign ups ~ \$270/month; April spoke to them, and they said we qualify for lower amount

Call to question = 16

Yes = 18

No = 1

Abstain = 1

Participants = 20

Motion passes

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

No time – if you want to submit, do so online

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