#### B&P Group Meeting Format

1. Good Evening! This is the group meeting for Black and Poly (Insert your city here). We are a meetup group dedicated to the education and support of Polyamourous People of Color, their families, and those who love them!
My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I am the community Secretary and Meetup Co-Coordinator. I am also Polyamorous and have been in this lovestyle for (describe how long, and a brief description of your dynamic and maybe how you came to be Poly)
2. This is an open meeting for Black & Poly members and those seeking to learn more about this lovestyle and how it can enhance your life whether you’re Monogamous or Polyamorous. We are most gracious of the fact that you are all here - especially newcomers, and In keeping with our singleness of purpose we ask that all participate, and confine your discussions to issues surrounding family, children, and Polyamory as it relates to you.
3. Definition of Polyamory:
**Polyamory** is the practice, desire, or acceptance of having more than one intimate relationship at a time with the knowledge and [consent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consent) of everyone involved. It is distinct from [swinging](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swinging_%28sexual_practice%29)(which emphasizes sex with others as merely recreational) and may or may not include [polysexuality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polysexuality) (attraction towards multiple [genders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genders) and/or [sexes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexes)).Polyamory, often abbreviated as *poly*, is often described as "consensual, ethical, and responsible [non-monogamy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-monogamy)." The word is sometimes used in a broader sense to refer to sexual or romantic relationships that are not sexually exclusive, though there is disagreement on how broadly it applies; an emphasis on ethics, honesty, and transparency all around is widely regarded as the crucial defining characteristic.
4. So to get us all acquainted, I’d like to go around the room to have everyone share their dynamic (type of relationship their in), and what was the experience that brought them into Polymamory -or this meeting if you’re a newbie, and what you would like to gain from this meeting. So please introduce yourself as we ask this not to embarrass you but so that we may get to know you better. And as we go around the room I will also pass around a sign in sheet as well a donation bucket to assist us with the fees associated with conducting our meetings.
5. Now that we’ve all gotten acquainted, I’d like to call on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who has volunteered to read an excerpt from "Great Poly Book" Chapter 5 - Unicorns Hunters: Lost in a dream
6. Maybe another reading from a different member if they choose to do so.
7. Are there any important B&P announcements?
8. At this time, I would like to introduce \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is our Coordinator (either a special speaker, or Head Coordinator) for today's meeting.
9. Ask the Coordinator if they have a topic and allow them to conduct the discussion with a Q&A amongst attendees.
10. CLOSING: The Group Secretary thanks the Coordinator as well as those members who participated in reading, newcomers and visitors, and those who are in service to this meeting
11. Read any announcements left for Secretaries. Remind those at the meeting of B&P’s website (blackandpoly.org), Fb site ([www.facebook.com/groups/blackpolyamory/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/blackpolyamory/)), poly related books from our recommended book list (especially if you’re conducting the meeting in a bookstore) and literature that may be available if any.