

LAA *Love Addicts Anonymous*

Meeting Type: Ordinary ODAAT Meeting

Location: [Zoom Link](#)

Date: July 6, 2024

Start time: 10:30 a.m. PST (52 m.)

Attendees: Andrew, Ally, Erin, Gwendolyn, Jade, Jennifer, Karen L., Katya, Kiki, Nicole, Sonja, Zuzana, & Pamela

ODAAT Service Positions

Chair: Andrew

Secretary: Pamela

Timekeeper: None

I. Opening Verse

- i. Moment of Silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer

II. Review & Approval of Prior Minutes

- i. Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from June 1, 2024 for final review and approval. On or about June 18th, a draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs for fellowship-wide review with no feedback. Andrew moved to approve the minutes and Pamela seconded. None opposed, and the June minutes were adopted unanimously.

III. IBM & Committee Reports

- i. **IBM** – Highlights from the July IBM are enumerated as follows:
 - i. The Seventh Tradition account balance on June 30th was \$2,609.93.
 - ii. Diana is maintaining the website under Mary's oversight. At present, the webmasters do not have the capacity to build a new website.
 - iii. A new literature submission written to support Promise 9 will be reviewed by the LAA literature committee. Member stories are still being collected.
 - iv. Several key service positions are currently available including the ODAAT chair and secretary roles, IBM secretary, host coordinator, and host/cohost.

- ii. **ODAAT (ad hoc) Literature Committee** (Pamela) – The last couple of times committee meetings were scheduled, no one showed. Pamela plans to recruit new members for the ad hoc literature committee to renew interest in developing a host training manual.

IV. Discussions & Motions

- i. **Open Service Positions** – Currently, LAA has open service positions including ODAAT chair, ODAAT secretary, IBM secretary, host coordinator, and host/cohost. Pamela screen-shared the service position guidelines for several service positions. Andrew strongly encouraged members to volunteer for these and other service positions. Gwendolyn suggested creating a roster of open service positions where members can sign up to serve on a limited basis, versus a longer commitment.
- ii. **First Saturday Meeting Conflicts** – Jennifer raised a concern that the first Saturday ODAAT after-hours meeting (AM) ends abruptly due to the business meeting starting at 10:30 AM PST. She queried if a different meeting link could be used or perhaps move the business meeting to a later time. Other members concurred, stating that cutting the after-hours meeting short to start the business meeting is too abrupt and interrupts participant sharing. Katya suggested the use of break-out rooms to avoid the meeting conflict/interruption, which obviates the need to change meeting links. The suggestion to use break-out rooms on first Saturdays was well received. Katya moved that a break-out room be used to hold the monthly business meeting and that the break-out rooms only be used for official LAA business; Gwendolyn seconded. A discussion ensued as to the mechanics of using break-out rooms for both meetings. Gwendolyn briefly explained how the break-out rooms would work for both meetings. Per group conscience, the ODAAT host would create a break-out room for the business meeting and move business meeting participants to that room. None opposed, and the motion carried.
- iii. **Future ODAAT Business Meetings** – Andrew has given three months’ notice of his departure, and, to date, no one has volunteered to assume the chairperson role as of August 1st. Andrew advised that the new chairperson does not have to know everything there is to know about chairing, but simply have a willingness to serve. A discussion ensued as to if and how the ODAAT business meeting would move forward in the absence of a chair. The discussion ended with no resolution.
- iv. **Literature Questions** – Jade raised a question of “sex-related topics” being discouraged in meetings, per the host script, which, she juxtaposed with references to “using sex as pseudo-intimacy,” as well as the definition of recovery being defined as monogamy. She also questioned the admonishment against the use of “excessive profanity,” as reflected in the host script. In the interest of time, Andrew suggested that Jade’s questions be directed to the respective literature committees for further inquiry and review.

V. **Closing:** Andrew adjourned the business meeting with the 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.