Business Meeting Notes, September 26, 2026

Present: April, Cate, Dee, Joe A., Laura E., Leon, Luis G., Brent, Mel, Melody J., Tyler, Ted, Carrie S., Jamie G., Kris E., and John W.

Meeting time start: 13:14; meeting opened with Serenity Prayer.

Secretary**:** (Caroline, absent). Caroline absent. Notes were posted on the website late.

Motion to accept:

Cate – 1st; Jamie – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Service Coordinator: (Cate): Cate states that she is no longer the Service Coordinator. She states that there are currently a lot of positions open right now for group positions. She is sure that this will fill up.

Motion to accept:

Mel – 1st; Brent – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Treasurer: (Jamie): Jamie states that he owes the group $23.55 because he accidentally used the group debit card to pay for lunch. He will reimburse the group. Jamie states that he will not use PayPal because of problems, and he cannot use Zelle. Starting balance for September is $818.13. 7th Tradition contributions totaled $63.58 (3). There was a $16.00 Bank of America service fee. The ending balance is $865.71.

Motion to accept:

Mel – 1st; Brent – 2nd; unanimously approved.

GSR: (John W.): John W. said he feels there are many distractions during the meetings. He was unable to attend the GSR meeting. He states he is not sure when this occurs. No report given.

Motion to accept:

None.

Webmaster: (Brent): Brent states that the website is now up to date and then he got last month's minutes up today. He is ready and able to put up whatever is needed. Ted asked about an alternative Webmaster position and it was decided that this would be new business.

Motion to accept:

Jamie – 1st; Cate – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Birthdays and Milestones: (Kris): Gave a visual report of the birthdays and chips.

Motion to accept:

Brent – 1st; Jamie – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Chair Reports:

- ***Sunday:*** (Brent) Reports Sunday is going great, good participation, good numbers of attendees.
- ***Monday:*** (Ciaran and Cate) Cate reports that meetings are going well and it is really helpful to switch on and off with each other.
- ***Tuesday:*** (Melody) Tuesdays are great. She states there have been a few speakers that have not shown up, but then there are always people that step up to fill in.
- ***Wednesday:*** (Rose, absent)
- ***Thursday:*** (April) Reports that things are going well. She states it seems like the meeting is well attended.
- ***Friday:*** (Laura E.) Reports there is a range of attendees in numbers, between 20-30 participants.
- ***Saturday:*** (Mel) Saturdays are going really well and attendance is really good. There are 40+ participants each week. Mel is helping to tag team finding speakers.

Motion to accept:

Jamie G. – 1st; Brent – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Special Orders: Elections
Moderator: There are two people who are standing for Moderator, Cate and Melody. Melody states that she was one of the people, and if there is another person who wants the position, then Melody will withdraw her name for consideration.

Motion to have Cate be the Moderator:

Brent – 1st; Jamie – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Service Coordinator: Cate nominates April for Service Coordinator and Melody states she would like to run as the alternate Service Coordinator.

April as Service Coordinator: Cate – 1st; Brent – 2nd; unanimously approved.
Melody as Alternate Service Coordinator: Cate – 1st, Mel – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Alternate Webmaster: Brent made a motion that Ted be the alternate webmaster.

Brent – 1st; Cate – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Birthdays and Milestones: Kris would like to nominate Laura E. as the Birthdays and Milestones person. Kris – 1st; Brent – 2nd; unanimously approved.

New Business:

Heather H: Cate explained that Mel, Caroline, and Cate and that we had discussed this with Heather H. We talked about the use of the information being put into the chat and being used to ask and harassing for money. Heather H. stated that she was sorry, it would not happen again. We explained that there was really know that this is no longer happening and this was really difficult to monitor and we would have to bring this back to the group to have a group conscience. Mel stated in the moment that Heather's apology was genuine but she does not have a lot of faith that Heather will no longer engage in that. However, Mel also states that she is glad that others did not give up on her. Mel states her heart wants to allow Heather to continue in the group and if she does show this behavior again, then we would disallow her to the meeting. Heather H. did tell Mel that she was really sorry that this occurred and that this group means a lot to her. Laura E. wants to know if we can just mute her, but it was also explained that she was taking personal phone numbers and asking for money. Brent pointed out that when we were all originally notified of this, there was a suspicion that there was an organized group of people that were asking for money. We don't even know that she is really an alcoholic. Brent states he doesn't even know if she fits the criteria to attend the meeting because there is a credibility factor. Leon states that you can't do that; it is against the bylaws of the group. Leon suggested that we see how this would be handled on a group or district level at this point. Kris states that Heather H. has been coming for more than two years. Kris feels that if she comes back in and does this again, then she is suspended. John W. suggested that people get a warning before they are suspended. Tyler states that just because the group bans someone doesn't mean that they are automatically banned from all other AA groups. Ted wanted to clarify under discipline 2.3 that cautionary suspension was provided. Ted suggested that we clean up the language in the bylaws to ensure that it is clear what we are trying to say. Tyler clarified that the two bullet points of behavior was panhandling and using phone numbers for untoward reasons, and harassing people for money even after being told no. Luis pointed out that the motion, as it stands, is saying "ban now or ban later."

Motion one to have disciplinary action with Heather H:

Cate – 1st; Jamie – 2nd; unanimously approved to take disciplinary action.

Motion two to ban her completely right now:

Brent – Ist; Laura E. – 2nd; 4 votes yes so motion does not pass.

Motion to let her back in and if she does this again, she will be permanently suspended from the group.

Brent – 1st; Mel – 2nd; motion passes unanimously. So, Heather H. will have another chance.

Motion to ban Heather H. from our group: Yes to ban her with District guidance. No is she is allowed back, but if this ever happens again, she will be completely banned.

Motion to close the meeting:

Melody – 1st; Mel – 2nd; unanimously approved.

Meeting closed at 14:59.