

## **Just For Today Virtual AA (JFTV) Special Business Meeting Notes 10/21/2023**

- Chair / Host: Carol C, Group Secretary
- VMH: John B
- Clerk: Hilary V
- 17 attendees including VMH John, Chair Carol, Hilary clerk

Carol C / Chair stated agenda: Discuss two topics that came about through steering committee, trying to get the group to hear what has been discussed and make a decision on both suggestions

### **Agenda**

Start with moment of silence, volunteer read 12 traditions

Carol C read An Informed AA Group Conscience

All JFT members invited, discussion limited to JFT group member, limit comments to critical, do not repeat points if others have stated, keep points brief

### **Two topics**

1. Propose and discuss JFTV posting meetings to AA website
2. Propose and discuss changing service requirement to 30 days to chair meeting

### **Topic 1: Propose and discuss JFTV posting meetings to AA website**

Chair Carol C: propose and discuss JFTV posting meetings to AA Intergroup website. A few points from the 7am meeting for context. They are wary of being zoom bombed, password given and action taken to get these. Waiting room limited, and host can remove folks from meeting.

Chair Carol C: our current meeting approach is go to JFT website and require to have an email sent if you are interested in link and then that person would email meeting details.

### **Points of Discussion From Attendees (names removed)**

Member - has been running two meetings since before pandemic. The meetings are open and email is set up with an auto responder where if someone wants info, and they send an email and it auto sends an email, and we retain contact info for that person.

Chair - The 7am steering committee voted that it wanted to list 7am at AA Intergroup, a listing of all online and phone oriented nonphysical meetings. And they recognized that it could have impact to the 6am. So we are bringing it to the group to consider listing both meetings on AA Intergroup website

Member– it sounds like someone should make the motion and then have discussion and vote

Member – the AA Intergroup prefers the ease of access, they do invite you to give a live link and password, but alternative of having website listed. Once in the website, there is a popup of having meeting information, you don't have to search for it

Member – is this a meeting for both meetings to be offered up

Member – it is from the 7am and that the discussion includes the 6am

Member – yes, and it is in the spirit of we are one group, as long as JFT culture of security is maintained, that's the underlying concern

Member – at meeting out of NH, host and co-host are trained if there is a problem, they can boot person out. Somewhere in literature, is your meeting available, and traditions mention something about are we afraid. Concerned about the ultra security

Member – that happens in in person meeting, we don't lock the door

Member – suggest we make a motion and second. I move we list 6am and 7am

Motion seconded by Member

Chair Carol C – open for discussion

Member – I am for having online Intergroup AA to have the info

Member – thinking about someone trying to get to a meeting, and having 3 to 4 steps, we need to keep our doors as wide open as possible. Brick and mortar meeting is not exclusive. Vote yes

Member – the system we have is not good. I am for this

Member – zoom bombers are not a thing of the past, difference between a zoom bomber and a person who is out there. Awareness is important.

Member – I support this for help of the meeting, we need to make sure we have a good amount of people coming, expansion is important. I like the idea of a website listing and then an auto email prompt (as previous member shared they have at their meeting)

Member – a little uncomfortable that we might come to a group conscience without sharing this information about it with the group

I love the idea of the auto email, and maybe we can discuss it at next business meeting, make a decision

Email is an option, can we make a decision of listing as we are and shifting way we practice security at next meeting

Chair Carol C – we could make a decision of listing online on AA website, creating some security etc.

Member – how does that work

Member – how it works, send an email to [www.aagherkin.com](http://www.aagherkin.com) (sp?). We need to be clear how we want to handle it and something else to consider is we will get requests for signatures, not sure how this works

Member - keep our current security

Member – no one comes to an AA meeting by accident

Member– folks show up to meetings with slips to be signed and we don't see them again

Member – current motion has nothing to do with security, motion is to list us on the intergroup website

Chair Carol C – are we ready for a vote

**All in favor of listing on website under current security**

**Votes – 15 in favor, opposed is 0, 1 abstaining**

**Any minority opinions, no minority opinions**

Chair Carol C: it stands JFTV will list meetings on online website using current security to click on website will bring them to pop up and then the person responding with info of meeting link will do so. I thank 7am steering committee for coming up with this. We will be there for the next alcoholic who wants a meeting.

Member - I will take on responsibility of sharing link with AA Intergroup to publish our website link

**Topic 2: Propose and discuss changing service requirement to 30 days to chair meeting**

Member – I love the idea of making it more accessible, etc. That said, 30 days is quite short, I suggest a compromise which is 60 days

Member – I like the idea of a compromise to have something in middle. I like the idea of folks being able to do service and do so quickly. Not as meeting opportunities to be of service in zoom meetings vs. in person meetings (chairs). Other service positions on zoom require technical stuff. Feeling useful has helped me. Chairing is easy.

Member - I move we shorten the sober time from 90 days to 60 days

Member seconded motion

Member – agree with spirit of it, it is not a low impact service job, it is different than what AA has done for a long time, different than other meetings

Member – I share the sentiment, I appreciate the context, I agree it is important to have lighter weight service positions in zoom. Chair of meeting creates container. Some acknowledgement of time under belt before playing that role feels important

Member – there is a culture that should be learned within the group, a newcomer may chair at 30 days and i.e. sharing stuff that is more important for a sponsor. I think 30 days is too early.

**Chair Carol C – proposal is to change sober time from 90 days to 60 days**

**In favor - 4**

**Opposed / Not in favor – 8**

**Abstain - 3**

Chair Carol C – minority opinion share

Member – I think this is a useful conversatiOn, way we can get service positions available for 30 days or 60 days

Member – good discussion, there are a few ideas for service we have, offer to do a reading, help watch the door, further brainstorming can be good.

Member – we created a greeter position for folks at different meeting, can have a day of sobriety,

Member – someone at 6am took on this role of greeting people when they join

Member – express appreciation for bringing it up for other service positions. I thought this was brought up for needing chairs. In some ways previous motion is maybe join both together. Are there ways we can visit both chair and VMH roles, that maybe we can alleviate the lack we have

Member - yes, this is issue with 6am and 7am

Member – thank you for all being grounded in traditions and service that we are thinking of with the newcomer. We have thought a lot about how to adjust to the changing conditions as we went. We can step back and think about and discuss how we adjust

Member – have we thought about a group inventory

Member – we did one halfway thru covid, it was intense and was before we separated online vs. in person. That would be a place for us to touch on these topics

Chair Carol C – that might be something that we can bring up at next business meeting

Member – is there a recommended time between group inventories

It was agreed amongst members it is when it is things get wonky

Chair Carol C- appreciate how this has gone, posting website on Intergroup AA and keeping sober time to 90 days to chair

Welcomed folks to unmute, group members stated AA responsibility statement and then serenity prayer

Meeting adjourned!