

OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Minutes

Saturday, August 3, 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 July meeting were approved. The following motions were discussed:
 - **Motion 1 (Felicia):**
 - Proposal to form a WhatsApp support group for Members who are doing service for our meeting with support in a security role. This will allow us to keep our meeting safe and support those who give service daily.
 - **Motion carries;** Present = 24; Yes = 6; No = 5; Abstain = 13

 - **Motion 2 (Paula M)**
 - Proposal to leave the chips out of the Newcomers Packet mailings as it costs \$4.00 more for each envelope with a chip than without. Second: Ronna
 - **Motion failed;** Present = 22; Yes = 0; No = 13; Abstain = 9
6. **Treasurer Report** (Cathy O and Karen R) Treasurer’s report was approved
 - \$366 income, expenses
 - \$180.13 annual zoom fee
 - Reserves \$300
 - Amount sent 185.87 to World Service
7. **Literature Report** (Paula M)
 - Sent out 8 newcomer packets
8. **Other service board reports** (SB members – optional) Leeann –
 - 2 people reached out about meeting in last week
9. **Old Business** none
10. **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. 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.

- Karen R seconds the motion

Discussion:

- Demi question – what if person using cell phone? Not pertinent to the motion.
- Jessica – pro this obsessive and finds it stressful. Is there a setting to allow the person to use it but don't display it? Group is unsure.
- Janeen – likes to see it, helps people keep their times
- Randi – same
- Jean – not a fan, distracting, we have a gentle reminder
- Leeann - we can shut it off for Gallery
- Kim P – don't turn it on so everyone sees it
- Ann C – doesn't bother her, helps people plan

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.

- Demi seconds the motion

Discussion:

- Ann C – nice to have it set up when you are premeeting, but she's good with this.
- Janeen – question is it tricky if you're screen share.
- Lois could wait a little before screen share,
- Wanda – it's not a problem
- Kate - we can work out that detail
- Demi – great idea to broaden the service, meeting starts at 8 and some don't know to get there at 7:45.
- Robin – good idea b/c we get a lot of repeats.
- Wanda – good idea, we don't then have to limit premeeting.
- Karen Kay – call for vote

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.

- Leeann seconds the motion

Discussion:

- Leeann – adamant no on this, we have 80-90 people. Would take away from having more people. The sharer should have organized their thoughts to finish in 2 minutes.
- KarenKay – not a good idea, people could go past time even if extended.
- Karen R – Agrees with this as well, against b/c there is the after meeting.
- Cathy O – agrees.
- Ann C – against as well.
- Jean – against as well, in Wednesday mtg we can share 4-5 minutes
- Deborah – she likes this mtg b/c shares are short.
- Arla – for this 3 minutes, more complete thoughts.

Vote= 31 present, yes=2, no=22, abstained=9; motion failed

11. 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

Leeann: options in zoom to show reactions, also emotions that cause it to flood the screen, fun but crosstalk, and can hurt the person that does not get these flooding emojis.

Deborah: lately she noticed a lot of outside literature being quoted. No potential motion, just an observation.

- Vini – are we going to have any script changes, and if so, let everyone know
- KarenKay – live and let live, no issue with it..
- Ann C - agrees with KarenKay.
- Randi – Noted the 'For Today' quotes have been read and approved by literature committee.

Lois: the other day there was a newcomer and people were showering them with info, causing confusion. Maybe 1 person should be tagged with the job.

- Ronna was going to get together a committee to discuss the after meeting.
 - Ronna – they met; consensus was to leave as is.
- Kim P – she was there for the meeting Lois is referring to. She agrees to leave as is. We all just need to control ourselves.
- Ann C – if you do need help, ask

Kim P: re: Doreen's proposal, big deal, we should all think about it.

Ann C: has a hard time in last 15 mins of meeting, a lot of chatter. Interrupts sharing. Maybe propose this change

12. Motion to Adjourn: KarenKay, Leeann Seconds, meeting adjourned!