**Village Agnostics: Introduction**

Welcome to the Village Agnostics closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I’m an alcoholic.

By “closed meeting” we mean that these meetings are only for alcoholics and anyone investigating the possibility that they are an alcoholic. There are A.A. meetings open to anyone that are held at other times.

We meet every Sunday at 4:00 PM. On the last Sunday of each month, the regular meeting is followed by a Step Meeting at 5:30.

**[READ A.A. PREAMBLE]**

The Village Agnostics group of A.A. attempts to maintain a tradition of free expression, and conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any doubts or disbelief they may have, and to share their own personal form of spiritual experience, their search for it, or their rejection of it. We do not endorse or oppose any form of religion or atheism. Our only wish is to assure suffering alcoholics that they can find sobriety in A.A. without having to accept anyone else’s beliefs or having to deny their own.

The format of this meeting is to have a 15-20 minute qualification, followed by a round-robin and a show of hands until the close of the meeting at 5:15 PM.

**[INTRODUCE SPEAKER]**

**A.A. Preamble**

The A.A. Preamble states:

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 to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

**Village Agnostics: Break**

**[THANK THE SPEAKER]**

We will now practice the 7th tradition, which states that each A.A. group is self-supporting through its own contributions.

* Are there any newcomers to A.A. or to this meeting, or visitors from out of town who would like to introduce themselves?
* Is anyone counting days of sobriety one through ninety?
* Is anyone celebrating an anniversary of 90 days or a year or more this month?
* Is there a report from the secretary? Information can also be found on our web site, *agnosticAAnyc.org*.
* Are there any A.A. related announcements?

At 5:00 people who couldn’t share in the round-robin will get a chance to in a show of hands. Please keep shares brief so that everyone who needs to share has time to. Speak only once and do not cross-talk.

As this is an A.A. meeting, please focus as much as possible on alcohol. Group Conscience asks that you do not share during this discussion if you have used alcohol or a self-prescribed mood changer today, but do feel free to speak to the chairperson or a group member after the meeting.

The meeting will end at 5:15.

**Village Agnostics: Closing**

I’m afraid we’re out of time. After the meeting some people go out for dinner. Everyone is welcome. We meet downstairs in the lobby and decide on a destination.

To close, I’d like to quote the declaration made at the 30th anniversary international convention of Alcoholics Anonymous:

“Whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I am responsible.”