

EDRG Group Conscience Meeting / Sept. 4, 2025

Gordy opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Treasurer Report - Bill R took over as interim treasurer after last month's emergency GC meeting on 8/14.

As of Sept 1, Every Daily Reader Group collected \$660 between Aug 15-Aug 31.

There were 41 Venmo contributions and one check contribution.

On Aug 31 \$205 was disbursed to GEA (Venmo) and \$205 disbursed to WSO AFG (PayPal).

There were no expenses between 8/15 and 8/31. \$250 prudent reserve is in the treasury.

As of this morning, there is \$330 in the treasury; the Zoom monthly payment is covered.

He reached out to the previous treasurer and has not heard back.

Anticipated expenses: Zoom \$65.99 due around 9/20/25

Website hosting \$396 due 1/5/2026

Gordy screen-shared the previous treasurer's report of group contributions from Jan 2025 through Aug 2025. The previous treasurer had sent an email saying she received \$660 into her Venmo account from Aug 15 through Sept.4, 2025, and that on Aug 31 she disbursed \$245.18 GEA on Aug 31 and \$255.18 to WSO.

The interim treasurer has received receipts from WSO and GEA of EDRG contributions for 2025. GEA is reviewing for more information. There are significant discrepancies with the amounts the previous treasurer reported.

Gordy opened the meeting for questions.

Member - asked Bill R, interim treasurer, how had he reached out to the previous treasurer. He replied: via email, telephone, text, and WhatsApp, with no response.

Member - asked what are the group expenses.

\$65.99 month for Zoom; WSO 50% and GEA 50% and \$250 prudent reserve always maintained.

Andrea, group secretary, summarized Eli's Group Representative (GR) report, as he was unable to attend. As GR, he acts as liaison between the group and the District, and between the group and the Area Assembly.

8/14 District Meeting summary: KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) is to be used in place of Robert's Rules of Order, which had been previously used in Alanon. The District needs a permanent Secretary and an Alternate District Representative.

Eli would like to know - regarding voting on the group's behalf - whether it is okay to use his own judgment and report back to the group afterwards, since getting an agenda before the District and Assembly meetings is "very challenging due to heirarchy of GEA".

Gordy explained he is acting in capacity as Group Conscience chair today; Josie asked to step aside because she wasn't comfortable with the commitment. Josie raised her hand and

addressed the meeting saying she was “not forced out”, that she felt uncomfortable in her position as GC chair, which included handling the technology asked of her in this capacity. She thanked Gordy for stepping in to cover this meeting.

Gordy said we need a GC chair, and anyone interested can please reach out to him or send him a message. Amanda (former GC chair, and unable to attend today) welcomes anyone talk to her about the commitment.

Bill R., interim treasurer, would like to start a financial guidelines committee. Anyone interested can contact him or Andrea.

Suggestion was made to create a written format for GC meeting based on KBDM.

The group’s current mailing address (CMA) - used by WSO to send the group mail (Quarterly appeal, treasurer receipts, new mail) has been Gordy’s address up to now; Amanda is going to be the new CMA.

Gordy - agenda item about people sharing more than once a week:  
This is already addressed in the format. He suggested that, if one is bothered by someone sharing more than once a week, that person may want to look at themself. We are not able to police this; please try to follow the suggestion and to also be tolerant.

Member - she had sent the email about this issue, specifically about re-phrasing what is currently said at the opening of each meeting (about sharing in the past week). She feels it is confusing, and suggested the group consider slightly different phrasing.

This will be tabled for New Business next month.

Gordy - Old Business: regarding finances, what does the group want to do next.  
There were no treasurer reports since May, and the previous treasurer has not responded to Bill’s messages.

Member - how much money are we not able to account for.

Gordy - last year the group took in an average of \$604/month. As there have been no reports since since May, that is 3 months of unreported contributions, and where is the prudent reserve. No monies have been transferred to current treasurer.

Gordy screen-shared GEA and WSO recorded donations from EDRG, which differ from what had been reported by the previous treasurer.

The group is doing its due diligence. What does the group want to do, moving forward.

Member - if a trusted servant is not doing their job, it is our responsibility as a group to step in, take it as a wash, look to the solution. If the former treasurer makes amends that’s a bonus.  
Focus on what we have and the health of the group.

Member - we've all learned something from this situation, is delighted that two committees are being formed to address this process. Time to move on.

Gordy added his phone number, for people interested in committees - GC chair and financial - please text him.

Member - the group has done amazingly well with this; we have awareness, acceptance and action. Make improvements going forward. Loving not punitive.

Member - regarding the term 'trusted servant' : the previous treasurer was given ample opportunity during last month's GC meeting to speak, to report; she was treated respectfully. The actions currently being done are going to be effective.

Member - more than one person needs to be able to access Venmo account.

Gordy - Venmo does not allow group or business accounts, only personal accounts. Bill is using his Venmo account, as was the previous treasurer and the one who preceded her. The group can adopt financial guidelines and a checking account so members can see deposits going in.

Member - can the new treasurer have a report ready a week before the GC meeting, so it can be presented if they are not able to attend, to prevent what was happening with lack of reports after May this year.

Member - the group needs to keep an open mind about what might have happened with the money, not make assumptions; the group seems to have no real expenses except Zoom; would like the group to continue to make reasonable attempts to find out what happened; it is irresponsible to just say 'let it go'.

Gordy - has reached out to WSO for more guidance with a situation like this. EDRG practices Corporate Poverty: the group zeros out every month except for the \$250 prudent reserve. Treasurer gives half to WSO and half to GEA.

Member - confused about why discussion is still ongoing, sounds investigative, it's been made very clear that there were discrepancies. The group needs to find a solution, members have asked to move on.

Member - appreciates the discussion because she wants to feel safe about contributing. Do we know how much money is not accounted for.

Gordy - no, because records were not accounted for, the group voted to ask the former treasurer to step down at last month's GC meeting.

Member - if the former treasurer is willing to stay in touch with the group and work things out, maybe she can do payment plan. Does not want to see this 'swept under the rug' , finds the idea of "it's ok, let's move on" disturbing.

Gordy - there's not much more we can do. We are not going to be a collections agent. Let the former treasurer know we have the facts. Let Bill follow up with her.

Member - has been attending this meeting for a couple of years, what she hears is an audit, not a policing issue. An audit is an accounting, how the money is being distributed. In her many years in Alanon, she knows that WSO sends out thank-you notices, because the report which goes to the Delegates shows every contribution made by groups in their areas. We do an audit to find out information, we learn from information.

Gordy - Bill is doing all of this and following up with the former treasurer.

Member - in Alanon everyone gets a voice, we are not criticizing, we are asking questions; wrongs have been done, with no response.

Gordy - Bill will keep us posted. Encourages members to get involved with the new committees, and attend upcoming GC meetings when the new guidelines will be discussed. Anyone with further questions can always reach out to him.

Gordy - Old Business: discussion about adding sentence to format "please consider turning off camera while driving, exercising or moving".  
At the August GC meeting, some people did not want to see anything further added to what is already in the script; some felt this borders on micromanaging. There was no unanimity and the chair asked that a vote be taken at the Sept GC meeting.

Gordy - are there any questions before we vote. No questions.

Hands raised:

Want to add that phrase to format	9
Do not want to change format	18

41 attendees, we need 2/3 (24 votes) to pass, so the Motion does not pass.

Gordy - New Business on the Oct GC meeting agenda: suggestion to add the WhatsApp group chat info to chat script. Also the use of heart emoticons during meetings: is it cross talk? Does the group want to create an alternate GC chair.

Member - for next month's agenda: consider changing frequency of shares.

Gordy - this will be Old Business for next month.

Gordy thanked everyone for staying.

The meeting closed with the Serenity prayer.

