

Temporary Meeting Format for Thursday Night Merida AA English Meeting

While folks are gathering, ask for volunteers to read the Preamble, How it works, the Traditions and Promises.

1. Welcome to the Thursday night Merida English AA meeting. My name is _____, and I am an alcoholic. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Everybody, please take a moment to mute your microphone. You can unmute yourself later if you are reading or sharing. After reading or sharing, please mute yourself again. This way everyone can hear.
2. Let us open this meeting with a moment of silence and then please join me in the serenity prayer.
3. We ask that if you have consumed alcohol during the last 24 hours you just listen tonight, and we suggest that you talk to one of us after the meeting.
4. Is there anyone here for their very first AA meeting? (If there is a newcomer, the chair welcomes the person and we read the First Step in the 12 x 12)
5. Is there anyone here in their first 30 days of sobriety? If so, please introduce yourself by your first name only. We ask this not to embarrass you but so that we may get to know you better.
6. Are there any AA birthdays? *(If there is an AA birthday, the chair can ask them to share a little of how they did it after the readings)*
7. Are there any AA announcements?
8. May I have a volunteer to lead this meeting next week? We will send you the meeting script.
9. I have asked _____ to please read our Preamble.
10. I have asked _____ to please read How It Works.
11. I have asked _____ to please read the Traditions
12. Please remember to respect the anonymity of each member present and we request that participants confine their discussion to matters pertaining to recovery from alcoholism.
13. We ask that members do not interrupt or crosstalk while someone is sharing during the meeting.
14. Ask someone who is having a birthday to share here for a few minutes.

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15. This is open topic meeting, or we share from As Bill Sees it. The first Thursday of the month we have a speakers meeting. ***Chair ask someone to share their story or presents a topic or a offers a reading from As Bill Sees It.***
16. *After the reading or speaker or chair-share, announce that the meeting is open to sharing.*
17. Our 7th Tradition States that we are self-supporting through our own contributions. It pays for rent, literature, and other expenses. Since we are not passing the basket, may I ask you to please consider going to **aa.org** and making a contribution. World Services needs our support. The place to contribute is right there on the home page.
18. *At the end of the meeting:* If you did not get an opportunity to share during the meeting, please reach out to any of us. Our group is always available to you.
19. I've asked _____ to please read the Promises from our text.
20. Thanks everyone. Please make sure your microphone is mute and we will close with the Serenity Prayer.