

LAA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

ORDINARY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Location: IBM Zoom ID 842 1001 4666 PC: 375920

Date: 5/6/2023

Persons in attendance:

Amy, Cindy, Dave, Derrick P, Diane, ili, Krista, Linda S, Lindsey Warner, Mary 5/3/23, Pooja G, Prachi, SueBee, Tisha, Cynthia, Katya, Vincent, Andrew, Adam, Chris E, Alexey, Amy, Cindy, Tisha & Dave

Meeting Service Positions:

Chairperson- Katya
Secretary/notetaker – Cynthia
Screen sharer – Chris

I. Opening Verse: Serenity Prayer (We Version) Stated at 11:35 am pct.

II. Approval of last IBM minutes from 4-1-23: 11:41am PCT

III. Committee Reports:

1. **Website: Tisha-** not in a good location to share.
2. **Treasury: Chris-** we do not have any expenses right now, so our balance keeps climbing – 1900 dollars

3. Literature: I sent the document of the basic text over in word, but I am still waiting to hear. We are waiting to happen. We talked in length about the literature, but it depends on the definition of recovery. Vincent: We wanted the word version, so we could get it over to Kindle.

4. Meeting Coordinator: Alexey – nothing to report at this time.

VI. New Literature:

Vincent: I made a proposal to see how people feel about it. Coda has literature – Powers and traits of codependents. It identifies the unhealthy behavior vs the healthy behavior. I would like to see a piece in LAA that describes unhealthy vs healthy.

Katya: are you wanting to get something from this group?

Vincent: I would be happy to participate with others to come up with something like this.

Adam: I am also in Coda and they put in a 5 minutes going over this. It does help me understand my own patterns.

Derrick: I really like this meeting. Maybe not in the prolog, but maybe in the beginning of the after hours. I am happy to help with this.

Mary: I have more of a procedure question for the IBM. Are their bi-laws in place for this organization. If I want a proposal for the meetings, is there a way to post that and is there a timeframe and approvals that need to take place? Has there been vetting of literature that has been approved?

Katya: Conference approved would be approved by group conscience. It is nice to bring items to the business meeting for approval, but not mandatory. The ODAAT meetings are sovereign, however. You would use the ODAAT meeting to talking about the ODAAT meetings and the IBM meeting for LAA documents that are read in each meeting.

Chris: Conference approved = was agreed to be published by LAA under group Conscience. LAA has not approved or disapproved readings chosen for each ODAAT meeting.

Vincent: Propose to create this piece of literature, and then we vote on how it can be introduced.

Andrews: I do think this is beneficial, especially for new combers. The issue is, however is that there are so many different types of love addicts. We need to be mindful that recovery looks different for different types of love addicts.

VII. Integration of International Fellowships

Katya: I have taken this on, but I have been so busy lately, and I need to reach out to all that I do know. I would also love to hear of when it is a good time to hold this meeting. I would love to hear from those that do go to other international meetings and help bring us together.

Pooja: Editing the basic meeting script, so it could be used outside of ODAAT meetings. The script mentioned ODAAT, and this be modified to be used in international meetings.

Linda: South Africa is the only group meetings under a separate intergroup. They have their own website. The intra group has forwarded it. The SA meetings still retain their meeting but they are just the same. They have their own whatsapp group. I don't see them being so different from LAA. They isn't a reason why they shouldn't be better known, as it is on the LAA calendar.

Katya: I think India has the greatest time change.

Pooja: Time change of the African meeting would interfere with the LAA ODAAT.

Katya: How about 8:00 am PST? We change the LAA IBM to 8am PST so it is easier for international to attend. All Agreed. 8:00 am PST will now be the time of the LAA IBM meetings.

Vincent: In regards to the literature changes, I am open to suggestions and view to assist with the development.

Vincent: In regards to the IBM meeting, If an earlier time is for IBM meeting the ODAAT meeting stays where it is ?

Katya: let's try this out, since we voted and see how it goes.

Adam: I would propose 1 day for an all men's meeting.

Katya: Does anyone have any comments about starting an all mens meeting.

Andrew: I like the idea and I would attend.

Vincent: If anyone wants to start a meeting like this, I will support it to get it off the ground.

Katya: Do we have all of our service positions filled? All is well here.

Andrew: Comments I can leave anyone who is abusing me verbally, physically, and emotionally. Can we look at adding "mentally"

Katya: Would you like to propose the wording, so we can vote? Will you write it in the chat?

Andrew: Does anyone have any thoughts about this as well, so we can make this a group conscious?

SueBee: I feel this is a big change, but I think it is a great idea, but a survey with many in the LAA program with their comments would be appropriate.

Linda: I am in favor with the change, but we can reword it to say I will not be abused, and then as the "such as" to describe a few ways, but not make it too static.

Derrick: I would like to send out a survey.

Chris: I do agree that it should be a larger body to approve this or chime in. I would say to put the new suggested wording in the whatsapp chat to get other's feedback. I do not like tinkering with the language, but I do feel tweaking is fine.

Katya: I do think we should be able to tinker with the wording for a breathing/living document.

Andrew: I am not a member of the whatsapp group, so I would not be able to raise it there.

Katya: Someone else could facilitate this on the whatsapp group, or we could have it as an announcement during the ODAAT meetings.

Derrick: We could add the survey to the links that go out during the meetings, and do this on the whatsapp. I can help facilitate this for Andrew.

Linda: I want to ask... Which Whatsapp chat should this appear on?

Katya: IBM Whatsapp chat.

Amy: Dave and I would like to propose a healthy dating plan meeting, after completing the 12 steps.

Katya: I would like to support this.

Derrick: how would you enforce that they have completed the 12 steps?

Amy: we would not enforce this. Anyone can attend.

Andrew: I am not ready yet, but I am supportive of this meeting.

Krista: I think this is a good idea to take these discussions out of the ODAAT meetings, giving them a space to discuss the dating process.

Amy: I do not know when we will have this meeting, but stay tuned.

Vincent: The old site is now available and it is the number 1 site that pops up. I think it would be good to add a redirect from that old site to go to our new site.

Katya: Tisha, is that something you and Mary could work on?

Andrew: It is now saying it is not there, when I try.

Linda: There is a grace period when the site expires. There is time for that person to renew/continue the site.

Katya: Who is taking the reign on this? Who can carry this ball?

Tisha: I will reach out to Derrick.

Pooja: We can put on the landing page a link to our website

Linda: That was on their previously, but the website is not available right now. That wouldn't help us currently. It would require someone who has writes to edit that site, when we don't know who would currently.

VI. Closing Prayer

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God, we pray for inner strength and wisdom to do together what we cannot do alone. Thank you for the courage to change. Show us how to open our hearts and eyes to your unconditional love for us and teach us how to love ourselves and others in a healthy way. May we find hope for a brighter tomorrow and pass that on to others in need. Thank you for a better way to live.