

**Just for Today
Business Meeting Minutes
07 Jan 2022**

Opening (Wendy, JFT Secretary)

- Thanks to Barrie B and Tracey S (VMHs), Jenny T (Taking Notes); Jim S./Sarah C. and the team at onsite location of the meeting; all were welcomed
- Volunteers read *The 12 Traditions*, An Informed A.A. Group Conscience
- Meeting process and guidance
 - All JFT Meeting Attendees are invited to attend this business meeting; discussion and voting should 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 (with zoom access and projector) 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
 - If multiple people stand for specific service jobs, we can vote as needed to select
- Purpose of meeting/review agenda: JFT Service Jobs, standing reports, other topics raised by group

Secretary's Report (Wendy MO/Sarah C/Cheryl S)

- Secretary provided an update on [2021.10.02 Group Inventory](#) and [2021.12.11 Group Inventory Follow-Up](#)
 - Steering Committees (3) are asked to proceed with topics in consideration of feedback to date
 - Overall group to continue with additional questions on inventory with support from SS Chair (Catherine)
 - Group Conscience identified need to prioritize the balance of the inventory work and voted for monthly follow up to continue for six additional months (with minority opinion expressed)
 - Proposal from JFT Secretary (*based on Group Conscience from 12/11 Inventory Follow Up Meeting*): 4th Saturday of the month 8:15 to 9:30 - Hybrid/In-Person Meeting; for 6 months then assess for continued need for monthly meeting
 - Regular Reports and Rotation Business - Third month of quarter; 2022 = March 26 (NO WMO), June 25, September 24, December 24 - move to Jan 07, 2023
 - Inventory Process - 1st and second months of quarter; 2022 = January 22, February 26, April 23, May 28 (assess status of inventory/need for additional meetings)
 - Vote: 27+ in favor; minority opinion expressed, votes in favor not changed; proposal passed
 - Question for group consideration; JFT meetings are closed; review Group Conscience regarding guests at anniversary celebrations; discussion was opened; several group members shared on their experiences, preferences, and historical reasons for listing the meeting as closed; Description of open vs closed meetings from AA.org was discussed with a reminder we are listed in the meeting directory as closed; folks wondering how we may enforce a decision; noted that the Anniversary Meeting at the 7am meeting on the last Saturday of each month is OPEN so non-AAs may attend and anniversaries are usually presented AFTER meetings, so non-AAs could attend a presentation

after the meeting is closed; Secretary stated we had a great discussion that modeled the “informed group conscience” and suggested this topic be directed to the 3 Steering Committees for ongoing discussion.

- Virtual Meeting Service Job Coordinator (Tracey) provided an update; all is going well and we need additional volunteers: Sat 5 Feb 2022 at 8:15 for training; can also do a Wed night if that works better. Please email JFTServiceJobs@gmail.com to get involved or ask questions. Other topics: Steering Committee meetings have been quiet, but they are getting new topics as of today; please sign up for chair ops online; virtual meeting attendance has been strong: ~40-60 at 6am and ~30-40 at 7am
- Update on In-person meetings (Jim S/Sarah)
 - Mandatory Masking continues to be in place; attendance is high at 6am and
 - All: We have a single point of contact with our facility so please do not contact the church or its employees directly: Mark A is our JFT Church Liaison and will handle all matters related to the church, facility, parking, heat, lighting, etc. *Please do not approach Church Leadership, Church Members or Church Contacts directly!*
 - Website transition from .com to .org will not happen due to costs

Treasurer’s Report (David H)

- 2021 Treasurers Report (not reviewed in meeting)
 1. [2021.03.15 First Quarter Report](#)
 2. [2021.06.21 Second Quarter Report](#)
 3. [2021.09.30 Third Quarter Report](#)
- 2021 Current (Year End) [2021.12.31 Fourth Quarter](#); David provided an update on the status; new to the role and getting up to speed; group very much appreciated his service and he recognized John at the onsite location for helping with the cash contributions; ~31 in favor of accepting treasurer’s report; passed. Some discussion on the term “prudent reserve” vs closing balance typical of the JFT treasurer’s reports.
- [Action Regards JFT’s 501c3 Status](#): David raised the topic that, due to being a 501c3 status, we have to file certain documents in April each year and are supposed to have 2 Trustees (see link for details); several long-term group members volunteered to be trustees; Deb P and Lee volunteered to be Trustees going forward. Jenny T to connect David to Area 30 Treasurer to discuss the annual filings.

JFT Service Jobs (Secretary)

- [For Reference - Chart of Current JFT ALL Service Job Descriptions](#)
- Thank you to all who are rotating out of service jobs!
- E-Card Service Position Recommendations were accepted (*post meeting - the team has determined not to add the backup role for the time being*)
- New volunteers for jobs are noted in the Service Jobs Chart ([2022.01.01 JFT Service Jobs](#))
- Was agreed we need to recruit Steering Committee members; Secretary will meet with the Steering Committee Chairs to discuss how to increase participation
- All those rotating in to send JFTSecretary@gmail.com your email address, telephone number, and new service job so you can be connected with the outgoing person, who will train you. You can agree on the transition timing, etc.

7th Tradition Proposal (Secretary) - tabled to bring to next inventory discussion

- JFT AA Group consider the distribution of JFT's contributions to the AA Service Structure
 - Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to research, review, and consider JFT's contributions to service structure and bring recommendation to JFT Group; and
 - seek group conscience about the recommendation
 - [See detailed draft proposal here.](#)

We ran out of time so the balance of the reports were provided post-meeting and are noted below.

Close with Serenity Prayer (all)

- **GSR Report** (Kit M) Pending
- **Central Service Delegate** (Scottie M) Pending
- [JFT Member/Contact List, JFT Google Group, and JFT E-Contact List Report](#) (Eric N)

AA Resources to Support Group Discussion and Decisions

An Informed A.A. Group Conscience: The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes. (*The AA Group* https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf)

Concept 12. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. (*The Twelve Concepts for World Service* https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-114_en.pdf)

Anonymity Online and Digital Media https://www.aa.org/assets/en_us/smf-197_en.pdf

The AA Group https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/p-16_theaagroup.pdf

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