

Just for Today Virtual Special Business Meeting

Time and Date: 01 May 2021 8:15am-9:30am

Join Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83283572014?pwd=QkJCN29LNm9MU2grS2JOaDFIN0JWZz09>

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Opening

- Wendy opened the meeting
 - Todd read “The 12 Traditions”
 - Jenny T read “An Informed A.A. Group Conscience”
- Wendy reminded us of the process and purpose of the meeting (see agenda)

Recommendations from Steering Committees/Task Force

- Todd introduced Catherine M (Brookline Group), Area 30 Service Seminar Committee Chairperson. This committee is set up to facilitate meetings on group conscience.
- Presentation by Catherine (source AA Group Pamphlet)
 - A moment of silence, followed by reciting Declaration of Unity (p. 52)
 - From AA Group Pamphlet p. 29

A.A. Group Inventory: Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through A.A.’s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles.
 - More information available [page 29 of The AA Group Pamphlet](#)
 - Group inventory is checking in on how the group is fulfilling its primary purpose
 - 1) Some groups do this annually. Others on an as needed basis.
 - 2) Spirit of Tradition 4. No rules
 - How is the inventory done?
 - 1) Examine 12 Traditions one at a time to measure the group. Can also focus on one or two traditions if decided
 - 2) Use the 12 Traditions checklist (questions on each tradition) and available on-line
 - 3) Use the 13 questions from the AA Group Pamphlet (p. 29), which can be adapted and or added to as needed
 - 4) San Jose group has created Covid based questions for on-line groups (24 in all)
[See this inventory that considers the virtual/Covid19 context](#)
 - 5) Choose a date (about a month out). Request for facilitator from the Service Seminar Committee is possible. Meeting generally about 2 hours.
- Questions
 - What comes out of a group inventory?
 - 1) A “health” check – how are we doing
 - 2) A theme might emerge
 - 3) Have a notetaker to document
 - 4) The group inventory does not make a decision for the group. It’s findings are brought to the group conscience
 - JFT has four meeting formats (Zoom 6am, 7am, in-person 6am, 7am). Is a different inventory needed for each? Answer: this is up to JFT group to decide
 - Is this a commitment to do something?
 - 1) Not necessarily. A group could decide it is doing ok. Easy Does It
 - 2) A group will determine if there are ways it can become more committed to our primary purpose

- 3) What ever the group determines is being called forth from the inventory
- 4) What comes next? With a decision to proceed, th group will organize the onventory
- How do we ensure the voice of those who do not attend?
 - 1) Pretty common issue. Insure business and special meetings are well announced.
 - 2) Reach out to those who are definitely interested but really cannot attend by allowing questions from them (maybe)
 - 3) Offer an invitational summary at the start of regular meetings
- Consider sharing an annual group inventory (2 hour time)
- What can go wrong?
 - 1) Catherine has not seen any major issues. Declaration of Unity!
- Has group inventory been helpful re: in-person v. on-line?
 - 1) Look to GSR to see what other groups are doing
 - 2) District 22 held a workshop on this

The Vote: Should we hold a group inventory?

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abs: 2

JFT Steering Committee Scope and Structure

- Liz D summarized the process
 - A proposal in January created two task teams (Zoom 6am and 7am) to discuss best practices
 - Two meetings for each group held (January, February). Steering committee are open to all. Meetings are announced on the website and in morning meetings. Transparency.
 - Scope is to discuss, decide, recommend and not interfere with JFT as a whole
 - JFT website has links to meeting minutes and announcements (including feedback and minority viewpoints), the Steering Committee Scope and Structure, summary of recommendations, and detailed recommendations.
- Questions
 - Noticed the job description regarding minutes taking is removed? Decided to assign that at each meeting
 - We have four meetings and two steering committees. What about in-person meetings? The in-person group decided to defer until needed
 - Rotation of service? Length of term is three months. The chairperson term is six months. Currently no mandate for rotations. As a follow-up, this recommendation will be considered at future business – to add rotation to the Steering Committee Role? Anybody can come...anybody can vote.
 - Distinction between committee decision vs. business meeting decisions? Examples such as timekeeping, script changes, literature changes? The Steering Committee, **in good faith**, will make these type of decisions.
 - Comment – Newcomers rely on us to make good decisions

Motion and Vote Regarding Recommendation

Yes: 22

No: 0

Abs: 5 (4 in-person plus one)

Closing

- Wendy thanked everyone involved (especially Liz D, Jenny T, Jen L, Jim, Todd)
- Thank you, thank you. Keep it simple
- Serenity Prayer (oops!!)