

## OA For Today Meditation Meeting Group Conscience Minutes

Saturday, November 5, 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 November meeting were **approved**. The following motions were discussed:

**Motion 1 (Devi)** Proposal to discontinue the spelling out of the For Today website in the meeting host script. **Second:** Luke

- **Vote: 25 present, yes=7, no=16, abstained=1; motion failed**

**Motion 2 (Lois)** Proposal to have the speaker meeting occur on the last Saturday of the month.

**Second:** Deb

- **Vote: 25 present, yes=1, no=17, abstained=4; motion failed**

**Motion 3 (Bill)** Proposal to clarify in the script that drinking beverages on camera is permitted.

**Second:** Deb

- **Vote: 24 present, yes=5, no=11, abstained=6; motion failed**

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

- Received \$267 Oct, no expenses, sent to WSO \$267;
- Received \$603 Nov, no expenses, sent WSO \$603

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

- Sent out newcomer packets: **No report from Paula today**

### 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 (Kate)** Approval of Service Board Members January 1 – June 20, 2025

- GC Chairperson ~ Kate in Texas
- Secretary ~ Deb B
- Co-Treasurers ~ Karen R
- We Care List Coordinator ~ Wanda
- Meeting Contact ~ Bill
- Service Contact ~ Doreen
- Service Co-Coordinators ~ April, Deb B
- Website & Zoom Coordinator ~ Stacey D
- Literature ~ Paula M

**Discussion:**

- **Christy** never heard the call to service
- **Kate** posted and mentioned multiple times on meetings
- **Ann** also did not hear
- **Kim** Did not like that there was a rebuttal of someone's concerns

**Vote: 31 present, yes=23, no=1, abstained=0; motion passes**

**Motion 2 (Leeann)** Approval to add the following statements to the script: "If you have a concern about another member, please either contact your sponsor or the member directly. Similarly, if you have a concern about the meeting either contact your or submit an agenda item for the Group Conscience (GC) meeting. **Second:** Diana

**Discussion:**

- **Leann:** we need a safe space. If I have an issue with someone, need to look at myself first and learn to deal directly with them.
  - **Ann:** agree 100%. Anonymity is important.
  - **Gloria:** agree – sees a lot of bickering. We are here to heal together, not point fingers.
  - **Karen Kay:** finds it distracting when folks put it in the chat
- **Vote: 31 present, yes=20, no=2, abstained=3; motion passes**

**Motion 3 (Luke Skywalker presented by Bill on his behalf)** Adding the "For Today" reading to the monthly Speaker Meeting, just before the Speaker starts their share. The Speaker of course would be freely sharing their ESH (experience, strength and hope), regardless of the For Today's reading.

**Second:** Gloria

**Discussion:**

- **Kim** would like to pass over a motion if the creator is not there (unrelated to the motion)
- **Kate:** We have done this as long as folks plan ahead and don't just not show up
- **Kim:** will put in a motion for January
- **Bill:** It just gives time to meditate and give space
- **Diana:** We don't want to miss 12 readings a year
- **Gloria:** 'For Today' sets the tone for the day and also appreciates the meditation
- **KarenKay:** Want the reading, not the meditation

**Vote: 29 present, yes=23, no=0, abstained=1; motion passes**

**Motion 4 (Goldie)** Recommend that our meeting records the Speakers who speak each month. These recordings with the permission of the Speaker, can be attached to the website. **Second:** Diana

**Discussion:**

- **Diana:** we discussed this last month, not in favor
- **Gloria:** in favor, it's very nice and would be great if others could attend.
- **Robin:** she is in favor because she missed the last 2 and she was sad.
- **Bill L:** Everyone's names would still be on the recording
- **Many:** the proposal is too just record the speaker, not video
- **Randi:** Against it because newcomers might come to the website and not get the message that is intended.

**Vote: 29 present, yes=9, no=10, abstained=4; motion failed**

**Motion 5 (Gloria)** Propose that a regular OA FOR TODAY attendee who has the CLAIM HOST KEY use it upon entering the meeting due to intruders. **Second:** Leann

**Discussion:**

- **KarenKay:** issue is the host needs to assign jobs and the transfer can be complicated. Not in favor of sharing premeeting host spot.
- **Bill:** pro just as a safety measure
- **Ann:** Con because of confusion
- **Jessica:** not necessary

**Vote: 27 present, yes=3, no=20, abstained=2; motion failed**

**Motion to extend meeting: yes=16, no=2, abstain=4; motion passes – extend 15 minutes**

**Motion 6 (Denise)** Propose that the host ask that if you have shared the day before, to please wait until everyone else has had a chance to share. **NOT HERE, move to Jan**

**Motion 7 (Alina presented by Bill on her behalf)** Propose that share times be 2 minutes and then 30 second wrap up OR 1.5 minutes with a 30 wrap up. **Second:** Bill

**Discussion:**

- **Gloria:** against. most people wrap up when told
- **Vinnie:** against. it is always jarring, so two reminders will be jarring too
- **Leeann:** when we run out of time. people could set their own timers privately to not be surprised.
- **Karen R:** against. too complicated. uses chimes to be more gentle (but received comments for no chimes) Kate - had voted against chimes
- **Diana:** against. warning is in the script.
- **Bill:** pro. not sure how to implement this, maybe waving hands
- **Ann:** leave at 2 minutes
- **KarenKay:** moved to voted

**Vote: 25 present, yes=3, no=18, abstained=2; motion failed**

**Bill motion to defer Alice's 3 motions to January GC meeting. Second: Kim. Agreed**

**Motion 8 (Alice L, BC)** Propose that online app timer be used during the 5:00 minute meditation.

**Deferred**

**Motion 9 (Alice L, BC)** Propose that attendees turn cameras on when joining the meeting - they can turn them off again afterwards.

**Deferred**

**Motion 10 (Alice L, BC)** Propose that the ability to turn cameras on be disabled from just after beginning of meeting until after 5:00 minute meditation

**Deferred**

**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

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