FORMAT:

THURSDAY 4PM - WORKING OUR SLOGANS BEGINNERS’ MEETING

This meeting will last for one hour and fifteen minutes. Closing begins 10 minutes after the hour.

INTRODUCTION:
1) Hi. I’m your Secretary for this meeting. We welcome you to the Thursday 4pm WORKING OUR SLOGANS Beginners’ Meeting. The intention of this meeting is for newcomers to Al-Anon to feel welcome and to know how important you are to our fellowship. All Al-Anon members are always welcomed here.

The topic for this meeting is the study of AL-ANON’S 16 SLOGANS, which can be found on Al-Anon.org. We hope that the reading of the Slogans will help the newcomer feel part of our Al-Anon Family Group.

2) Let all who wish to unmute by pressing *1 and join us in saying the SERENITY PRAYER.

3) Phone Etiquette:
-- Use *70 to disable call waiting before calling in
-- You enter the meeting muted
-- Unmute and mute with *1 keys
-- Do not share on a speaker phone
-- Please stay muted at all times unless sharing

4) ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS to read:
   a) PREAMBLE to the Twelve Steps (front of all the Three Meditation Books)
   b) THE TWELVE STEPS (Back of all Three Meditation Books)
c) **THE TRADITION AND CONCEPT OF THE MONTH** (Back of Three Meditation Books)
d) *(In December, Concept 12 includes reading the General Warranties.)*

5) **Now we go around the Globe** and introduce ourselves. Hi I'm from...
   a) Are there any newcomers who would like to introduce themselves?

6) **Announcements:** 7th tradition: Al-Anon is fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. We ask that you send your contributions to WSO and state that it is from the Thursday 4 p.m. WORKING OUR SLOGANS Beginners’ Meeting, WSO ID # 30730216, or make donations at your face to face meetings.

   Our business meeting is held the 1st Thursday of the month.

   Are there any other Al-Anon announcements?

7) **Secretary or another member reads** Al-Anon’s 16 Slogans, with the corresponding paragraph, which can be found at:
   Al-Anon.org
   Go to the members tab
   Scroll down to literature
   Scroll down to Al-Anon Slogans

8) **The Slogans are studied in consecutive order. The topic today will be the next Slogan on the list.** Note: If the Chair doesn't know the slogan ask the group. If the Slogan from the previous week is still unknown, the Chair may choose the Slogan.
   We will now have one reading from any Al-Anon conference approved literature. Would someone like to do that reading?

9) **After the reading** the Secretary asks if there is someone who has been in the program for at least 6 months who would like to share for 5 minutes on today's Slogan. (If no one steps up, the Secretary can go right to sharing.)
10) **ASK FOR TIMEKEEPER:** We have 3 minute shares. Do we have a volunteer to be our spiritual timekeeper? Please be gentle when you call time. When you hear the timekeeper call time, please let them know you heard them.

Note to chair: Please repeat the Slogan.

11) **Read:** In Al-Anon, this is a gentle reminder that we speak from our own experience and ours is derived from living with the effects of alcoholism. We ask those who are members of other anonymous programs not to break their anonymity and to try and identify with the Al-Anon approach for the family illness. Ours is a different experience and calls for a different interpretation. Please do not interrupt or directly comment on another person’s share.

(DO NOT READ ALOUD: NOTE TO SECRETARY: you may unmute and reread this statement.)

12) **OPEN FOR SHARING:** We ask the timekeeper if they would like to share first. We are now open for 3 minute shares. We invite newcomers to share now.

(Note to secretary: After 2 or 3 newcomers, open the floor to everyone.)

13) **CLOSING:** It is now 12 minutes after the top of the hour. I want to thank everyone for their service. It is now time to close the meeting.

At this meeting fellowship continues as long as there are 2 or more people on the line or until the next meeting is scheduled to begin. Are there any available sponsors? Is there someone who can stay after the meeting to greet newcomers and answer questions and continue the sharing.
SUGGESTED AL-ANON CLOSING:
Leader or a volunteer will read the closing from How Al-Anon Works page 396 or older book page 380, (or in the Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual page 22).

Let’s unmute and close with The Serenity Prayer followed by the Al-Anon Declaration, which can be found in Paths to Recovery Roman Numeral page IX, (page 9).

GET NUMBERS OR GIVE YOUR NUMBER FOR OUTREACH.
At this meeting, people can ask for numbers or give out their number to give or receive outreach.

Meeting is now closed

MEETING INFORMATION

a. Information on all registered meetings can be found on Al-Anon’s website: al-anon.org or by calling our World Service Office (WSO) at (757) 563-1600. For face-to-face meetings call WSO’s automated phone number: 888-4AL-ANON (888-425-2666).

b. Meeting schedules and formats for this phone line can be found at phonemeetings.org. If the line goes down, the backup number is (425) 436-6200 PIN: 335289#. Press*6 to mute and unmute. For members without web access, meeting schedule information for this line can be found at (712) 432-8733 PIN: UNITY411#. The backup number for the meeting schedule information is (425) 436-6202, PIN: 335289#, Reference Number: 1#.

c. Format changes and website postings can be emailed to phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com. General questions can be sent to phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com. For inquiries regarding leader codes, dashboard monitors and technical issues with the phone line, email
phonemonitorteam@yahoo.com. For workshop ideas, suggestions and concerns, email phonemeetingsforum@yahoo.com.

d. Would anyone like to announce any other Al-Anon phone meetings?
Now will answer questions from newcomers and continue fellowship.