

Every Daily Reader Group Conscience Meeting / February 5, 2026

Members present: 160

Kathy introduced herself as the new Group Conscience Co-Chair for 2026. She and Alexis will alternate chairing meetings.

Kathy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Andrea gave a Secretary Report: the Secretary rotation will be finished March 31. A new Secretary is needed for April 1, 2026 - April 1, 2027. Announcements about this, and the other 4-month service positions up for rotation, are being posted in the chat daily.

Eli gave the Group Representative report: the topic of emojis as cross-talk came up on the GR mailing list. He posted a link to his report in the chat. A Technology a subcommittee "worked thoughtfully and collaboratively" and determined it is possible for individual users to disable floating emojis on their own personal devices. "This outcome reflects Alanon's spirit of balance and respect". Tradition One, Tradition Four, Concept Four and Warranty Two were cited. "Individual choice rather than a single imposed solution [honors] both unity and personal autonomy, values at the heart of our program".

Debbie L. gave the Treasurer's Report:

- on January 1, 2026 she received \$250.00 Prudent Reserve and \$746.72 Excess Treasury transfer from Bill R., the Interim Treasurer.
- \$373.36 disbursed to GEA for December 2025
- \$373.36 disbursed to WSO-AFG for December 2025
- Total January 2026 collections: \$895.00
- \$447.50 disbursed to GEA for January 2026
- \$447.50 disbursed to WSO-AFG for January 2026
- Prudent Reserve as of January 31, 2026: \$250.00
- 91 total contributions for January (90 Venmo, 1 personal check).
- Number of different persons making contributions: 70
- Future commitments: Zoom One Pro Annual due Dec.19, 2026 to Gordy H. \$203.20 Zoom 500 Participant Annual due Dec.19, 2026 to Gordy H. \$550.00
WIX 3-year renewal due Jan.5, 2029 to Gordy H. \$504.00

Kathy noted that all 4-month service positions are opening up: March 1 through June 30. The Every Daily Reader group will need a new Group Secretary on April 1. That is a 1-year commitment.

Old Business:

- There are no upcoming Thursday holidays until April 1, 2027 and then July 4, 2030. The possibility of changing the date of an upcoming Group Conscience meeting when it would fall on a holiday had been discussed at the January meeting.

- Financial guidelines:

Amanda B. posted financial guidelines brought to the Financial Guidelines Committee in January. The Committee met in the fall. Amanda was the chair /facilitator. The intent was to codify practices that had been in place and set up transparency, roles and responsibilities of the positions.

The main change is that EDRG is going to have a dedicated bank account so funds will not sit in someone's personal bank account.

Kathy asked for questions. There were none.

Amanda continued: Once the Every Daily Reader group endorses these guidelines and it's committed in the minutes, the Financial Guidelines Committee will set in motion the next step to open a bank account.

Comments:

- Is treasurer at a different meeting and recommends not using USBank, citing difficulties when updating to a new treasurer.
- Concern about changing from one person to another, with bank account. Usually new accounts have to be created each time.

Amanda - Bill R did much research on banks. National banks make more sense than local banks for a smooth transition, which can be done. Two individuals (incoming and outgoing treasurers) can process the transition with the bank.

- What kind of account this would this be, since it's not personal but it's not a business account either.

Bill R - went to several banks. When EDR group specifies who the people are, in the minutes, the bank then will set up a business account. The only options are business and personal. We are an organization, not a person. The signatory will be setting this up.

- Has not used Venmo alot. Did not get a confirmation email the last time after sending contribution. Bill used to send an email confirming that the donation had been received.

Bill - within Venmo there is a response. He used to do this. He deferred to Debbie.

Debbie - she will be happy to send out confirmation emails.

- Declaring ourselves a business is opposed to Alanon principles, and is a point of confusion. What is the Alanon policy about banking as a business account?

Amanda - she has served as Treasurer in another meeting. Organizations are at the whim of institutions who organize their accounts. An entity that uses Minutes and collective decision-making falls within the parameters of a business, to banks.

Debbie - she has not yet gone to any banks personally. The group needs to vote and declare her Treasurer.

Kathy - it's time to move toward a vote.

- Member: Venmo sends her an email that she has paid someone; she can go into her Venmo account to see a withdrawal. She doesn't need a confirmation from Debbie.
- in Alanon service manual, on p.57, there is specific information about setting up a bank account and establishing federal employee ID number.
- Member: was confused if she was contributing to the correct person.

Kathy and Alexis called for the vote:

Ready to move forward with a bank account / in favor: 41 of 58

Not in favor: 0

No abstentions

The Motion passed.

The next step is for the committee to move forward.

Further Old Business: Enabling copy and paste from the chat

Member who asked for this - copy & paste is disabled. They attend a lot of zoom meetings and this function is always enabled. Feels it is countertuitive, like showing someone a meeting directory at a meeting but not letting them take it home with them. The intent is to save information from the chat.

Discussion:

- Copy & paste is better than a screenshot.
 - Screenshot is not a good idea because it might capture a person's face.
 - Opposed to copy & paste. What is shared in the chat is private. If you need information just contact us.
 - Allowing copy & paste would preserve anonymity better. A person would only be cutting & pasting that particular link. Is in favor of allowing copy & paste.
 - This is an anonymous program.
 - Opposed to this, it goes against anonymity. What you see here etc. let it stay here.
 - Balance pragmatism with anonymity. Share useful slogans, and links. A lot of information is provided during the meeting. Is in favor.
 - Phone number is on their picture with their name. We need to be able to protect our privacy.
 - You cannot copy & paste someone's face or name off the zoom screen, we not talking about the entire chat function. This is a more effective way to preserve anonymity, by not forcing people to take screenshots. We can't control whether people take screenshots or not, people will do that if they want to get information about conferences, etc. Copy & paste is a greater preservation of anonymity.
 - Gordy: zoom bombers necessitated the current disabling settings in place.
 - Opposed to it
 - Opposed to copy & paste
- Kathy - one can click on links, and it will take you to the webpage.
- This doesn't change anonymity. It's user friendly, helpful for acronyms, for instance.
 - Convenience

The vote was called for.

In favor of enabling copy & paste: 12 of 42

Opposed (stay the way it is now, copy & paste disabled): 20 of 42

Abstentions: 1

2/3 majority was not reached. There will be no changes at this time.

New Business For March -

1. Timer clarification, and to add this service position to the EDR website. Gordy shared that the Website Committee is waiting for transition. Updating is going a bit slow.
2. Posting the traditional Alanon closing in the chat at the end of the after-meeting.

Bill - the Alanon Quarterly Appeal letter is posted in the chat.

Gordy - the mailing contact will get the Quarterly Appeal letter to the treasurer and pass it on.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer, with 34 members.