# PPOG General Zoom Meeting Script (revised May 13/24)

## BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS ASSIGN READINGS:

- How It Works (or the 12 Steps)
- 12 Traditions
- The Promises

## CHAIRPERSON OPENS THE MEETING:

Welcome to the Primary Purpose Online Group meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_, I am an alcoholic and I will be your chairperson for the meeting.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Please be careful of your surroundings and the personal information you provide when you speak. Everyone has now been muted. Please stay muted, except when sharing. Do not interrupt when someone is speaking. We ask that all be mindful and respectful of all those present when sharing, listening and if posting in the chat feature.

We are glad you are all here – especially any newcomers and anyone coming back. In keeping with our singleness of purpose the Third Tradition states "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking". We ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol. Anyone you see here may or may not have a drinking problem.

**BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS:** Are there any announcements for the good of AA? (Remind participants to unmute)

The meeting will now open with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

## **AA PREAMBLE (CHAIRPERSON READS):**

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

## HOW IT WORKS IS READ

## 12 TRADITIONS ARE READ

Is there anyone new joining us for their first, second or third AA meeting? If, so please unmute and introduce yourself by your first name only. If you are new, we would like to welcome you and we hope that you get enough out of this meeting to come back to another.

Is there anyone coming back who wishes to identify themselves?

It is important to recognize successes in periods of sobriety.

- Is there anyone who is celebrating a sobriety milestone between 24 hours and 11 months?
- Is there anyone celebrating any years of sobriety?

A word about the 12th Tradition: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities and to help us practice genuine. humility. What you hear in this meeting, stays here. You are welcome to tell people you are a member of AA; you are not welcome to tell them that anyone else is a member of AA.

#### ASK FOR 3 TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Please keep your shares to 3 minutes or less so we can hear from as many as possible.
- Please avoid cross talk.
- Does anyone want to start our discussion?

**CLOSE THE DISCUSSION** (Note to Chair - please try to close the discussion approx. 5 minutes before the end of the meeting...dependent on shares)

Before closing, we wish to remind you of the 7th Tradition which states that AA is self-supporting through its own contributions. You can donate by email transfer to this group at primarypurpose0@gmail.com. The 0 is a Zero.

For a list of in-person or online meetings, please see the respective meeting tabs on our website **aastjohns.com** 

Thanks to everyone for attending this meeting, with a special thanks to our hosts and readers. If anyone would like to get involved with AA service such as chairing, hosting or co-hosting, please mention it after the meeting.

We encourage you to join an AA group. If you wish to join this group, please let us know after the meeting. Please feel free to stick around after the meeting. This meeting room will remain open and is a great opportunity to connect and chat with fellow members, get phone numbers, ask questions etc.

## THE PROMISES ARE READ

We end the meeting with the I AM RESPONSIBLE PLEDGE...please unmute.