

## **Taking Action Group (TAG) McKinney Opening/Closing script (hybrid meeting)**

### **OPENING:**

Hello, everyone. Welcome to the Taking Action Group Big Book study meeting. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a sex addict. \_\_\_\_\_ will be our facilitator today. On Zoom, please keep your microphone muted unless you're reading or sharing, please turn on your video, and if you're not local to McKinney TX add your city after your first name and last initial.

TAG McKinney is an open men's meeting, so any man interested in learning more about SAA is welcome. If you intend to just observe, please let us know. Your anonymity will be protected and we ask that you protect ours. **(Pause)**

You will need a Big Book for this meeting. If you do not have one, there is a link to the digital text in the Zoom chat and the room has loaner books in the filing cabinet.

Let's have a moment for silent meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. **[pause 3-5 seconds]**

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

We, of Sex Addicts Anonymous, have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other sex addicts precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book, and of this group.

TAG would like to recognize those who have reached milestones in their pursuit of sobriety. Is anyone celebrating a monthly or annual sobriety date? **(Pause so the facilitator can give a chip to people celebrating milestones. We have chips for 1,2,3,6,9 months)**

Do we have anyone joining our group for the first time today? **(Pause)**

**(If yes)** Welcome \_\_\_\_, when people new to our group attend, we spend the first 15 minutes talking through what we call the foundation which will introduce you to the disease of addiction as described by the original Twelve Step text. \_\_\_\_ will now go through this.

***[Turn meeting over to foundation speaker]***

To begin our study, we will review and comment on an SAA Tradition and Concept. After that we will be using the Big Book Study Guide prepared by members of the Dallas Primary Purpose Group of SAA. The facilitator will ask a question and the answer is the next part of the reading. We'll also comment on how the reading applies to the solution in working the 12 Steps. All comments that are based on other literature, speakers, programs, religion, or therapy are outside issues and are better suited for discussion after the meeting or with your sponsor.

If you are not working the twelve steps with a sponsor or are new to recovery, we invite you to just listen. Please discuss with your sponsor whether you are ready to start sharing.

Today's tradition is \_\_\_\_\_. Who on Zoom would like to volunteer to read the long and short form starting on page 563 AND make a quick comment? **(Pause)**

Who would like to read the concept AND make a quick comment? **(Pause)**

We will begin our study on page \_\_\_\_\_. Can I get a volunteer to read while I turn it over to our facilitator today?

## **CLOSING: (start reading 5-7min before the end of the meeting)**

This concludes our study for today. An important symbol of our willingness is a desire chip that signifies our desire to stop addictive sexual behaviors for good and for all, though we stay sober just one day at a time. If you are new and ready to recover, we encourage you to take this chip today. Is there anyone here that would like to begin your journey or recommit to sobriety? **(Pause)**

Attending a Twelve Step meeting should not be confused with working a Twelve Step Program with a sponsor. Will those of you who have taken these steps by the directions in the Big Book, been blessed with a Spiritual Awakening, and have the willingness to work with others please raise your hand? To those who are new, we strongly suggest you talk with one of these brothers before leaving the meeting.

Our group suggests a \$2 donation to help carry the SAA message. **(Pass the pouch)** If this is your first meeting, please be our guest. Please see the Zoom chat for PayPal details.

Who would like to be our Greeter for Zoom?

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Who would like to volunteer next week to read the Open and Close? **(NOTE: Those on Zoom are welcome to volunteer)**

Who would like to cover the foundation on Zoom?

Who would like to cover the foundation in the room?

Who would like to volunteer for facilitator? **(NOTE: Those on Zoom are welcome to volunteer)**

If you are new, we are glad you are here and hope you will come back and become part of our lives. Please remember that we express our desire to recover from sex addiction by working all Twelve Steps with a sponsor, not by how many meetings we make. We would love for you to leave us your contact information so that we can connect and get to know you, whether on Zoom or in person.

Many of us meet for in person fellowship and consider it a critical part of recovery. Locations and times are available in the Zoom chat, on GroupMe, or just ask. We would love to have you join us.

Would any sponsors like to introduce any new members? **(Pause)**

Are there any SAA announcements? **(Pause)**

Are there any prayer requests? **(Pause)**

“Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you until then.” Big Book page 164

Please join us in the Lord’s Prayer:

“Our father who art in heaven hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen!”

Keep coming back, it works if you work it, and it sucks like hell if you don’t.