

# Just for Today AA Inventory Follow Up Meeting In Person and Virtual Special Business Meeting Minutes

11 Dec 2021 8:15am-9:30am

## 1. Opening (JFT Secretary)

- Thanks to those doing service: Secretary, Host/Tracking Raised Hands; Notetaker; Onsite JFT liaisons
- Chat is open
- Volunteers read *The 12 Traditions* and *An Informed A.A. Group Conscience*
- Overview of the meeting process and guidance
  - All JFT Meeting Attendees are invited to attend this business meeting; we ask that discussion and voting be limited to those who consider themselves a *JFT Group Member*
  - Please mute when not speaking and unmute when speaking; VMHs will assist to keep order
  - Onsite Liaison will monitor raised hands in room and request the 'floor' via raised hand feature
  - Please limit comments during the discussion period to critical comments, keep them brief, and please do not duplicate what someone else has shared
- Purpose of meeting/review agenda: Follow-up to Group Inventory determine next steps/action items
  - The Inventory followed the recommendations from the [AA Group Pamphlet](#) (page 29)
  - Used as reference: [Traditions Check List](#)
  - 4 of 12 questions were discussed at the 2 Oct 2021 group inventory [JFT Group Inventory Notes](#)

## 2. Inventory topics that arose from the 2 Oct 2021 Group Conscience

- Primary Purpose
- Carrying the message - newcomers and longtimers and everyone in between
- Attracting a cultural cross-section, accessibility, and safety
- Retaining Members

## 3. Group Conscience inventory next steps

- Stop here and consider the feedback in front of us; develop a plan for that
- Schedule additional facilitated meeting for the remainder of questions
- Tackle both 1 and 2
- Another idea?

## 4. Suggestions discussed

- Just stop for now and take on the items raised and how to address
- Schedule a part 2 of the group inventory but also have offer the topics to the Steering Committees
- Timing—we don't want to have inventory fatigue
- If we don't actually schedule the part 2 of the inventory, practically speaking, we are making the decision to "stop now"
- At the last meeting, we were in the middle of Safety and having an intense but great conversation and we had to end, so don't want to stop that progress we have made
- Per the [AA Group Pamphlet](#), it sounds like we are supposed to spend the majority of the time talking so action is a much more straightforward; so let's spend the time on the discussions
- Seems like the issues are very different at the in-person meetings than at the virtual meetings
- Considered that just handing all the info over to the Steering Committees wont adequately address topics that should be discussed across
- The past experience with the virtual steering committees is that they have been very operational so this appears to be more of a shift in their roles
- Steering Committees were originally designed to allow the individual meetings have their own culture and make technical/operational decisions; accordingly, operational/technical items can be relevant to how we carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers

- We need to re-evaluate the questions before we send them to the Steering Committees
- Concern about the big issues being discussed at the steering committee level if they should be discussed at the group level
- Motion made: Schedule 2 more inventory meetings, the first as soon as 3 months assuming Service Seminar Chair is available
  1. All in favor, 1 abstained, except 3 members, who were asked to speak:
    - a) 3 months seems too soon
  2. No one changed their position based on minority voice
  3. Motion upheld and will move forward with that motion
- Discussion on what to do with the final 18 minutes
  1. Consider reviewing the Inventory notes from the Oct Inventory and see if these can be handed wholesale to the Steering Committees or do we need to retain some for the larger group
  2. Recommend that the topic of Safety be retained at the Group level, not the Steering Committee level; folks who are feeling afraid may not feel safe to bring up topics at business meetings
- Returned to a question raised earlier at the in-person location: what is the safety issue? How can we address it NOW rather than waiting 6 months?
  1. In-Person Steering Committee lead gave an update
  2. In-Person Steering Committee meeting was held and the topic of Safety was discussed
  3. <get more details from Sarah>
  4. Reminder that the issues at the in-person meeting and the virtual meetings are likely different
  5. Reminder that many safety issues are similar across meetings—disruption, etc.
  6. Safety In AA pamphlet distributed via Chat
  7. Reminder that an physical safety issues should be directed to the police
  8. Suggest we have a Safety Committee
- Motion/seconded: Add 2 more meetings per quarter to discuss inventory and safety for “the time being:
  1. Suggest that the In-Person Steering Committee continue this discussion simultaneously with the Group discussions
  2. Kudos to the In Person Steering Committee for addressing safety issues immediately
  3. Individuals shared their experiences: some agree that we need to discuss at the group level; some feel that the individual needs to take care of their own safety
  4. All in favor except a couple who abstained and one against. Minority voice heard: seems like its just too many and that adding these additional meetings will not get more people; more meetings seems like too much
  5. Motion held
- JFT Chair summed up—We will proceed as follows:
  1. Inventory meeting notes will be distributed to the Steering Committees to move forward
  2. We will schedule the additional business meetings
  3. Everyone did an amazing job discussing hard issues: Thank you!!!

## 5. Close with Serenity Prayer (all)