

8/14/25

**Emergency group conscience meeting regarding the treasury situation.**

Josie opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer.

Bill - we don't have contact with our treasurer, despite multiple attempts via email and phone. Gordon has not been reimbursed for the past few months of zoom charges.

Andrea - there has been no treasury report since the May report. As of the end of May, according to that report, the treasury had \$2,508.21. Since then there have been no reports. She has emailed Nkechi numerous times through June and July and received no reply. Would like an immediate accounting of what has been taken in through member 7th tradition contributions and what has been disbursed.

Nkechi - her phone and ID were stolen. She just got a new phone. She has been traveling. Regarding the zoom account, she thought that she was paying Gordon for each upcoming month, ahead of time. She just paid him this morning.

A member asked - what are the disbursements to date, are they current.

Nkechi - would like to post this when she can. She will get this information to Andrea, as soon as possible.

Gordon - the group needs clear financial guidelines and clear records of disbursements. The treasurer has not been available. It's time to step down. We need a treasurer who makes timely reports. People are concerned about their 7th tradition contributions.

He has not received any receipts since January. He has been paying the zoom account since February 2022. The first two treasurers would acknowledge his request for payment within 24 hours.

This morning he was paid three times, so he now has money in advance for a receipt that he has not yet provided to the treasurer. Until one receives a receipt one should not be reimbursed for something.

He would like to ask Nkechi to step down, and have someone take over for the rest of this term.

Nkechi - she is reachable by text, email is often not available to her. She prefers texting, and has not received texts that there was a problem. There are "too many group emails" for her to find emails pertinent to her as treasurer. She said that, to her, this position is easy. She is an active member, is in the meeting often, that she was away for only this past week. In another meeting that she had been a member of there were co-treasurers, one of which she was. Fear and lack of trust seem to be what is driving this meeting, no longer dealing in the principles. She would have liked to see more than the \$250 prudent reserve when she took this position in January 2025.

A member thanked Nkechi for her service and that the issue today is not whether she is reachable by text or email.

Andrea made a motion that Nkechi step aside as treasurer. It was seconded by two raised hands.

Gordon - need to have discussion. A trusted servant is one thing but the treasurer has not performed the service. A group this size and the amount of money that is taken in, with no

reports for several months. He feels it is appropriate for her to step down. He suggests a new Venmo account be used for group contributions.

Nkechi - wants to assuage the fears and concerns of the group. In other groups she has given a verbal treasury report. She did not intend to distress the group. She would like to be able to give reports. She quoted from one of the readers about powerful solutions. She is easily reachable by text. Email as the only way to communicate about group issues is interesting to her; she wants to bring her information to the group so the numbers are available. Andrea is a new person, and there are other new people. This is her meeting too. If this was being done to someone else, she would ask for a minority vote.

Josie - called for the motion on the floor as there had been a fair amount of discussion.

Bill - the meeting has had minority opinion expressed. There has been a full-on discussion. At this point the group should be asked if there is a general consensus for the motion.

Bill is willing to use his Venmo account until a permanent treasurer is found. The group treasury document lists what the traditional procedure is for a treasurer. It's quite extensive. Receiving receipts, paying people, giving to WSO and GEA, electronically saving all receipts and copies of distributions.

At transition, he had transmitted all his and the previous treasurer Mary Lee's information to Nkechi. He spent two hours on the phone with her. He asked her if she understood and that he was available to answer questions. He has been subsequently available to her. Mary Lee is available as well even though she is no longer a member of this group.

A member asked that attendees be able to unmute, there are a lot of hands up, people need to be responded to.

A member shared her concern and frustration that four people keep unmuting and cross-talking, that this is not a safe or appropriate way to have a group meeting. Group conscience is not solely agreeing with what people are saying. Nkechi is a trusted servant, this is not a job.

A member said that there should now be a vote on this. There has been enough guidance provided to the treasurer. There has been enough justification, for and months. If it's not working, this is why we do a business meeting. Where is the accountability. No one should have to be chasing anyone around about where the money is.

A member said that everyone should get a chance to speak. Disrespectful if people don't get a chance to voice their opinions. We are a membership of equals. Treasurer needs to be accountable and give a report ASAP, and needs to make this a priority, not ordering food while on this meeting. She has not been doing her job. Give her a chance to account for funds and contributions.

A member said that Nkechi should be given the opportunity to clear everything up. She needs to be held accountable.

A member said this discussion has been going on for almost an hour, a motion is on the floor, it is time for a consensus.

A member said that before this meeting the intention of the emergency meeting was made clear, there were adequate instructions and training given to Nkechi, those duties have not been fulfilled. To give her more time seems to be part of our Alanon sickness. For the greater good a vote is the only real way to determine what the group conscience is for this meeting.

A member said that Nkechi needs to get the reports to Andrea today. Can that be done. People have been frustrated and fearful. It sounds like Nkechi can get this straightened out today.

A member asked about Robert's rules of order v. general group conscience. The reasons someone is a trusted servant is because their actions are trustworthy. She has been a treasurer and the group expects a monthly treasurer's report, that it's no longer about getting us up to date today. Can Nkechi do this going forward.

A member thanked Nkechi for her service. She would like the motion amended for someone to cover while Nkechi catches up and gets her affairs back together. Temporary coverage.

A member seconded that. Good idea to take a look at service manual p.49 group problems, traditions and principles. Many are frustrated here today.

A member said that it feels like control v. resistance. The issue is money and it's a concern. Why won't Nkechi just deposit it today.

A member thanked Nkechi for her service. Asked if there is a secretary for this meeting as so many issues have been raised. The group needs structure so everything is addressed. If everyone is not satisfied we need to keep talking about this issue, and other issues have been raised.

Bill - Andrea is secretary and minutes are posted on the group website.

A member said that a treasurer can say anything. She would like a screenshot of Venmo account receipts. Two different people need access to the Venmo account. Text or email isn't proof that money does in fact exist.

A member said that three months with no proof of receipts or transfer of monies is concerning. There has been no transparency or accountability. Allow Bill to take temporary treasurer position, allow Nkechi to get her supporting documentation, proof of payments, not an email. Made a motion that we make a temporary treasurer. The current Venmo account should be frozen.

Nkechi - she was completely not aware of these concerns. The narrative has been a lie. The group is operating from a level of fear. She had a concept of how to operate the treasury. She had to personally open an account separately; there is no group account. She was told she had options about how to present her information. She has not received any texts asking about receipts, She is completely disoriented around the level of accusations. These attacks are personal, have nothing to do with the treasury. Email is not her preferred form of communication. There are so many group emails, most have nothing to do with the treasury. Her goal is not to be abused or gaslit. She is embarrassed for the group. She feels judged and condemned. She has never been an email person. She has never not reported. Her goal was to simplify the treasury report. The group guidelines are not easy, they make no sense. She was working things out on her own. What people are saying is not true. She had communicated verbally at previous business mtgs. She doesn't know where this is coming from. She said she forgot a month and that these are intense accusations. She is a trusted servant so she has the freedom to revise in a way that makes sense to her, in the manner that she prefers. She wasn't aware that there was a problem, had not heard. She was told she could do the treasury as she feels led. She simplified it so it's simple and fun. She would like a co-treasurer. It's a new world of finances. There have been several changes of hands since she became treasurer, she may have lost track of who to report to, but not what she herself was doing. There is something going on beyond this, she doesn't want to be part of

this. This seems like political mayhem. She thought she was a member of this group, doesn't want to be part of a group with this level of accusation. This is not recovery, not traditions. She had just happened to run into Gordon, she had no idea and only heard about this last night.

She will no longer be a member of this meeting, it has been hijacked. This has been a great harm to her personal being. She thought she was dealing with Alanon.

Josie - since starting as group conscience chair in June there has been no treasurer present nor report given. That is why this emergency meeting was called.

A member said she would turn on her timer for 2 minutes and invited everyone to say the serenity prayer with her. Yesterday a reading was about trust, in ourselves and others. She is feeling uneasy. Do we have a broken process, we have just gone into fear. She has lost trust. She has heard at business meetings for the past few months there is no treasurer, no report. Trusted servant means trustworthy.

A member said that she has lost trust in the the process for the treasurer's accountability in the group. She would like to have a way to be assured, when she contributes, of where the monies are at all times. She feel resistance, control, manipulation, gaslighting from the treasurer. She asked Nkechi is she would deposit the full amount by the end of this meeting. Where is the missing money.

Would it be possible for three people to have access to the money.

Nkechi - she thought that by paying Gordon she had fulfilled her obligations.

A member spoke of QTIP: where is the report. Process and procedure. This isn't about what Nkechi wants to do differently. Believes there needs to be accountability in the way that the group asked to be done.

Josie - we need the treasury report today or tomorrow. Can there be a co-treasurer for the moment, and add to the September agenda about continuing this way. That maybe the group should be notified about upcoming GC meetings two weeks ahead of time in the chat.

Bill - nothing seems to be resolved after an hour and a half. Still don't have answers about the money from Nkechi. There was discussion with her at transition, he was available afterwards, he would have appreciated a direct conversation. He has volunteered to use his Venmo account to receive money, what does the group want to do. A vote needs to happen. The original motion had been made and seconded.

A member said we can't disregard the motion that was already made. The second motion was for Bill R., previous treasurer, to be interim treasurer until we see an accounting.

Nkechi left the meeting.

Josie - all those in favor of the motion to have Nkechi step down, please raise your hand.

27 hands in favor

7 hands opposed

Abstentions 10

Motion passes.

Second motion:

36 hands raised in favor

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Motion passes.

Josie closed with serenity prayer.

Bill will email Andrea his Venmo information. Andrea is asked to post this for updated chat in meetings as well as to the WhatsApp group chat. Bill will reach out to Nkechi again to see about group money getting transferred out of her account to the new Venmo account.

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Addendum 8/19

As of August 19th, there has been no response to multiple inquiries by the interim treasurer to the previous treasurer. Contributions are coming in totaling \$341 since August 15th, the meeting is solvent and will continue uninterrupted.