BEYOND THE BIG BOOK MEETING FORMAT: SUNDAY 4P

Welcome to the Sunday evening "Beyond the Big Book" open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is _____ and I am an alcoholic. Please join me in the Serenity Prayer. Our format is a little different at this meeting. This is not a "Big Book study group". We only read the personal stories located in the back of the Big Book then share based on how we relate to the reading.

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 to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. 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.

Not to embarrass you, but so we can get to know you better, are there any newcomers with less than 30 days of sobriety? Please raise your hand and introduce yourself. (Pause) Welcome home!! Are there any visitors from outside the Long Beach area? Please raise your hand and introduce yourself. (Pause) Welcome to our meeting.

In these virtual meetings, it is vital that everyone keep background noise minimal so that the speaker can be clearly heard. When not speaking, please make sure your line is muted by using the mute button on your phone, microphone icon on the Zoom app, or by pressing *6. To unmute when you wish to speak, press *6 or the mute or microphone icons again.

If you need your court card signed please email it to zoom@marinapacificafellowship.com and it will be signed and emailed back to you.

I've asked a fellow alcoholic to read Chapter five "How it Works"

I will now turn the meeting over to our chip person.

(Back to the Leader)

Today we will begin reading on page ____. I will read a page and then will pass. We will continue reading popcorn style so please feel free to unmute yourself and read a page. We will continue this format until we complete the story.

(Once reading is completed)

We will now open up the meeting for sharing. Be respectful when others are sharing. Please limit your share from 3-5 minutes to allow as many people to share as possible. If you would like to share, please use the raise hand feature and you will be called on to share. To locate the raise hand feature on a computer, go to the participants icon at the bottom of the screen on a laptop and click on it. You will see the *raise hand, lower hand* feature. Click to raise or lower. On a smartphone, swipe right and you will see raise or lower hand feature.

(Leader to qualify if leader chooses)
I will now call on volunteers to share so please raise your hands. If there are no raised hands, I will offer opportunities to share by calling on people.

(At 5:25 pm)
That's all the time we have for sharing this evening. We will now turn the meeting over to our secretary.

(Secretary announcements and then secretary turns the meeting back to the leader}

I have asked a fellow alcoholic to read "A Vision for You"

Thank you all for joining us, we hope to see you all next week.

After a moment of silence for the alcoholic who still suffers inside and outside of these rooms, would (alcoholic of your choice) please lead us out in a prayer of their choice?