

Leader's Format

Welcome to the (day of week) Meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is _____ and I'm an Alcoholic.

For anyone attending this meeting, the terms of our lease dictate that smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking area only. Please Park in the permitted meeting spaces only.

Before we get started, please silence your cell Phone.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Please, join me in the Serenity Prayer:

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

- One of us has been asked to read a portion of Chapter 3.
- Another one of us has been asked to read a portion of Chapter 5.
- Another one of us has been asked to read the 12 Traditions.

(Continue on the Reverse Side)

GENERIC LEADER SCRIPT

To get better acquainted with you, we would like to welcome alcoholic newcomers with 29 days or less of sobriety.

Please state your first name only and the nature of your disease.

Do we have any visitors from outside the area?

Now, let's go around the room and introduce ourselves starting on my (left/right).

We give chips and celebrate birthdays for various lengths of sobriety. Today I would like to ask (choose someone) to be our "Chip Person."

We are glad you are all here - especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our 3RD tradition, which states, the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking, we ask that all who participate, confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol. Please limit your sharing to 5 minutes or less so that all, who want to, may share. Only alcoholics or those with a desire to stop drinking may share in this meeting.

If this is a Meeting that reads, As the secretary for directions and pages.

(You / leader will now share for about 5 minutes or less and may specify a topic if he/she chooses to.) after sharing.

SAY: The meeting is now open!

(At 15 mins before the end of the meeting)

Say: It's now time for the Secretary's report. After the report is finished, declare the meeting back open.

(To close the meeting, say) Another one of us has been asked to read "The Promises" and after a moment of silence, lead us out in a closing prayer of their choice.

(Please give this sheet back to Secretary after the meeting)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING. GREAT JOB!