

OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Minutes

Saturday, June 7, 2025

1. **Introduction**
2. **Serenity Prayer** (All) *God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.*
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 **May 2025** meeting were approved. The following motions were discussed:

Motion 1 (Ann C) Propose that intruders should not be called out during the meeting. Drawing attention to the intruder with discussion after can be triggering to some members.

Second: Angie

Amended motion: Wants to amend if we do “If an intruder enters the room they will be removed and reported. The membership will be notified in chat, “the meeting intruder has been removed, no further discussion necessary”.

Vote: 32 present, yes=25, no=1, abstained=2; motion passes

Motion 2 (Kim P) Propose that the use of emojis be reinstated for members during the meeting. (Motion to eliminate emojis passed in October 2024 meeting which was seven months ago and eligible for a new discussion).

Second: Jessica

Amended Motion: Propose that the use of reactions in the video squares be reinstated for members during the meeting.

Vote: 27 present, yes=7, no=15, abstained=2; motion fails

Motion 3 (Kate in TX) Propose that our meeting present a workshop open to any OA member on the Midlife Challenges in OA (title will change). Date and time TBD. 1.5 hours in length.

Second: Deb

Vote: 24 present, yes=18, no=2, abstained=2; motion passes

Motion 4 (Kate in TX) Propose that the number of GC meetings be reduced from once a month to once every three months. Meetings would be held on the first Saturday of January, April, July, and October. However, a special circumstance meeting could be scheduled by the Service Board at any time for a specific urgent topic.

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

- No report this month – see the website for June report once it is posted

7. **Literature Report** (Paula M)

- Sent out **newcomer packets**: **1 new packet sent.**

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
- **Chair will entertain 4 pro statements and 4 con statements after which a vote will be held.**

Motion 1 (Kate in Texas) Propose that the following members be approved as the new Service Board session from July 1- December 31, 2025:

- GC Chair: Bill L
- Co-Secretaries: Paula M and Lois N
- Co-Treasurers: Karen R and Kim P
- Service Coordinator: Lisa B
- Service Liaison: Doreen
- We Care List Co-Coordination: Wanda and Caroline P
- Meeting Contact: Jennifer M
- Literature Coordinator: Paula M
- Website and Zoom Coordinator: Stacey D

Thanks to those members who are leaving the board: April, Deb B, Leeann, Kate in Texas!

Vote: no dissents **motion passes!**

Motion 2 (Bill L) In the occurrence of removing an intruder from the meeting, add the statement "Feel free to say the Sick Man's Prayer after the meeting," to the script. A link to the prayer could also be posted in the chat.

Second: Lisa

Discussion:

PROS:

Name: Pro 1 – none

Name: Pro 2 – xxx

Name: Pro 3– xxx

Name: Pro 4 – xxx

CONS:

Name: Con 1 n- one

Name: Con 2 – xxx

Name: Con 3 – xxx

Name: Con 4 – xxx

Vote: 28 present, yes=8, no=5, abstained=7; **motion passes/fails**

10. Future business – Procedure for future business:

- **Kim** – maybe someone else can step up to help Stacey as website and Zoom coordinator.
- **Bill** – can we offer our zoom room for another meeting to use when we don't need? (Sat am 10:30 am meeting). A lot of folks left and they want to continue it but may not have the funds. We would just need to do some business work. Bill and Ann will write up the motion

11. Motion to Adjourn: Bill seconded by Deb