Los Gatos Home Group Meeting Script

(Get volunteers to read the Readings)

Welcome to the Los Gatos Home Group meeting of Narcotics Anonymous.

My name is _____. I'm an addict, and the present secretary for this meeting.

As a courtesy to others, please refrain from texting during the meeting and take phone calls outside. We ask that you not bring drugs or paraphernalia to meetings, do not smoke or vape anywhere on the premises, including the parking lot or sidewalk, and there are no animals, including service animals, allowed on the church property or buildings. This is for the protection of this group, this facility, and N.A. as a whole.

[Fireside Room restrooms] Restrooms are down the office hallway. Please enter from the outside courtyard door; do not pass through the sanctuary or inside the annex.

[Ross Hall restrooms] Restrooms are in the back by the kitchen.

Do not go into other areas of the church property and be mindful of other groups.

After a moment of silence, those who wish may join us 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.*

What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?

NA is a nonprofit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using. We suggest that you keep an open mind and give yourself a break. Our program is a set of principles written so simply that we can follow them in our daily lives. The most important thing about them is that they work.

There are no strings attached to N.A. We are not affiliated with any other organizations, we have no initiation fees or dues, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone. We are not connected with any political, religious, or law enforcement groups, and are under no surveillance at any time. Anyone may join us, regardless of age, race, sexual identity, creed, religion, or lack of religion.

We are not interested in what or how much you used, who your connections were, what you have done in the past, how much or how little you have, but only in what you want to do about your problem and

how we can help. The newcomer is the most important person at any meeting because we can only keep what we have by giving it away. We have learned from our group experience that those who keep coming to our meetings regularly stay clean.

Are there any newcomers in their first 30 days who would like to introduce themselves by their first name only? Please announce your clean time, if you like. This is not to embarrass you, it is just so we may get to know you better. ***(Write down names. Check for hands raised online.)***

Are there any first-time in-person visitors who would like to introduce themselves who have not done so already? ***(Write down names.)***

(Ask volunteers to read)

Who Is an Addict / Why Are We Here / We Do Recover /How It Works / The Twelve Traditions

An excerpt from our fourth tradition states,

It is also important to consider how we're viewed by society. When N.A. meetings first began in many places, it was illegal for addicts to meet under any circumstances. Even where meetings are legal, the public often views groups of addicts with alarm. Until N.A. has established a good public reputation, it may be difficult for addicts to find meeting places. If our behavior as N.A. members is still destructive and selfish, we will once again have difficulty meeting openly. We help protect our reputation as a fellowship when we use our meeting facilities with respect, keeping them clean and in good repair. We should take care to act like good neighbors, conducting ourselves respectfully. If the public reputation of Narcotics Anonymous is somehow impaired, addicts may die.

[Second Sunday 6 p.m. CHIP NIGHT]

Tonight is chip night. The meeting will be extended by 15 minutes. Tonight our chipmunk is _____.

[All other meetings and Sunday 6 p.m. NON CHIP NIGHT]

If you want to pick up a medallion or key tag in-person with this group, we celebrate milestones in recovery the second Sunday of the month at the 6 p.m. meeting.

Has anyone recently celebrated a recovery milestone? (**Listen for names**)

(Read the approved home group announcements) ==========⍰

(Select one meeting type below)

[Speaker / Discussion]

This is a one-hour speaker/discussion meeting. The speaker will share for 10 to 15 minutes. Tonight our chairperson is _____.

[JFT]

This is a one-hour *Just for Today* meeting. A volunteer will read today's *Just for Today***,** share for 10-15 minutes, and then the meeting will be opened for volunteers to share. May I please have a volunteer come up and read *Just for Today?*

[Revolving format]

This is a one-hour revolving format meeting. This week [introduce speaker, choose literature, choose topic] and then the meeting will be opened for volunteers to share.

[Book Study]

This is a one-hour book study meeting. The group will read a piece of NA literature, and then the meeting will be opened for volunteers to share.

[Popsicle Stick]

This is a one-hour (popsicle) stick meeting. Everyone takes a stick and shares on their topic or anything else related to their recovery.

(Pass the basket before sharing or discussion.)

We will now practice our Seventh Tradition. The money collected pays the rent, pays for online costs, buys literature, and supports the fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous worldwide. Place your attendance sheets in the basket, and they will be signed and ready for you after the meeting.

At this meeting, only one person speaks at a time. We do not engage in dialog or debate. If you have used in the last 24 hours, please refrain from speaking at meeting level and someone like myself will be glad to speak with you after the meeting. Please limit your share to 3-5 minutes to allow as many people as possible a chance to share.

I will now turn the meeting back over to our chairperson | the group.

(Close the meeting.)

In closing, here are some suggestions that work for us:

- Go to ninety meetings in ninety days.
- Get a sponsor, if you do not know what one is, you can see me or ask someone after the meeting.
- Read some N.A. literature every day.
- Get involved in service.
- Most important keep coming back.

(Thank the chairperson.)

(Welcome the newcomers and visitors, if any by name.)

A reminder: Please wait to smoke until you leave. Do not smoke or vape anywhere on the premises.

Can I have a volunteer to read ***Just for Today***?

Ask someone to close with the ***Third Step Prayer***.