

Just for Today In-Person Business Meeting Minutes

This document contains notes from the JFT In-Person Business Meeting on 01 Aug 2020

~8:15 AM

The meeting was called to order by JFT Secretary (Jenny T [JT])

The Secretary reviewed the agenda and asked for a moment of silence. Tradition 1 was read. Overview on how the meeting would be run was provided.

Secretary's Report (JT)

Update on virtual meeting. JFT currently has 2 thriving daily virtual meetings. The Secretary expressed her gratitude to all who participate in the virtual meetings and have taken on service positions. These virtual meetings have given rise to new service positions.

Update from landlord on room use and occupancy. (1) Still 10 people or fewer; and (2) Masks required if you cannot maintain 6 feet distance.

Treasurer's Report (JL)

The Treasurer reported on our current treasury status (stable income and no financial difficulties). The In-Person meeting collection is covering the In-Person meeting's expenses. JFT is paying ongoing/standing obligations including the agreed to distribution of money over prudent reserve to General Service, Central Service, Area 30, and District 22 according to group conscience. The Treasurer suggested that at some point JFT may want to consider spending money on a large or long-term project, such as a club house. Something for all to think about.

GSR Report (Dan E.)

JFT is part of District 22, which has been meeting monthly (virtually). All are invited to attend these meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. There are no fellowship events planned, however it is planned that the two Alcathons (Christmas and Thanksgiving) will be supported. District 22 is part of Area 30, which meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All are invited to attend. At the meetings, the districts are sharing information on how their district is coping with the pandemic. Area 30 sent a delegate to the national conference, held virtually in May. Most items were tabled, but plans are being made for the next conference in 2021, hopefully to be held in person. The GSR representative reported that the General Service Office in NYC had to tapped into its reserves and use \$3 million to cover expenses. All who want to make direct contributions to AA can go to www.AA.org.

Central Service Delegate Report (JG)

The Delegate monthly meeting has not taken place since February. The problem is that the term of the group's Steering Committee ended in February and a new slate of Steering Committee members was to be voted in at the March meeting. The group is in limbo, but work is being done to bring this meeting back on track.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Service Positions.

- Calendar: Does not need to be filled at this time.
- Cleaning Coordinator: Bray is keeping this position.
- Cards and Chips: Scottie volunteered
- Church Liaison: Mark B. volunteered and will talk with Richard.
- Coffee Buyer: JT will ask Paul if he wants to keep doing this.
- Literature: No books are being put out during the pandemic.
- Milk Buyer: Unknown, but all from the In-Person meeting agreed it was going well.
- Supplies Buyer: Kyle volunteered to help.

Business Meeting Frequency

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Phil suggested once a year, and more if needed. The Secretary suggested every 2-3 months for filling jobs and addressing issues proactively. There was no discussion or disagreement.

Church requirements for use and occupancy

The Secretary asked how often does more than 10 persons show up? The answer was that at 6 AM there were usually less than 10, but then people start drifting in. Right now, when someone shows up—usually someone new—over the quota, an old-timer goes outside. One person mentioned that taking a meeting outside usually doesn't work all that well.

The Secretary asked for suggestions. Suggestions and comments are as follows:

- Possible to have an additional meeting outside? The answer was that many people want to be inside.
- Possible to have a secondary format for those who have to go outside? Answer: The meeting is usually in full swing when the occupancy goes over 10, which makes it complicated to start a second meeting outside. Agreed that meeting announcements in the current format and an additional format might help.
- Suggestion to have a newcomer greeter to give phone numbers, perhaps print out the contact sheet, and give out information on the Zoom meetings.
- Use the small rooms. Answer: Not an option since the landlord (church) has clearly stated 10 per entire building per the state's occupancy requirements.
- Mark B. will stay in touch with Richard at the church, who has promised to let us know when we can admit more people to the meeting. Mark can inform the secretary, who can post the information at the meeting.
- Phil mentioned that the room has been rearranged and suggested people go see it.
- Trish will lead effort to print out contact list and highlight people who will take calls OR develop a standalone handout of contacts and the virtual meeting info for new people. Joe/Bray/Trish will work on this handout.
- Is a tent a possibility? Some groups are doing this. Brian will explore costs and, if the group likes the idea, then Mark B. will ask Richard if this is a possibility.
- JT will make updates to the format to announce at the beginning and middle of the meeting the room requirements and the option for an outdoors meeting if more than 10 arrive.
- JT will create secondary meeting format for those to use outside if needed.
- Use and occupancy guidelines will be posted
- The Secretary noted that groups across the world are all dealing with similar issues.
- Kit given a shoutout for great work on the contact list.
- Johanna given a shoutout for her service in note-taking at the business meetings
- Jennifer L given a shoutout for her incredible service to the group as the treasurer, which tripled her work once we added the online contribution options.

Adjournment: The Secretary thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at ~8:45 with the Serenity Prayer.

Meeting notes were graciously prepared by Johanna G.

JFT Service Positions—Current as of 05 Aug 2020

Position	Name	Term	Term Start*	Term End*
Secretary	Jenny T/ Paul alt	2 years	Sep 2019	Sep 2021
Treasurer	Jennifer L	2 years	Sep 2019	Sep 2021
General Service Rep (GSR)	Dan	2 years	Jan 2019	Jan 2021
Central Service Delegate (CSR)	Johanna G	2 years	Jan 2020	Jan 2022
JFT Contact List	Kit	6 months +	Sep 2019	Aug 2020
In-Person Meeting Jobs				
Calendar	N/A	1 year	Oct 2019	Dec 2020
Cleaning Coordinator	Bray	1 year	Jan 2020	Jan 2021
Cards and Chips	Scottie	3 months	Aug 2020	Nov 2020
Church Liaison	Mark B	1 year	Aug 2020	Aug 2021
Coffee Buyer	Unknown	3 months		
Literature	N/A	3 months		
Milk Buyer	Unknown	3 months		
Supplies Buyer	Unknown Kyle willing	3 months	Aug 2020	Nov 2020