

Just for Today Virtual Business Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2025

Attendance and Opening

The meeting convened with the participation of 20 members. Jerry B. initiated the discussion by reviewing the Traditions, followed by Trish who provided insights on the concept of an Informed Group Conscience.

Service Positions and Updates

Trish has been fulfilling the role of interim secretary since March, continuing her service in this capacity. The position of Group Service Representative (GSR) remains open at present. The Clerk has served in their position for six months. Lynn is responsible for distributing chips to members. The Service Jobs Coordinator role is currently filled. Gary serves as the Virtual Platform Liaison, while Liz oversees website management as the Web Administrator. Updates regarding the distribution of medallions were shared during the meeting.

Service Position Requirements

- Secretary: Requires two years of sobriety.
- GSR: Preferably two years of sobriety, especially with an alternate.
- Clerk: Suggests one year of service and one year of sobriety.
- Service Jobs Coordinator: Requires two years of sobriety.

Trish will continue to serve as the interim secretary. Carol C. is unable to chair the ad hoc committee due to family obligations. An ad hoc group is currently working to simplify the service jobs chart and will present their findings at the third quarter business meeting. Janice will shadow Barbara R. during the transition process. Members are encouraged to review the pamphlet describing the GSR role to better understand its significance within the wider AA organization.

Treasurer's Report

Eric N. presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that reports are accessible via Google Drive. The group currently has a balance of \$2,761.84, reflecting the status since the previous quarter. Contributions were received through Venmo (21%), PayPal (54%), and

cash (25%). Funds were distributed in six allocations of \$815.24 each. The Zoom account benefited from a nonprofit rate, and the August rental payment was \$815.24. An annual filing fee was paid to the state. Barbara recommended that the group reassess its method for distributing contributions. Eric explained the Grapevine “Carry the Message” project. In response to Carla’s inquiry regarding cash on hand, Eric confirmed that a prudent reserve is kept, equal to three months of expenses.

GSR Report – Barbara R.

Barbara R. reported that July will mark the 90th Anniversary Convention. The group continues its alignment with the District 22 Committee Corrections and regularly attends monthly district meetings. District 22 is planning three in-person alcathons for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Updates and information for the Area (Eastern Mass.) are available via aaemass.org.

Online Intergroup Service Rep (OIAA) (Bethana)

The Online Intergroup is not part of the formal AA service structure. Some members have expressed concerns regarding proposed bylaw changes, which have resulted in increased legal fees. At an international level, the organization contributed \$8,000 to a hospital. Committees and outreach efforts are operating effectively. Another convention is scheduled for October, with a budget of \$33,000, though there was discussion about potentially reducing this amount. Barbara shared updates on international outreach through OIAA, highlighting efforts by Act International translators and the Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), as well as the tech committee. Outreach calls are answered by a real person who directs help as needed. Intergroup Representatives (IGRs) continue their diligent work. More information is available at oiaa.org.

Website and Accessibility (Liz)

Liz, as Website Administrator, is responsible for managing the website. Carla emphasized the need for speakers to speak louder to improve meeting accessibility. Janice stressed the importance of website accessibility and compliance with Section 508. Jerry B. suggested the addition of description tags for photos. The position of contact list administrator for JFTV remains open. Carol mentioned that few members are willing to be included on the contact list.

7 AM Steering Committee (Jerry B., Chair)

- Timer: No
- Add liaison to VMH role: No
- Add email field to contact list: Yes
- Post the long form of the tradition in chat

New Business

The group discussed the possibility of using transcription during meetings, but no decision was reached. Jerry B. suggested the formation of a steering committee. Considerations were made regarding the addition of a timer and a liaison to the VMH role, but these proposals were not approved. The group agreed to add an email field to the contact list. It was also decided that the long form of the traditions would be posted in the chat.

Additional Business and Upcoming Meetings

A special meeting is scheduled in three weeks, on July 19th, to address business matters. The group will work on streamlining job roles and may consider combining the chair and VMH positions. Barbara and Eric will lead an ad hoc meeting for VMHs, with Dan volunteering for the committee. The group has experienced significant turnover in meeting roles. Tradition 10 will be discussed at the ad hoc meeting on July 19th. Additionally, a group inventory is planned for the fall.