

Every Daily Reader Group Conscience Meeting Minutes
January 1, 2026

Members in attendance: 148

Gordy chaired the meeting and opened with the Serenity Prayer. The agenda was posted on-screen.

There was no Group Representative report today.

Gordy introduced Debbie L., the incoming treasurer for 2026.

Bill R., interim treasurer, gave the treasurer report for December:

“The interim treasurer term ended December 31, 2025. Debbie L. begins as treasurer on January 1, 2026.

Starting January 1, 2026 please direct your contributions to the new Venmo

@Debbie-Litton last four digits 1509

As of January 1, 2026 Every Daily Reader Group has the following:

\$996.72 total in the treasury, with \$250.00 of that being the prudent reserve.

\$2,003.92 was collected between December 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

105 total contributions with 64 different members contributing in December 2025.

102 Venmo contributions, 2 checks and 1 Zelle contribution in December 2025.

\$0.00 was disbursed to GEA for December 2025.

\$0.00 was disbursed to WSO-AFG for December 2025.

\$203.20 Zoom One Pro Annual paid to Gordy H. on December 20, 2025. (Renewal due December 19, 2026)

\$550.00 Zoom 500 Participants Annual paid to Gordy H. on December 20, 2025. (Renewal due December 19, 2026)

\$504.00 WIX 3-year renewal paid to Gordy H. on December 20, 2025. (Renewal due January 5, 2029)

\$746.72 excess treasury above prudent reserve forwarded to Debbie L. by Venmo on January 1, 2026.

\$250.00 to be kept in prudent reserve forwarded to Debbie L. by Venmo on January 1, 2026.”

Bill shared that he will now be transferred the group account to Debbie today, January 1, 2026. Debbie introduced herself and stated that she is ready and excited to take the service role of treasurer for our group.

Gordy introduced Amanda, chair of the financial ad hoc committee. She spoke about the Financial Guidelines and shared the document on-screen. Due to problems with the previous treasurer there was a call to create a financial committee and to draw up guidelines for future treasurers. The committee met twice in October to create codification of previous practices. Members of the ad hoc committee are: Bill, Gordy, Jeanne, Eli, Debbie and Gail.

There will be a bank account for the group, for greater transparency. A group account would be opened so that group funds aren't sitting in a member's account.

This has not happened yet; the guidelines were introduced for the group to look at.

Gordy asked for questions and comments.

Member - can see in the document that treasurer will confer with others. Are there people supporting the treasurer?

Amanda - there will not be a committee to help. The group Secretary and group conscience chair would be point persons for communication and available to confer.

Jeanne - as a person on the financial committee, has concerns about a bank that would be able to cover both the east and west coasts.

Amanda - Gordy and Debbie will be working toward a bank account for the group.

Member - sees in the document that the treasurer has ten days to provide the treasurer's report before actions are taken. This seems like a long time.

Amanda - We discussed the amount of time. We considered that if something did befall the treasurer, like illness, we wanted to allow sufficient time for communication with the group.

Bill - To authorize a bank account the group has to approve opening the account. Once the group authorizes, we can move forward.

Financial Guidelines were posted in the chat.

Gordy announced that there will be a special group conscience meeting to discuss service positions.

All are encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place on January 18 at 4pm PST at Every Daily Readers AFG Zoom.

Gordy shared a document: Knowledge Based Decision Making (KDBM) which we use for our group conscience. A member read the document to the group.

Old Business:

1. Gordy shared the new guidelines for Group Conscience meetings: 1-hour format; 1-minute timed shares; no repeat shares until everyone has had a chance to speak; the chat will be closed.

Gordy asked for questions or comments.

Member - how can one ask questions during the meeting?

Gordy - the current format allows for one person at a time to ask questions. One can message the host or co-host in the chat.

2. Adding the traditional Alanon closing to the chair script. Gordy reviewed previous discussion regarding that issue. He provided statistics on how adding the traditional Alanon closing [1-minute 20-second reading] would increase the length of the chair format by 53.77%, and eliminate 243 2-minute shares per year.

Gordy asked for questions or comments and called for a vote.

Add a longer traditional script:

9 out of 55.

Leave the chair script as it is:

28 out of 55.

The proposed change did not pass, without 2/3 majority.

3. Enable members to copy and save chats during the meeting.

Gordy asked for questions and comments:

Member - would like to be able to save information from the chat. Would like to be able to copy & paste. Goes to a lot of online meetings and this is the only one with this feature disabled.

Member - why is this not allowed at our meeting?

Gordy - it is in the guidelines to protect anonymity. Recording is not allowed either.

Member - this doesn't change anything about anonymity; it is possible copy or screenshot. Unabling the feature would be a convenience and doesn't affect anonymity.

Gordy- this will be added as Old Business for the February group conscience meeting, for further discussion.

4. Appropriateness of a member smoking pot on-screen during meeting. Gordy said this is the 1-year anniversary of when zoom-bombing began on our meeting and the group began using a safety host. If there are issues such as obvious alcohol use, unclothed people, use of a water pipe, the safety host can remove anyone behaving inappropriately during a meeting. Gordy asked if there were any questions.

New Business:

1. No group conscience meetings on holidays: change the format of group conscience meetings so that if the 1st Thursday of the month falls on a holiday, then the group conscience meeting would be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Member - would this apply to holidays around the globe?

Gordy - this is an international meeting and there will be many holidays.

Member - how much does group conscience attendance fluctuate during holidays? [55 attendees at this time]

Member - we could check in with group conscience as we go and decide per holiday.

Gordy - participation is the key to harmony. We can discuss options at the February group conscience meeting.

Member - is not able to attend regular group conscience meetings because of work, and would be able to attend those that fall on a holiday. Likes the idea of looking ahead as we go - maybe an annual calendar.

Gordy - this will be discussed at the February group conscience meeting.

Member - do we have time to discuss a matter they brought up a while ago: to encourage people to take service positions by having in-person training? They are a visual and auditory learner; reading training information is difficult for them.

Gordy - our meeting has not been supporting service positions. There was talk of videos for training. The webmaster may be getting together a website committee regarding service training. If anyone would like to get involved with training for service positions, that will be a good way to help.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer, with 50 members in attendance.

