

## **November Business Meeting ALL Items (additional items in red)**

### **Business Meeting Committee:**

Some areas of consideration for this topic:

- How often should Business Meetings be held
- When should they be held
- Who should lead the business meeting
- How are agenda items determined
- How are ideas pushed forward for group determination
- How is voting done
- How is the outcome of voting decided.
- Raised Hands during business meeting
- Find alternative way to fill host positions for the month instead of during the business meeting.
- You must be at business meeting that you have suggested an item for.
- Importance of taking a group conscious s (in the last business meeting it seemed like people were urging to make decisions without a full group conscious so maybe some don't know what that really means)

### **Service Positions:**

Some areas of consideration for this topic:

- Meeting Specific Service, i.e., host, chair, greeters etc
- Group leaders needed: Group Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, literature person, etc.
- How are they chosen?
- What are the duties of each?
- Length of term.
- Define leadership roles
- I'd like to suggest we discuss making it even more convenient for people to make contributions to AI-Anon by offering the option to pay through Venmo or another app. That for some people is the easier way to make a payment and that may increase donations. I'm concerned there is such a large deficit and want to address this issueA meeting solely for AI Anon service roles
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### **Chat Postings:**

Some areas of consideration for this topic:

- Should there be a Meeting Info Chat person if so:
  - How are they chosen
  - How long do they serve
- What Meeting Related information should be posted in Chat
- Should Chat be open to the group for the entire meeting
- What is appropriate for everyone to post to everyone in the Group

### **Regular Meeting Format:**

Some areas of consideration for this topic:

- Should raise hands function be used
- Should shares be officially timed
- Should we limit how many days in a row someone shares
- Should we leave 15 minutes at the end of the meeting for newcomers and/or burning desires
- Should there be specialty meetings designated during the month i.e., First Monday is Step of the month, Second Tuesdays is a Tradition meeting, Third Wednesday Meditation meeting, fourth Thursday open topic,
  - Reserve 8-8:15, the last 15 min., for new people, shy people and those who haven't shared
  - Extend the coffee time to 30 minutes
  - Practice Alanon principals in all our affairs even in virtual coffee after meetings i.e., no crosstalk
  - Use break out rooms on trial basis so everyone can be heard
  - Take a group conscience prior to the next business meeting on adding to script to limit shares by asking people that have shared in the last two days to refrain unless they have a current crisis in their lives (like mention it on a Sunday and a day we will take a group consciousness vote, say by Wed.) about making the business for these issues 1 hour, followed by 1 hour regular meeting and coffee time. add a suggestion of letting people that have read or shared recently let others have a turn (unless they have a burning need to share of course)
  - Adding language to the script to acknowledge the choice to use gender neutral language - AI Anon announcements language added to the script
  - Adding language to the script and time to the meeting for newcomers to have space to talk (15 mins at the beginning or end of the meeting
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## Crosstalk:

Some areas of consideration for this topic:

- What is Crosstalk?
- Is Crosstalk allowable in the meeting and to what extent
- Who should address crosstalk that happens during the meeting
- How should crosstalk be addressed.
- Define crosstalk unless it has been discussed and voted on previously. (Crosstalk is not defined by WSO.) Quoted from our script "Al-Anon discourages cross-talk, which has been defined as giving advice, questioning someone who is sharing, having an individual comment on what someone else shares, or being discourteous or intimidating. I'll also remind you of the four obstacles to success in Al-Anon: discussions of religion, gossip, dominance and crosstalk." Crosstalk is NOT one of the THREE obstacles to success so delete it from the script.