

JFTV Quarterly Business Meeting Notes 03/23/2024

Attendees: Carol C (secretary), Liz M (VMH), and members

Agenda and Overview

Read of 12 Traditions

Read of Informed AA Group Conscience

JFT service jobs and standing reports and updates from Jan business meeting

Carol C - the first thing is in Oct 2023, JFTV agreed to be part of online AA website, our meeting is listed 6am and 7am. When we first started it went through usual contact to send contact person a request, then time delay with link.

In Jan 2024 we agreed to do automated responds as of Jan 17th, anyone who clicks on link they will immediately get a response. We see who asked for zoom connect information and information has been filed. In a little over two months over 80 requests, people are finding the meeting and looking to get connected, a good thing

As a result we have a discussion, we have representatives for Boston Central Service, we have to create IGR service position to be in charge of it. Member and I were at meeting, last week, they have quarterly assembly, 60 people, they discussed what's going on in OIAA, these people can vote. We want someone to be part of this group from JFTV. Quarterly assembly there will be an IGR, in Oct 2024 worldwide convention online, topics are being finalized. International meeting in 2025. They encourage topic suggestions, Carol suggested sponsorship

Proposal - JFTV create service position IGR to attend OIAA (Online Intergroup AA)

Member has seconded it

2 year sobriety and 2 year term IGR position, the person will be our rep for OIAA

Member - this feels exciting to me, now we are two separate groups, this feels like a further growth, so powerful

Member - this is a part of stepping stone to future AA, this is full participation

Carol C- I have already put this into jobs position list, let's vote

All in favor - unanimous!

This month is anniversary of 4 years of JFTV!

Clerk position (note taker)

Member - spirit of rotation, tradition 2, rotation of service position

Member – AI zoom note taker available suggestion

Dan E will take on the role, 6 month term, confirmed

OIAA Service Rep (online intergroup AA) New Service Position

2 year term, 2 year sobriety

Bethana will do it

Member suggested voting

Bethana had unanimous vote, confirmed

Bethana – we need IGR and alternate IGR

Barbara – I have great interest in service as the Alternate, I have time on my hands to do it, confirmed

Carol C – alternate is back up in case Bethana cannot make it, same requirement service position 2 years service and 2 years recovery. Anyone can go and IGR is the one who gets to vote. Thank you Barbara

General Service Representative

Carol C – will speak on behalf of Julieta, thank you CC for your service

The GSR attends monthly district 22 meetings, hour meeting, and it is on zoom. Also attends area assemblies. Julieta has been involved with service with other groups, she is willing to be our GSR

Unanimous on Julieta as GSR, confirmed

JFTV Contact List

Carol C – I know Sheilah has been in position, she would someone else like to take this on

We have automated response now for who wants JFTV meeting access. Job will be more of who are the new people coming to our meeting, welcome them to the group, helps to get people feel noticed, we try to encourage

The job will be more connection with our meetings and helps for someone who might want to reach out to newcomer

Monitors the contact list and google group, great opportunity to connect with new person

Is anyone else interested in this position, if not we will keep Sheilah in the position

Member – my sponsor is famous for saying Volun-told. This is a great part of hospitality a welcome, a great opportunity for someone with a year, all of us can help by suggesting newer folks can get in deeper with service

Carol C – awesome point

Member – I am interested in the role, thanks for Wendy’s points, I am also wondering about virtual platform liaison.

Member – I recommend we pass over position temporarily to see what other positions are filled

Carol C – agreed, we are moving on

Chips

Scottie isn’t here but if someone raises their hand in a meeting wants a chip, the Chips person sends a chip via USPS mail. They are reimbursed for postage etc.

Mark N volunteered, confirmed

Commitment Coordinator

Carol C – it now is Barrie

Setting up commitment at McLean, and Dan E for Charles River commitment

Moe will take the McLean, two commitments first Sat and last Sat of the month, Moe will be in charge

Member – this commitment coordinator, is it presumed they will do all commitments, or is it two jobs. Does person who is in the role, are they committed to attending,

No – they do the arrangements to make sure someone is in charge of the commitment

Dan E - I am hopeful Charles River commitment can become a regular meeting, working on achieving it. They assign us dates in random way, it isn’t every month. Posting on website is on hold for now as it is not consistent. I like to announce it a week or two before it occurs

Carol C – we will keep it as it is with Dan E announcing, and Moe will do McLean

Virtual Services Job Coordinator

Barbara – it is a 3 month commitment, it is sending out weekly reminders, your term to start VMH is up, and have enthusiasm about it, and to be encouraging if there are openings

Monthly sign up genius moderator, ask folks to do this

Carol C – it is a six month commitment

Mmeber – Barbara is being modest, there is a recruitment characteristic to this role, manage the wheels behind the meeting

Carol C – Barbara has been really good, we’ve gotten some new VMHs. Volunteering may be part of this. There are others who can help out. I will hold off so we can move on.

Virtual Steering Chairs

Steering committees meet ad hoc, if something is going on, talk about changes to meeting, it would go to steering committee. One for 6am and one for 7am, Barbara and Scottie are doing this and wish to step down. We thank them both for doing a great job

Virtual Platform Liaison

Todd - I have been virtual platform liaison, the job has evolved a bit. It is an advisory job, keep up with any changes to zoom. Example, zoom instituted one time password that caused challenges, I was able to research it, and zoom provided a way to turn that off. VMH is stressful enough without this. Other thing was AI companion with zoom toolbar, there was concern whether it affected privacy of group. We formed ad hoc committee as result we ended up disabling AI companion. It is not in zoom toolbar anymore. Good to know something about zoom and be willing to research solutions if we need them. Also if there is an issue, be a backup if something with zoom goes wrong being able to help fix

Carol C - thank you Todd for great service, made situations much smoother

Liz M - I am happy to do both.

Carol C - we have filled all positions except Service Jobs Coordinator, this will be worked on.

Standing Reports

Treasurer report to show - Todd can talk to that

Todd - this is through March 21st, on average monthly contribution to group are around \$1,000 month, last year it was \$1200 a month. That covers our expenses and allows us to contribute to other service entities

Since Jan 1st income \$3,061.32

Expenses zoom we pay annually

Website we pay monthly \$59.59

Post Office Box \$216

State registration is one time \$102.35

Total \$377.94

Distributions, previously the group voted to send money to

Central Service NY 20% current, 20% proposed

Area 30 (Mass) 20% current, 0% proposed

District 22 20% current, 20% proposed

OIAA 0% current, 20% proposed

Central Service 20% current, 20% proposed

Grapevine Carry The Message 20% current, 20% proposed

Closing balance \$6,585.22

We didn't take distributions after last meeting, looking at tax prep, I can do that myself.

Member - thank you I like that you are looking at actual needs

Member - thank you to treasurer, I am very familiar with how large contributions are across district, and across country, I don't have any knowledge about OIAA - do they have annual budget and how do they spend money

Member - we went to online AA assembly, they have a treasurer report, a budget. Last year they didn't need contributions, this year they do need contributions. Website is advanced, and they offer translators, it is an international thing, they are spending, they have a prudent reserve. We take advantage of service so it behooves us to participate in that

Member - I am looking for sense of scope, I don't see a big expense ledger, I am willing and in favor to contribute, but looking to hear more

Member - treasurer report for OIAA this is available online and view expenses

Member - this is great, thank you

Member - I am looking at website, happy to see committees and they have flushed out and have things we are used to seeing in typical structure

Todd - if we divide money five ways, I suggest \$1100 to each group, prudent reserve 3 months expenses, our options to not contributed to OIAA at this time, or we could do 10% instead of 20%, or we could do it evenly

Carol C - proposal to 20% each, is there a second (yes)

All in favor, most - Dan is abstained.

It passes and it is a six month allocation

Carol C - steering committed VMH schedule changed so it is one weekend on only

AI has been addressed thank you Todd, any security issues please bring up

Website Liz and Molly doing a great job, website is amazing, any other updates

Member - delegate survey, I encourage members to take delegate survey it is on our website

Member - I appreciate all of you, and appreciate AA and all the service

Meeting adjourned!