

Every Daily Reader Group Conscience Meeting / December 4, 2025

Members in attendance: 123

Alexis chaired the meeting; members volunteered to be tech host, chat host monitor and timer.
Alexis opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

She acknowledged the frustration with how long it has been taking to get through agenda items in recent Group Conscience meetings. The group uses Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM), which means we slow down so all can express their opinion: "We presume good will ... and reciprocal resolution of a conflict". She posted the agenda in the chat.

Andrea, Group Secretary, gave a recap of the Group Representative's (Eli) report:

Nov. 13 - Eli attended the District 43 meeting.

Discussed were:

- parameters for online groups of various sizes from small weekly meetings to very large global daily (250+) meetings
- changes to group conscience meeting format,
- filling service positions,
- employing Knowledge Based Decision Making (KBDM),
- issues affecting Spanish language groups, men's groups, minority voices, inclusion study groups and rural recovery groups,
- technical issues, meeting format, on-screen protocol, timed and repeat sharing, emojis.

Also discussed were:

- WSO contributions at the group and district level
- naming policy for online groups
- GEA regional linkage
- Alateen online safety
- tools for group inventories

Nov. 15 - another GR from District 43 presented a valuable resource for KBDM

Dec.4 - upcoming District 43 meeting which will be held today.

Alexis posted a link to Eli's full report in the chat.

Bill R., Interim Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report:

The interim treasurer term will end December 31, 2025. A new treasurer will begin on January 1, 2026.

Please contact the EDR Group Secretary if you are interested.

There may be one or more members of the financial committee who wish to fill the treasurer's role.

Please be sure to direct your contributions to the new Venmo account on January 1, 2026.

As of December 1, 2025, Every Daily Reader Group has the following:

\$250.00 in the treasury

\$590.99 was collected between November 1, 2025 and November 30, 2025.

77 total contributions with 37 different members contributing in November 2025.

75 Venmo contributions and 2 PayPal in November 2025.

\$262.00 was disbursed to GEA through Venmo for November, on December 1, 2025.

\$262.00 was disbursed to WSO-AFG through PayPal for November, on December 1, 2025.

\$65.99 Zoom One Pro paid to Gordy H. on November 23, 2025.

\$250.00 kept in prudent reserve forwarded to December 2025.

Anticipated expenses are as follows:

Zoom One Pro and 500 monthly participants Monthly Charge \$65.99 due December 23, 2025 and monthly thereafter.

Website Hosting (3 years) \$396.00 due January 5, 2026.

Domain Registration (10 years) \$126.10 due January 1, 2033.

Alexis said the group is looking for a Group Conscience Chair for 2026, beginning January 1. Anyone interested can contact Andrea, Group Secretary, and there is plenty of support to help a member get acclimated in this position.

The group adopted the tentative guidelines for the Group Conscience meetings: 1-hour meeting, 1-minute timed shares, no repeat shares until everyone has had the opportunity to share.

A member read the principles of Knowledge Based Decision Making, which were posted on-screen.

Old Business:

There has been some confusion about sharing more than once per week: is it only for that day's meeting (i.e. every Tuesday) and does it apply to the after-meeting.

Andrea read the suggested phrasing received in an email by a member who proposed this clarification, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Member- newcomers might share more than once per week, and to get more aggressive about this could discourage a newcomer from sharing.

Member - she attends every day and thinks this is a controlling suggestion; if someone who has a burning desire were to be denied the opportunity to share. She would like this clarification to clearly be a suggestion not a rule.

Maybe - maybe clarification is needed, i.e. Sunday to Sunday and to take into consideration someone who is in crisis.

Member - suggested "if you have shared at the Every Daily Reader meeting in the last seven days" and does not think this is controlling. It gives responsibility to people to remember if they have shared in the past seven days.

Member - sees no problem with someone who desires to share even if they have shared in the past week, if there are no hands raised.

Member - likes the suggested change to "the last seven days"; the needs of this large (300+) group must be kept in mind.

Member - agrees with the "last seven days" phrasing.

Member - confused that some people seem think the after-meeting is separate from the primary meeting; the "seven days" ought to include both.

Member - suggested the phrase "if you have shared this week at any of our Every Daily Reader meetings, please allow others to share" is not controlling.

Member - are we going to have Alanon police at this meeting.

Member - as a newcomer they were reluctant to speak because there are people who show up every day and share often.

Member - appreciates how organized and thoughtful everything is in this group; they thought the current script says "please consider not sharing if you have shared in the past week"; agrees that there is a core group who consistently shares.

Member - let people speak, let us not forget this is a disease and things come up.

Member - our Group Conscience asks that people share once per week including the after-meeting, to allow others to participate; the after-meeting does ask whether any beginners would like to ask questions or share.

Alexis - the next step is to take a vote:

If you think we should change the current script, raise your virtual hand:

22 out of 60

If you think we do not need to change the current script raise your virtual hand:

19 out of 60

Abstentions:

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There is not a substantial majority so the script will remain as is.

New Business:

Adding the traditional Alanon closing to the chairperson's script.

Member - they proposed this suggestion; they miss hearing it. Proposes it can be read before the Serenity Prayer closing. As a newcomer it made them feel safe and heard and welcomed.

Alexis posted the traditional Alanon closing.

Member - perhaps post the traditional Alanon closing in the chat, so newcomers can see it.

Member - this meeting is short, and adding this to the script might take time away from someone who wants to share; it is read at other Alanon meetings.

Member - reading the traditional closing takes 1 minute 20 seconds, feels this is too long for the regular meeting; it could be read at the after-meeting; does not like posting this in the chat.

Member - loves the "short and sweet" of this meeting; sometimes a newcomer can feel lost among the lengthy verbiage script; likes the idea of posting it in the chat.

Member - does not like the idea of adding more administrative information to the meeting; but the traditional Alanon closing meant very much to them as a newcomer; is in favor of conveying this in a short way at the meeting.

Member - as a newcomer they loved hearing the traditional Alanon closing.

Member - has a shortened version to let newcomers know "we love you, you're in the right place"; asked to post this in the chat.

Alexis - we will resume discussion of this topic at the next Group Conscience meeting. She thanked the members for attending this meeting and for their patience as we make our way through the agenda, and that it has been a pleasure to serve as chair for the past three months.

The 47 members in attendance closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.