

General Zoom Meeting Script

November 12, 2021

BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS, ASSIGN READINGS:

How It Works (or the 12 Steps)

12 Traditions

CHAIRPERSON OPENS THE MEETING

CHANGE CHAT SETTINGS TO “HOST ONLY and CO-HOST”

Welcome to the online meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is _____ and I will be your chairperson for our meeting, and I am an Alcoholic. We are very happy to have you all here. At this point we have muted all participants so we may hear each other clearly, so please remember to unmute yourself if you wish to speak.

As well, the chat feature will be disabled during the meeting, however you can still communicate with any of the Hosts. During the last 15 minutes of the meeting, we will open the chat back up. So, we encourage you to stick around if you wish to connect with other members.

As well, please be careful of your own surroundings and personal information you provide when you speak.

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here – especially any newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that “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? **(Pause to allow for any announcements)**

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.

CHAIRPERSON READS PREAMBLE

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.

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HOW IT WORKS IS READ 12 TRADITIONS ARE READ

Is there anyone new joining us who wishes to identify themselves?

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: A.A. ANONYMITY

(Announcement for reading at meetings open to the public)

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." We respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videoed, or identified by full name on all media platforms or in any published reports of our meetings, including those reports on public media platforms.

The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us of that A.A. principles come before personalities.

ASK FOR 3 TOPICS

OPEN THE DISCUSSION

The first shares are reserved for anyone struggling or who may drink today. Does anyone have a burning desire to share?

CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION

DURING LAST 15 MINUTES, CHANGE CHAT SETTINGS TO "EVERYONE PUBLICLY AND DIRECTLY"
CLOSE THE DISCUSSION

Before closing, we wish to remind you of the 7th Tradition, which states AA is self-supporting through its own contributions. You can donate through the www.aastjohns.com website or by email transfer to sjintergroup@nl.rogers.com

Thanks to everyone, especially our hosts and readers. Please remember our primary purpose. Take a minute to reach out to someone today. If you are interested in any other meetings, please see our website under the local meetings tab. We encourage you to join a group and get involved.

We hope that you received enough out of this meeting to bring you back to another one.

If you are interested in joining this group and helping out, please stick around after the meeting. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other members and get some phone numbers.

Now for those who wish, we will close with the **LORD'S PRAYER**. (Or I Am Responsible Pledge)