

LAA *Love Addicts Anonymous*

Meeting Type: Ordinary ODAAT Business Meeting

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Date: December 2, 2023

Start time: 10:30 a.m. PST (~140 mins.)

Attendees: Andrew, Katya, Lindsey, Tisha, Sarah & Pamela

Meeting Service Positions:

Chair: Andrew

Secretary: Pamela

Timekeeper: None

- I. Opening Verse:** Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- II. Review & Approval of Prior Minutes:**
 - i.** Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from 11/4/23 for final review and approval. Andrew motioned to approve the November minutes and Katya seconded. The November meeting minutes were accepted and approved with no objections.
- III. IBM & Committee Reports:**
 - i.** **IBM** – Katya reported a dire need to get more people involved in doing service in LAA. To make the fellowship aware of open service positions currently available, Dominic agreed to coordinate with Pamela to post service announcements in the WAGs. Katya requested that hosts announce open service positions in meetings as well. Recently, Dominic volunteered to serve in other capacities including the safety committee, greeter/newcomer liaison, and website manager. Dominic’s willingness to take on these service roles is greatly appreciated. LAA also needs a new treasurer for 2024 to replace Vincent, whose service commitment concludes at year end.

Katya indicated that a member recently complained that the IBM chair, as well as other service positions, have not rotated in quite some time. Because LAA is experiencing a service deficit, Katya takes no issue with service commitments being extended, so long as the member is willing and available to continue serving in their capacity. For instance, Lindsey has served as host coordinator in LAA for over a year and expressed a desire to leave the position. Because no one

stepped up to take on this role, however, and because she is now receiving adequate support, Lindsey has graciously agreed to stay on. Thank you for your service, Lindsey.

- ii. **Website** – Tisha reported that responsibility for servicing and maintaining the LAA website will be transferred from Mary to Dominic as soon as possible. The two are already in discussions regarding the transition process. Tisha advised that Mary has personally paid web hosting and domain expenses as part of her contribution to the fellowship. She will confirm that Mary does not need to be reimbursed for any web-related expenses incurred to date.

IV. **Discussions & Motions:**

- i. **Service Positions Qualifications & Commitments Guidelines** – Pamela, Andrew, and Marie met in November to finalize their recommendations relative to the qualifications and commitments associated with all service positions. Pamela screen-shared the guidelines document which delineated the subcommittee’s recommendations for discussion, feedback, and group conscience. Members in attendance reviewed the guidelines document and provided the following feedback and suggestions.
 - a. Katya suggested that certain service positions (e.g., IBM chair, ODAAT chair, treasurer) should require attendance at monthly IBM and ODAAT business meetings.
 - b. To assist host training efforts, Pamela offered to collaborate with Lindsey, the host coordinator, in developing an official LAA training manual for future use. On that note, Katya suggested that meeting hosts should be properly trained to receive, handle, and forward complaints to the safety committee.
 - c. In terms of resignation protocols for hosts, Lindsey suggested hosts provide at least 30 days’ notice in advance of leaving the position. Katya advised that meeting hosts also should be willing to recruit a replacement via the WAGs.
 - d. Katya disclosed that a member recently complained that a draft of the safety committee guidelines document, which was referenced in the November minutes, was not posted for fellowship-wide review. In her written response, Katya advised that the safety committee’s guidelines and recommendations have not been finalized, thus sharing a draft at this juncture would be premature. Katya stated that the safety committee has the authority to decide when a document is ready for fellowship-wide review. She advised that it is within the safety committee’s purview to decide when to publish a completed document on the WAGs. The same member also complained that certain service positions, such as IBM

chair, were not being rotated. Further, the member alleged that LAA was making decisions in “secret” and that only a small group of members were running LAA, in violation of the 12 Traditions. Katya further addressed the member’s complaints in the IBM Chat by refuting the member’s assertion that LAA is operating in secret. In terms of her position as IBM chair, Katya stated she is entirely open, willing, and ready to hand over this role. Until other members express interest in the position, however, Katya will continue to serve in this capacity.

- e. Sarah proposed that meeting hosts announce at every meeting that IBM and ODAAT business meetings are held first Saturday of every month. Members should be invited and encouraged to attend the monthly business meetings. Tisha agreed and reminded everyone that the URL to the monthly business meetings are on the website.
- f. Following group conscience discussions, Andrew moved that the service positions guidelines document be adopted as revised, and Pamela seconded. The service positions guidelines document was adopted with no objections. Andrew maintained that if the wider fellowship has suggestions or feedback to this document, they are welcome to attend a business meeting and propose an amendment.

- ii. **Member Phone List** – Lindsey raised the issue that the phone list (a Google doc), mysteriously disappeared, and no one seems to know what happened to it. A discussion ensued as to whether a phone list is even necessary, given that the WAGs are in use. Lindsey proposed that we discontinue the phone list, and there were no objections.
- iii. **Adding Members to the WAGs** – Lindsey reported that recently one or two members had trouble joining the WAGs because, as it turned out, WhatsApp was not downloaded on their cell phones. Once a member has downloaded the app, any administrator can add/remove a member from the WAGs. The links that hosts provide in the Zoom Chat enable members to join a WAG, provided the app has been downloaded. Also, Tisha and Lindsey have noticed that some individuals who do not attend meetings have asked to join the WAGs, which struck them as odd. So long as safety protocols are not being violated, said Katya, perhaps we should not be so concerned with who is requesting access to the WAGs and whether they are attending meetings. Policing the WAGs to determine whether WAG users are attending meetings is impractical and too much work, said Katya.
- iv. **“Hosts Docs”** (opening literature) – Tisha advised that, although she has edited/posted the hosts docs on the WAGs, some hosts are still using old documents. It should be noted that the current host docs include the reformatted LAA closing prayer. Katya proposed reminding hosts to retrieve the most current version of the host docs from the ODAAT Service WAG. Dominic will post an announcement on the ODAAT Service WAG to remind hosts to retrieve the most

current version of the host docs. Katya stated the embedded links need to be updated as well.

Tisha questioned why the section of the host script that references “personal dissension among individual members” was included. Katya stated the reason this sentence was added was because, at one time, there was a lot of conflict among meeting participants. A couple of members also expressed concern about the need for the following statement in the host script: “The chat is not to be used to express frustration with the reading.” In response to these concerns and based on prior discussions regarding the need for revisions, Andrew moved to create a standing ODAAT literature committee to perform a line-by-line analysis of the host docs/script and to recommend changes. Pamela seconded. Andrew advised that the ODAAT literature committee will not supplant the LAA literature committee. Andrew’s motion was seconded and approved with no objections. Pamela motioned to chair this committee and Katya seconded. The newly formed ODAAT literature committee consists of Pamela (chair), Andrew, Katya, and Tisha.

V. **Closing:** Andrew adjourned the meeting with the LAA Closing Prayer:

LAA Closing Prayer

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 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.