

Thursday – Open Meeting Zoom Format

As folks gather, ask for volunteers to read the Preamble, How It Works, the Traditions, and the 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? The meeting script is posted on the AA Merida Mexico website under Downloads.
- 9.** I have asked a friend to please read our Preamble.
- 10.** I have asked a friend to please read How It Works.
- 11.** I have asked a friend 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.
- 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. *The chair asks someone to share their story or presents a topic or offers a reading from As Bill Sees It.*
- 16.** After reading or speaker or chair-share, announce that the meeting is open to sharing.
- 17.** Our 7th tradition states that every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. If you are in Merida, you can contribute anytime we pass the basket at an in-person meeting. If you are not in Merida, you can arrange to transfer a contribution to a willing local meeting attendee. Most use PayPal or Venmo for these transfers. Local attendees willing to receive a contribution, please raise your hand. Thank you - you can connect through the Chat feature to coordinate the next step.
- 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 a friend to please read the Promises from our text.
- 20.** Thanks, everyone. Please make sure your microphone is muted, and we will close with the Serenity Prayer.