

Leadership Roles + Responsibilities
The Pondering Pub

A primary function of The Pondering Pub is “Ponderings,” gatherings of members called “Ponderers,” to discuss works of truth, beauty, and goodness. For a Pondering to be considered valid, it must meet 3 requirements: It must open in a Christian prayer, it must have the leadership roles assigned, and 2 discussion topics must be had with one of them revolving around a cultural work.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.” - Ecclesiastes

Host	Pub Rep
● Provide Meeting Location ● Decide Opening Prayer ● Enforce House Rules ● Welcome People as they come in ● Help Facilitate presentation set up ● Call Presentations to Order	● Set + communicate next Pondering ● Set agenda for evening ● Relay announcements ● Introduce presentations ● Guide conversation ● Set meeting dates with Guild Leadership

Host

The host arranges the meeting place and decides on opening prayer. The meeting place can be the host’s house, a church, a community center, or anywhere the host has permission to use. The host ultimately takes responsibility for actions occurring at the meeting place. Thus, the host lays down any house rules that is binding for all Ponderings occurring at the meeting place. For example, the host may say, “Everyone must leave at 11 PM” or “Shoes off when you enter.” These are called “house rules” and this rule helps the host maintain order and proper rules that visitors may otherwise not know.

Additionally, the host decides on opening prayer. Typically, the host leads in prayer and can use any prayer service, such as the one sponsored by the Pondering Pub, or create their own.

Host is permitted to delegate the duties of hosting and prayer to others, though they are still responsible for what may occur. If a situation arises where the usual host can not be present, but a Pondering still is desired to be held, the Host may delegate the duties of Host to another Pondering Member, with their consent and confirmation of Pub Rep. That Member is temporarily granted all the rights and privileges of Host for that Pondering. Additionally, as mentioned above, the Host may also delegate Prayer Duties to someone else if they won’t be present.

Pub Rep

The Pub Rep is in charge of organizing the Pondering, laying out the agenda of the evening, guiding conversation, and introducing presentations. The Pub Rep tends to be the face of that Pondering, so it is important he/she works closely with the Host.

The Pub Rep is in charge of representing the broader Pondering Pub at each Pondering and ensuring the Pondering Pub policies are being followed. The Pub Rep will be expected to communicate frequently with Chapter Leadership. The Pub Rep also should ensure conversation stays generally on topic, and does not become hostile. Debate is good and encouraged. Hostile conversation should be snubbed.

Most importantly, the Pub Rep sets meetings and encourages engagement outside of Ponderings. Members should know when the next meeting is and what's happening to draw them to the next Pondering.