

# **LAA** *Love Addicts Anonymous*

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**Meeting Type:** LAA IBM Meeting

**Location:** [Zoom Link](#)

**Date:** Aug 3rd, 2024

**Start time:** 11:00 a.m. EST (57 m.)

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**Attendees:** Tisha, Pamela, Kendra M., Orlando, Kelly K., Kendra M., Lindsey W., Pooja, & Dominic M.

**ODAAAT Service Positions**

**Chair:** Tisha

**Secretary:** None

**Timekeeper:** None

- I. **Opening Verse:** Moment of Silence followed by we version of the Serenity Prayer
- II. **Review & Approval of Prior Minutes:**
  - i. Tisha screen-shared to display the IBM agenda. Dominic took the minutes. Pamela screen-shared the meeting minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup> for final review and approval. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, a draft of the minutes was posted on the WAGs for fellowship-wide review. Pamela mentioned that this was her last month to serve as LAA secretary and thanked everyone for letting her be of service. Tisha motioned to approve the minutes and Orlando seconded. The motion to approve the minutes from July was seconded, and the minutes were accepted.
- III. **IBM & Committee Reports:**
  - i. **Treasury Committee** – Kendra screen-shared the LAA treasurer report. Opening balance in July was shown and donation of \$72.00, paid \$4.05 for Stripe processing fees, paid Zoom monthly subscription of \$23.73, which is a total of \$44,22. As of July 31st, 2024, \$2,644.74 is our bank balance. Pending \$9.41 to the bank for Stripe payout to the bank. There were no motions for the LAA treasurer's report. Tisha motioned to accept the report. Pamela seconded. The LAA treasurer's report was accepted by raising virtual hands. Tisha posted the link to the LAA IBM Agenda in the chat. Tisha enabled the zoom timer to stay on track since a LAA ODAAT meeting was following the IBM.

Month	Transaction	Sum of Amount
<b>July 2024</b>		
	Opening Balance	\$2,609.93
	Stripe Donations	\$72.00
	Stripe Processing Fees	-\$4.05
	Zoom Subscription	-\$23.73
<b>July 2024 Total</b>		\$44.22
<b>BANK BALANCE</b>		\$2,644.74
<b>Pending Stripe Payout to Bank</b>		\$9.41
LAA 7th Tradition balance as of July 31st, 2024. All funds are listed in USD.		

- ii. **Website Committee** - Making updates as needed. Number of open positions. We are working on getting a banner or pop-up to advertise positions open. If there are suggestions, please reach out to Tisha to forward to the webmaster. There were no questions or comments.
- iii. **Literature Committee** - Need to have another meeting. Updated recommended language for Promise 9. Now to work on the submission/consideration for the reading to correspond to the 9th Promise. Open to recommendations for literature, accepting personal recovery stories, and/or interested in serving the LAA Literature Committee, please email [literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org](mailto:literature@loveaddictsanonymous.org).
- iv. **LAA Safety Committee** - no updates.
- v. **LAA Identity Committee** - inactive. no updates.
- vi. **ODAAT Fellowship** - 15 meetings total. (Two meetings Monday - Saturday, Sunday has 3 meetings). Some meetings need regular hosts. If you have a desire to be of service (hosts or co-hosting) and meet the requirements. Pam, who was the LAA secretary for both IBM and ODAAT business meetings, mentioned that in a recent ODAAT business meeting it was voted to separate the roles of LAA IBM secretary and create its own ODAAT business secretary position. There was no further discussion.
- vii. **LAA South Africa** - Pooja said there are no meetings currently. Tisha asked about the WAG and Pooja said there was no activity.
- viii. **LAA Russia Fellowship** - No updates.
- ix. **LAA Christian Fellowship** - Pooja mentioned a concern about the LAA Christian meeting for women. Tisha thanked Pooja for mentioning these concerns and also made notes of these concerns and asked Pooja to share this directly with Tisha so see what is going on. There were no further questions from the Christian fellowship.

- x. **LAA Sunday Step-Study** - No updates
- xi. **LAA/ACA hybrid meeting** - Pooja mentioned that it was running smoothly. Strong attendance.
- xii. **LAA Saturday westcoast meeting** - No updates

#### IV. **Discussions & Motions:**

- i. **Open Positions** - LAA needs a new secretary, Dominic is not taking for this meeting. The requirement for LAA secretary which are at least three months' experience in a 12 step recovery program, at least three months of active involvement in the LAA fellowship, expected to take notes at the respective monthly business meeting and prepare minutes, post completed draft of minutes within two weeks of the meeting in the appropriate WhatsApp group, willingness to attend monthly business meetings, abide by all LAA safety guidelines, one-year service commitment preferred, resignation notice of three months notice.
- ii. **Use of Zoom AI assist for LAA IBM** - Tisha asked Pooja to share about this feature. Pooja mentioned that it is a Zoom AI app that will document the captions. Tisha motioned that AI assist from the Zoom app would be used as a support for the IBM secretary and note taking. Pooja motioned and Kelly seconded the motion. Virtual hands were raised and this motion was passed. Tisha asked Kendra to enable the ability for AI in Zoom meetings. This is only to be used in the IBM meeting, unless another meeting in the fellowship also wants to use it. This will go into effect for the September meeting.
- iii. **New Business - Open Positions** - breaking out the IBM secretary from the ODAAT secretary. Tisha asked Pam for feedback, and also the meeting for thoughts. Pam, who was the LAA secretary for both IBM and ODAAT business meetings, mentioned that in a recent ODAAT business meeting it was voted to separate the roles of LAA IBM secretary so ODAAT business meetings would have their own secretary. ODAAT Business meeting voted to have their own secretary. /// LAA Treasurer Kendra is stepping away from the position. Tisha asked for feedback about an LAA assistant treasurer position. Kendra offered positive feedback to have this. No other discussion on this. Tisha moved that LAA create a LAA assistant treasurer position. Orlando seconded. Virtual hands were raised and the motion was accepted. LAA will start advertising immediately for an assistant treasurer. Please contact Kendra. /// LAA Website gave her notice and needs a new website administrator. Tisha asked for feedback on an assistant website administrator. Dominic offered to help. Tisha motioned to create a position of assistant website administrator. The motion was not seconded. Tisha offered to connect Dominic to the website administrator.
- iv. **New WhatsApp Group** - Request from Kelly to create LAA WAG for LGBTQ recovery from love addiction. Kelly asked for permission to use the "LAA" name for the new LGBTQ WAG. Motion to create a new WAG for LGBTQ. Pam seconded. Virtual hands were raised and the motion was accepted. Tisha asked Kelly to provide the link and title and reference, so it can be added to all the group meetings. Tisha asked if there was anyone here to follow-up on the request to create a LAA Women's only WAG. There was no one to follow-up.

- v. **Combining the ODAAT Business and IBM** - Person who brought this up was not present at the meeting. Tisha mentioned this discussion was better for the ODAAT Business Meeting. The concern was that there were two business meetings on the same day. There was no more feedback or discussion.
  - vi. **LAA In-Person meetings** – Tisha mentioned that there were in-person LAA meetings in the past and wanted to open discussion on this topic. Tisha moved to form a LAA In-Person committee. Seconded by a member. Pam asked if anyone present at the meeting ever had any information on this and also mentioned that it would be good to have this committee. Virtual hands were raised. Motion passed. LAA to begin announcing there was going to be a committee formed. To be posted on the LAA website and LAA WAGs.
  - vii. **LAA Traditions Workshop** - a workshop focused on the traditions. Tisha motioned to create a traditions workshop committee. Pam seconded. No further discussion. Virtual hands were raised. The motion was passed.
- V. **Closing:** Tisha adjourned the business meeting with the we version of 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.*