

Midnite AA Group

April 2026 Virtual Business Meeting Agenda

April 12th, 2026 7:45PM ET

Chairperson: Neely

Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Opening Roll Call

- Number of fellows present at the start of the meeting
 - Virtual Meeting Attendees Only: 30 by show of hands
 - Virtual and In-person Attendees: 10 by show of hands
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Previous Meeting Minutes

- [February 2026 Virtual Business Meeting Minutes](#)
- No Discussion was held.
- Motion to approve the minutes; seconded.
- Vote:
 - Approve: 28
 - Opposed: zero
 - Abstain: zero
 - Motion to approve minutes passes.

Officer Reports

- April 2026 Virtual Meeting Officer Reports
 - Group Overall / Assistant Overall — Eric O. / Kat A.
 - Eric – Thanks to all who do service. Reminder to give all volunteers grace as they do their best. A lot is going on. There was a requirement to transfer \$5K from the corporate prudent reserve into the operating account because the operating account had only \$3k and monthly expenses are \$8k. Request made by the Overall to corporate to make the transfer, and transfer completed. Update on the landlord for in person meeting room – recall that upstairs of the meeting room is now residential space, rented out by the landlord. There is an intercom on the locked front door for physical security. Midnite implemented a strobe light rather than a buzzer to notify trusted servants to allow people into the room because it's less disruptive to an ongoing meeting than a buzzer. A problem is that people are leaving the door open, and/or leaving a previously entered pin active in the device, so that physical security is not being maintained. Landlord is reviewing this issue and is very upset. Homeless people have been observed sleeping in the stairwell and going upstairs near to the residential space, and later going down to the meeting. Our lease is month-to-month, so this is a delicate situation. We've been in the space 20-25 years, and things are changing. There was also a leak in the room, and the repairs have not yet been made. Landlord is waiting to confirm the status of the leak for himself before taking action; pending resolution. Coming up: a) Script change; b) in-person meeting attendance is quite low, and we're having trouble filling service positions especially the 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock meetings; we may be discussing shutting them down; c) In this meeting we'll also revisit the Civil Rights Complaint item.
 - Kat: We are one group, and we'll be talking about some potentially difficult stuff tonight. The financial piece is pretty dire, and as one group, we will try to have a productive meeting tonight to come up with solutions.
 - Virtual Secretary / Assistant Secretary – Kristen P. / Bonnie W. - Bonnie is standing in as assistant tonight because Kristen had an important family obligation. No report to provide tonight.
 - Treasurer / Assistant Treasurer – David G. / Laura & Zach. - Due to the pace at which this report was provided, the notetaker was able to capture very few of the details of the report here. Recommend reviewing the financial report directly rather than relying on these notes for the numerical data. In summary, there was

a “positive balance of \$1,265 without the corporate transfer, so that is very good.” \$5k transfer makes corporate balance about \$10K. Group Conscience (GC) voted at the last hybrid meeting that \$600 of contributions would be distributed per the Bylaws. However, the treasurer only did \$300 of the \$600 agreed upon by the group according to his own judgment, as a conservative approach, due to concern that the account was too low, so he's planning to distribute the remaining \$300 agreed upon by the GC according to the Bylaws distribution schema soon. If he thinks we cannot make that second half of the agreed upon amount “soon” given the observed amount in the account at some undetermined later date, he will speak to Eric and Bhavya and they will decide to perhaps only contribute \$100 or some other amount, if any. David thinks we likely will be able to contribute the remaining \$300 that the group voted to do according to the By Laws, TBD. Prudent reserve target is \$21K, aiming for 3-months of expenses in that account. Compared to Perry Street operating procedures, the Midnite prudent reserve is approximately equivalent.

- Virtual Meeting Chair Coordinators – Katie S. / Emily R. / Edneka H. / Neely V. -- Katie: Thanks to all for service. We have 19 or so empty slots, so please continue to sign up for service. Reminder about the safety and disturbance policy that applies during all meetings, during fellowship, and in the chat at all times. Please also remember that we are self-supporting, and contributions are greatly appreciated.
- GSR / Alternate GSR – Peter F. / Aim C. -- Peter: The April GSR report was submitted and is being posted to the website Bulletin Board. The Delegates Questionnaire was completed, and our Delegate will incorporate our group’s feedback. Peter conducted an analysis of our responses, and it’s available on our website. Thanks to all who participated in the meeting Midnite held to discuss the questionnaire. A Group Inventory is scheduled for May; please attend to discuss multiple important topics. This GSR position is an honor for me, and I am stepping down. There is an Assistant GSR, and nominations for GSR will be taken at the June Hybrid meeting.
- Speaker Exchange / Asst Spkr Exchange – Laura / **OPEN** -- Darrell is filling in for Laura for this report. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to participate in speaker exchange. We get feedback from the other groups, and they love you. You only need 90 days of sobriety to attend outside groups and share your experience, strength and hope as a Midnite exchange speaker. For April 16th 7pm we need one speaker. There are 4 more slots you can sign up for. A

female-identifying person is needed this week. Back-up speaker sign-ups are also requested. Very few outside groups are supplying us with 3 speakers for our own Thursday in-coming speaker meeting; we do our best. Laura: we're keeping our intended format for incoming speakers, regardless of how many speakers they send each time. If you sign up for back-up speaker every month, you may not be contacted every time. Darrell: There is a vacancy in the assistant speaker exchange position, and Laura needs an assistant. Reach out to Laura or me for a description of what it entails.

- Sponsorship / Asst Sponsorship – Chamar: not present, no report.
 - Anniversary Coordinator / Asst Anniv Coord – Gregory / Cass: not present, no report.
 - Website Coordinator / Asst Website Coord – Kat A. / Chloe R. -- Kat: Not a lot to report. The GSR report has just now been posted to the website under the Bulletin Board page. Seems Chloe isn't here as the assistant website coordinator, and we haven't communicated very much about this position. An assistant website person is really needed to help out. There may be an opening here as assistant; stay tuned. Please email midnitewebsite@gmail.com if you have recommended corrections to website content.
 - Corporation President – Joel: not present, no report.
- Discussion / Approval of Officer Reports
 - Discussion: Simon – Is there a way to publish the outgoing commitments on the speaker exchange. He'd like visibility on that and to offer to speak. Neely: see the Service tab for Speaker Exchange. Laura: Thank you, Simon. I understand what he's asking, maybe Kat and I can talk about this and will get back to you Simon.
 - Jen: Requested clarification on the Treasurer report. We voted to do \$600 contributions and only \$300 was contributed. When will the rest of the contribution be made? Jen made reference to the prior hybrid meeting minutes that detailed the vote taken to approve the plan for \$600. David: I only contributed \$300 because our balance was low and that was scary. I want to see what we have after rent, electric, coins and literature this coming month, and then re-consider the contribution. The Bylaws say it's appropriate to consider whether or not the Bylaw stipulated contribution amount is affordable before making the contributions. Do not want to wait until June to do it; we'll see.
 - Motion to approve officer reports; seconded.

- Approve: 35
- Opposed: one
- Abstain: zero
- Motion passed to approve the officer reports.

*****SEVENTH TRADITION BREAK*****

Mid-meeting Roll Call

- Number of fellows present at mid-meeting
 - Virtual Meeting Attendees Only: 35
 - Virtual and In-person Attendees: 14
 - This next data isn't called for on the agenda and wasn't called out by the chairperson to count, but is pertinent information that potentially should be routinely collected in business meetings – Number of Online attendees visible on Zoom: 89; Number of in-person attendees: cannot determined by notetaker independently.

Virtual Old Business

- Civil Rights Complaint Update, Eric (Overall) – We received the response from the complaint submitted by a spiritually separated fellow in Jan-Feb 2025. Letter back from attorney at civil rights commission requesting the meeting minutes from when the decision was made for the person to be separated, as well as our Bylaw language about spiritual separation. It was only a request for documentation, and the minutes were provided as asked.

Virtual New Business

- New Business from [Suggestion Box](#) (*found on website*)
- Kat: usually we do the Suggestion Box first in New Business, but let's cover the rather dire financial business we need to cover tonight first, okay? Eric agrees.

- Eric: The in-person business meeting was held last Sunday with conversation about finances. We need to replenish the prudent reserve that's very low compared to the target. One of the main suggestions has been to announce in meetings that the prudent reserve is low, so please bear that in mind with your contributions. But, let's consider that that announcement occurs after the 7th Tradition Break has already occurred, so for in-person meetings to address the new ask, it's involved passing the basket twice in the meetings. We recommend doing a script change now, to be able to address the dire finances without having to go through 3 business meetings to get the script change approved. Kat: For in-person meetings, during the first 7th Tradition break, the proposal is to add mention for attendees to please bear in mind that the prudent reserve is low, and if you cannot contribute more to help that, please just keep coming back; we need you more than we need your money.
- Roni: The demographics has changed in the area of the in-person meeting, and the numbers attending meetings across NY is still low after the pandemic. Laura: I think it's fine to add the new ask to the script; keep it light, and as long as we say "we need you more than we need your money," it's fine. Eric, will you please post what service is needed for the in-person meeting, too? Josh D: In another group I attend, we excised the part about "we need you more than we need your money," because it seemed that people were being 'encouraged' to not contribute; suggest instead that we just end it after "if you can't contribute, please just keep coming back." Lou: In favor of adding mention of the low prudent reserve to the script, with Josh's suggestion. Julian: Double-checked the Bylaws, but don't see anything about having to discuss a script change three times to make a change. Also don't see anything in the Bylaws prescribing that other announcements must be ahead of the 7th Tradition. Jennifer, LI, NY: Agree with Josh; also, one question is will this change be implemented for both the in-person and the virtual meetings? Feel strongly that the virtual side of Midnite should help the in-person deficit because we are one group. Dan: I'm looking at meeting scripts in the Bylaws, and it says that a script change may first be approved at either in-person or virtual business meeting, and then brought to a quarterly hybrid meeting for approval to execute. Considering the financial situation for in-person needs is dire, Dan makes a motion to follow Josh's suggestion to add the language ahead of the 7th Tradition Break and stop the new language after "if you can't contribute, keep coming back." Second the motion: Alex P. Dan's motion: Approve the script change to be inserted at the 7th Tradition Break. Would particularly like to also hear from Eric and others, as to whether we need the whole thing or we can stop at "keep coming back." We should match the scripts about this matter in both the in-person and the virtual meetings. Eric: want to make it crystal clear that if we make this change, we are waiving the three meeting

requirement to make a script change. Dan: Would like to add to the motion that piece about actively waiving the three meeting requirement to make for this particular script change so it may be effective immediately. Kat: The reason we're talking about waiving the 3-month, 3-meeting requirement to discuss this, is that we cannot afford it financially to have months go by without attempting to address the trend toward financial deficit in prudent reserve. Katie: Asks to clarify if Dan would amend his motion to make the change in both the in-person and virtual scripts. Dan: Absolutely. Aim: Second the new amended motion.

- Vote to approve the script change for both in-person and virtual meetings:
 - Approve: 47
 - Opposed: zero
 - Abstain: 4
 - Motion passed to change the script.

- Suggestion Box, return to this postponed topic: 4-5 items to review. Edneka will time the discussion for each.

- Neely – suggests to skip hers for this time in the interest of time available for this meeting.

- Simon – Recommends that the incoming 3-speaker meeting needs more than a 60 minute slot, with more freedom in the format to accommodate the number of speakers who show up. Also, suggests that topics in the hybrid business meetings are not discussed well, thoroughly. Simon withdraws these comments from request to address them at this time.

- Dan: Recommends that for virtual meetings, hosts should Mute-All after the serenity prayer. In fellowship, the first 3 minutes should be held for newcomers with a timer set, no matter what. Hold off on any other conversation for that period. If no newcomer speaks up immediately, the time can be used to meditate on the meeting that has just closed before embarking on other conversation, ensuring that we hold space for newcomers who may be shy to jump in right away. Dan reviewed that the script includes instructions to trusted servants to hold those 5 minutes, but conversation often just starts from others anyway. Hosts should mute all after the serenity prayer, then hold at least the first 3 minutes no matter what, with no other conversation occurring. This came up during discussion in fellowship after one or more meetings, about how we

might improve this observance of space for newcomers, so I've made this a formal motion. Discussion – Roni: second the motion; also note that in a live meeting, ask the speaker to put their name and contact information in the chat before the Mute All occurs, because if the speaker has to leave the meeting rather than stay for the open fellowship after the time reserved for newcomers, fellows may lose the opportunity to connect with the speaker. Asked Dan to incorporate this point in his motion. Dan declined to add the extra language to his motion for today, but agreed that the idea could be refined over time and redressed at a later time. Roni now rescinds her second of Dan's motion. Tracy Mc: seconds Dan's motion as-is. We can come back to refine it later, if the group would like to. Katie: Likes the motion to mute all after the prayer, but dubious whether 3 minutes should be held no matter what, especially in meetings that only have 15 minutes of fellowship before the next meeting starts. John F: 3 minutes of silence could be very awkward; he's seen it handled very well where the host asks everyone to be quiet for a moment to give the newcomer an opportunity to speak up; holding 3 minutes of total silence may not induce a newcomer to speak up if they won't do so when offered that initial moment of silence when encouraged by the host. Aim: 3 minutes will be a good amount of time to hold open for only newcomers, noting that it is reduced from the initial suggestion of 5 minutes; there are times when it's too quiet, so perhaps we could say 2-3 minutes; he's in favor of a timer being set to ensure that time is really set aside with encouragement of the newcomer to speak up. Jessica: I'm a newcomer; often when I come in, it's overwhelming, you're in your head, wondering if you should say something or not; don't think there should be minutes timed for the newcomer situation. The newcomer builds the meeting; not trying to be selfish, but it's about the newcomer, but not only about the newcomer, and those who have been here for a very long time do help the newcomer in fellowship. It's not about the number of minutes set aside, it's about the special time offered to the newcomer to feel welcome and encouraged. Mike E: Agrees with John F, with some additional observations. We have some members who monopolize and bombard fellowship, continuously, consistently the same people; agree that we should make fellowship welcoming for the newcomer, but not with a timer; when we have an incoming speaker whose qualification resonates with the attendees, we can lose the opportunity for a greater number of attendees to thank the speaker and visit when those aforementioned regulars continue to bombard the fellowship time immediately during the time designated as set-aside for newcomers. Hosts could work to manage this better. Edneka: Offers a suggestion for the chair to read the room as Mike said, maybe set a timer for about a minute, and also add in verbiage to the script to especially encourage the newcomer. I do love Dan's idea. RealLove: Like Dan's motion, and what John F said; add a tweak to the language of the motion, such as, "if you are a day-counter or a struggling member, please get your hand

up...” Make space for newcomers and those who need extra help right at the beginning of fellowship. Rose C: Like the motion, but it would be awkward for newcomers being put on the spot if there is a timer; suggests that the host can repeat welcome to newcomers throughout fellowship rather than just have a timer at the beginning of the fellowship period. Laura: Perfectly said, Rose. Be aware, read the room. Also, hosts should emphasize the reminder that anyone who has used a mind- or mood-altering substance within the prior 24 hours is asked not to share during the meeting, but can stay after for fellowship. “I would be muting them if that’s happening.”

- Vote on the motion? Dan: suggests that considering all the discussion that has arisen on this topic, the matter is not ready for a group vote. He withdraws the motion, so we may discuss the item further at another meeting before taking action. “I wrote down 6 things that people suggested,” so let’s discuss more first.
- Kat: We have 4 more items from the Suggestion Box to cover.
- Aim: Mention of the need to emphasize that trusted servants should be talking to each other with respect, no slurs and foul language. This past month, I’ve had interactions in meetings and emails where I was compared to video games, been called a ho, and more. I’ve submitted descriptions of the problematic incidences to the Overalls with screen shots of abusive language between me and another servant. I don’t want this abuse to occur to other trusted servants. Want to discuss this, as well as potential for consequences of this kind of behavior should it occur. The in-person meeting seems to have more language in the Bylaws about this kind of issue, to include spiritual separation of abusers, while the sections of Bylaws for virtual meetings has nearly no mention of this kind of issue.
- Chel: I identify with this issue, and am sorry this has occurred. We have a problem, and we have to stop this problem. It takes a village to raise a bully. There was a situation where I asked the room for quiet so that I might take on a more apologetic approach, and the trusted servant backed up what the room was saying, and I was screamed at and had a PTSD reaction. I am here, I am sober 33 years by virtue of AA and the program that I have. Nobody had to tell me to keep coming back. I’ve been told to “fuck off” because I called out someone for making faces while another person was speaking and could not see that the other person was making faces. We may need to make some changes.
- Neely: Qualified that the issue that we are discussing as raised by Aim is how trusted servants treat one another.
- Shelly Kay: I am not a trusted servant, but I was approached by one who said lies about me. I was told by the chain of command that I had 3 complaints lodged against me

within the last 2 weeks. This should not have been spoken to me by the trusted servant, and should not be occurring at Midnite.

- Peter: It was very hard for me to step down as GSR. It was a 6-week process, and I tried very hard to work through this issue rather than step down. I recommended someone to help who has 22 years of sobriety considering that it would be great for the group, to complement my 21 months as I took on a new position. I can't believe this person is playing the victim right now. But I had to step down because I was coming out of character against the person, and my sobriety was being threatened.
- Tracy Mc: I'm a long-time member of Midnite, and some of the things I've seen and heard are totally wrong. Chairpeople yelling at people, for example. We have to remember to practice principles over personalities. You have to be able to figure it out if there is difficulty with a particular person, or let it go completely.
- Jen P: Yes, there's a problem. Note that we have trusted servants with only 90 days of sobriety because we need people to host the many meetings. If you're mistreated, then report to the VCs, and then we talk about it in a business meeting; the perpetrator may be spiritually separated, and later they have opportunity to come to the group to make an amend, and they may be invited back to meetings and/or to the service team.
- Julian: Asked HP to order his words on this challenging topic. Some of what I say may be unpopular. It's not the group's responsibility to govern the behavior of its members. As soon as the group tries to do that, we're heading down the road, where we find ourselves spending energy on other avenues outside of carrying the message. It's grossly inappropriate for any member of the group to contact another member of the group and represent their opinion/remarks to that person as what the group as a whole thinks about them.
- Kat A: Addressing Shelly – the trusted servant you mentioned was way out of line. What that person chooses to do is up to them. But the issue for the group remains that they are a trusted servant at Midnite. Second item – Aim and Peter have had communication issues, and the GSR work as a partnership didn't work out. I also have had very hurtful things said to me, and never once did I lash out with horrible attack on anyone. Peter, it's not right to not share with the group what it was that was said, and to allow it to look like it was only Aim as a problem in the situation; it isn't right. Do I think Aim has responsibility too? Yes.
- RealLove: I also experienced a situation in fellowship – I was actively muted when I was trying to ask a question. In another incident, I was told that an old timer should be speaking about a matter during fellowship instead of myself. It troubles me that the

literature states that “our trusted servants do not govern,” and yet sometimes it seems like they do.

- Jessica: I have a lot to say about Midnite. I started out as a baby 5 months ago, yes I’ve relapsed, however, I was taken out of the room when I wasn’t even saying anything bad. I believe there should be a motion to let the person know why they were muted, or why they were taken out of the room.
- Neely: Reminder that this discussion is about how trusted servants talk to each other.
- Kel: I feel like I’m in spiritual kindergarten. I’ve had many, many incidences of “attack” behavior, and I’m imperfect. No member can compel another to speak, act, think in a certain way – that is our Tradition; get a sponsor and find out about the Traditions.
- Peter: Again, I have 21 months of sobriety. I want to correct something here. I apologized to Aim privately, in GSR meetings, and at other venues. I did my best, and I trusted the process, and I personally stepped down for the betterment of the group.
- Mike E: My first words at an AA meeting were a lie. Peter, it’s a privilege to have an elected position in AA; I say this with love. If we were in person together, I would have grabbed you aside to talk one-on-one. I’ve heard you threaten physical violence in a meeting. I want to see you stay on as GSR and see good things happen; the passive-aggressive behavior has to go away.
- Eric O: Didn’t know this matter that was a personal conversation between two individuals was going to be discussed in this meeting. There has been conversation between those individuals and the group overalls, which is appropriate. It is the job of the spiritual bouncer to remove a person who abuses another; then we bring it to a hybrid meeting to discuss spiritual separation.
- Neely: Let’s bring this discussion back to Aim, who raised it. What would you like to do?
- Aim: Thank you all for this discussion and your input. I’ve learned more from it than I would from any motion or vote that could have been rushed into. Peter, after you make an amend, you cannot block/unblock/block/unblock someone, and you threatened me with physical violence in two meetings. I don’t want to make a motion to separate you from service, but it needs to be addressed. Maybe it could be only from virtual service. You have great potential; I’ve wanted to back you from the very start. I’ve got to make the motion. Motion: For Peter to be spiritually separated from virtual service for a time to be determined by the group.
- Chel: seconds the motion.

- Neely: Do we go to another discussion? There's conflicting conversation going on in chat with the Virtual Coordinators right now about whether the communications between Peter and Aim that have been mentioned here should be disclosed to the group in this meeting.
- Eric: Yes, it has to be discussed and then go for a vote. There are hands up, and if people want to discuss it before we have a vote, we have to do it. People could all put their hands down, and then we wouldn't have to have more discussion, but hands are up.
- Alex M: Absolutely not supportive of separating Peter from virtual service. He made a mistake and made amends, and I don't think it is right for a person to have their service commitments wiped off the board.
- Laura: I can't believe this is happening. I've called Peter a ho and he's called me one. No, to Peter being separated. Let's remember our primary purpose.
- Conrad: AA is inclusive, never exclusive. Who dares to be judge, jury, and executioner of his alcoholic brother? I know I don't deserve to be here. These steps are the measuring stick; we are in here to learn, to change our whole way of thinking, living, and acting.
- Ella: I'm in many different meetings, and Jessica shares while she's drinking, several occasions, tells us she's not drinking, and then waits and then speaks up again when actively drinking. Called me a stupid fucking bitch in fellowship, and also attacked an old timer currently in this business meeting. Wants a motion to have her not share for 30 days and then have a vote about whether to reinstate her.
- Ashley: It sounds like this is a private situation between two members, rather than something for spiritual separation. If amends have been made, then I don't think the motion is appropriate; too drastic.
- Shelly: Absolutely not supportive of separation of Peter from the group. Grow up. The person who made this motion is not being held accountable, and this person did so many inappropriate things to me, and I'm not making a motion to have him spiritually separated from the group. As the GSR alternate, he pulled so much harmful shit on me.
- Mike E: From what I understand, Peter stepped down from the GSR position, to spiritually separate him from other service to the group is too much. Whenever I chair a meeting, I learn so much about myself, not you. 22 months is a long time without a drink, and I want the same learning for him to continue like it does for me in service. For myself, I'm still working on the humility.
- Dan: I "call the question" to stop discussion and go to a vote on Aim's motion. We need a second and could proceed to the vote.

- Rose: This is crazy and kind of sad. Don't agree with Peter being spiritually separated. I don't know or really care what happened between him and Aim, and we are here to stay sober. We get all sensitive when we get sober. When I was out there, I was called all kinds of things: ho, and worse than that. This is ridiculous.
- Katie/Ellen: second Dan's motion to "call the question."
- Vote on Aim's motion:
 - Approve: 3
 - Oppose: 46
 - Abstain: 13
 - Motion does not pass.
- Motion to purchase equipment for the room – skipped due to this meeting running long already.
- New business from the floor– skipped due to this meeting running long already.
- Motion to close meeting
 - Motion to close by Dan; seconded by Kat
 - All in favor: 39
 - All opposed: zero
 - Motion to close passes

Final Roll Call

- Number of fellows present at meeting closure
 - Virtual Meeting Attendees Only: 35
 - Virtual and In-person Attendees: 11
 - Data not called for on the agenda but pertinent information, so recorded by the notetaker -- Virtual attendees visible online at this time: 86; In-person attendees cannot be determined by the notetaker in the virtual platform and wasn't announced.

Responsibility Statement

Meeting Close

- Time: 10:00pm
- Total members present at close: cannot be determined by the process used; we need to ask how many are present in person (which we do not ask explicitly) and add the number observable online (whether or not the online people raise their hands, which we don't specifically acknowledge that way).