

# Equal Parenting Anonymous Discussion Meeting Script

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1. SECRETARY: **Call to Order.** Banging the hammer, bell, glass, or whatever, call everyone to Order with ***“Will everyone please come to Order..... Thank you. I now have to pick a Chair.....”*** Pick a Chairperson, and hand the Meeting over to them. ***“I’ll now turn the Meeting over to <.....> to chair the Meeting”***
2. CHAIR: **Open:** The Chair reads the “Welcome”. ***“Welcome, to the <your chapter> chapter of Equal Parenting Anonymous. This is a <one hour / one and a half hour> meeting. Our Primary Purpose is to carry the message of Equal Parenting the natural parent, grandparent and child that still suffers. This is an Anonymous meeting. Please keep whom you see here and what you hear here, stay here”.***
3. GROUP: ***“Here, Here”***
4. CHAIR: ***“Can I have a Volunteer to be the Reader?”*** Hand over the **Reading Sheet** and **Twelve Traditions** to the Volunteer.
5. READER: Reads the **Reading**, and **Tradition** selected by the Chair.
6. CHAIR: ***“Are there any special Topics from the floor?”*** <Topics from the floor>. Then the Chair reminds everyone ***“We’ll begin the Sharing now. Please remember to be considerate of others and limit your time to 5 minutes.”*** The Chair then invites people to speak on any topic on their minds. Chair selects some Speakers because they can provide information on the Topics requested. <Sharing>.
7. SECRETARY: Fill out the **Weekly Form**, noting Attendance, Topics requested, etc.
8. CHAIR: Just prior to the Half-Time Break ***“Is there anyone with a burning need to share, remember that the Break begins in <??> minutes?”*** <Sharing>.
9. ***“OK, we’re coming up to the Half-Time Break, so I’ll turn the Meeting over to the Secretary for Announcements”.***
10. SECRETARY: Read your Announcements: news on Events, News from other Meetings, Break-through success stories, news on Jamborees with other Groups, etc. Then ask, ***“Are there any Announcements from the floor?”*** <....> ***“OK, that’s it for the Announcements.”***

11. SECRETARY: ***“We give out EPA booklets for 1, 3, 6, 9 months and 1 year Milestones. Is there anyone here at a Milestone?”***
12. SECRETARY: ***“Are there any newcomers who would like a Newcomers Package? Please identify yourself by raising your hand”***  
Welcome them in, and give them the package.
13. SECRETARY: ***“We have Books at Cost. Meeting Directories are \$ 1.25. Pamphlets are Free.”***
14. SECRETARY: Tradition Seven ***“In keeping with Tradition Seven, every Equal Parenting Group is fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. As you are able, please give something to cover operating expenses”***. Pass the hat. (A Toonie is pretty usual).
15. SECRETARY: ***“Membership: There are no membership fees to join EPA. If anyone would like to join this EP Group, please see me after the meeting.”***
16. SECRETARY: ***“We have Temporary Sponsors if anyone needs one. Temporary Sponsors, please identify yourselves by raising your hands.”*** <Sponsors raise their hands>
17. SECRETARY: ***“Could I have a show of hands to Help Clean Up after the Meeting? <,,,> Thanks, we will now go to Half-Time. This is the time to chat and get phone numbers. Halftime will be over in <~ 5 min> at <time>. Please be punctual about getting back.”***
18. HALF TIME BREAK
19. SECRETARY: Bang the hammer, bell, glass, or something. Call everyone to order. ***“The Break is now over. Please let us resume our Second Half.”*** <Get things quiet.> ***“Thank you. I’ll now turn the Meeting over to <??> our Chair this <evening>”***
20. CHAIR: ***“Welcome back. We’ll now begin our Second Half.....”*** Chair goes into the Second Half, picks up where they left off, continuing the invitations to speak.
21. CHAIR: **Close:** When time is up, the Chairs says ***“Thank you for coming to the <Meetingname> meeting of Equal Parenting Anonymous. Will all who will, join me in the “Serenity Prayer”***

***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.***

22. SECRETARY: At the Meeting Close, Count the donations, and enter the amounts on the form provided and pass the Form and Donation to the

**Treasurer.** At the monthly EPA business meeting things will be taken further.