

JFTV Group Inventory Notes

JFTV held two Group Inventory meetings: the first on 10/11/25 and the second on 11/15/25.

There were 15 attendees at the first meeting and 12 attendees at the second meeting.

Each meeting was started at 8:15 by Eric N., group Treasurer, who introduced the facilitator, Erica M., from Area 30 Service Seminar.

Erica reviewed the Inventory purpose, and process, and proceeded with the Questions, as outlined in the “AA Group” brochure. Here are the various answers that attendees provided for each question:

Question 1: What is the basic purpose of our group?

- To help ourselves and other alcoholics achieve sobriety (Primary Purpose)
- To support each other and attract new members
- To provide a safe place, free of harassment

Question 2: What more can our group do to carry the message?

- Bring Commitments (in-person or virtual) to Treatment Facilities and Corrections Facilities
- Bring Commitments to Halfway Houses
- Pay more attention to Newcomers
- Maintain a sufficient size of attendance at our meetings
- Reach out to newcomers after the meetings
- Retain existing members
- Simplify the opening scripts so that a Newcomer might be less “overwhelmed”

Question 3: Is our Group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community, including those with accessibility issues?

- Internet access helps attract a broad and diverse attendance. Our meetings are listed on online Directories.

Question 4: Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we do, as a group, to retain members?

- Our group service structure, and the size/complexity of our meeting process, might be a “turn off” for some and cause departures.
- We should remember Rule #62: don’t take ourselves too seriously
- Turnover is not necessarily “a problem”. Meetings change. People come and go.
- We place too much emphasis on service responsibility and have set the bar too high for our trusted servants
- We place too much emphasis on service principles and practices. Some service providers have felt they were critiqued and corrected too often

Question 5: Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do better?

- the Group emphasizes sponsorship appropriately
- Sponsors are available, but we don’t emphasize the importance of sponsorship

Question 6: Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other AA’s outside of the meeting rooms? Do we also leave what they share at meetings behind?

- Yes. We remind attendees of the importance of anonymity at the close of every meeting

Question 7: Does our Group emphasize to all members the value of “housekeeping” service work (the on-line equivalent of in-person chores such as opening the hall, set-up, clean-up, etc)?

- Yes, our group values service work and makes a strong effort to communicate that value to all group members.
- We have many service positions and do not consistently fill all open positions.
- We agreed via Group Conscience to try to fill every VMH and Chair slot in advance of every meeting. We are not doing that.
- We might have “too many” service positions and should consider having less.
- Sometimes we over-emphasize the value of service and the need to fill service positions. We should be mindful of how we describe service and its value.

Question 8: Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?

- Yes.
- Some participants exceed time limit guidelines.
- Sometimes, encouragement to participate in Group activities (Business Meetings, Inventory) is excessive.

Question 9: Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?

- We take care when choosing Officers. Not all choices serve their entire term of service.
- There is some amount of “harassment” and “abusive language” toward those in certain service positions.
- There are “barriers to entry” for people considering service. Too much is expected.
- We need to trust our trusted servants to make the right decisions.
- Unsolicited feedback to service persons can be mis-timed and excessive.

Question 10: Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive and accessible meeting place?

- The meeting “place” is attractive and accessible, but does not always feel safe to some, based on what is said and how it is said.
- Strong opinions on the role and value of service, and how individuals are doing service, can make some feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

Question 11: Does our group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA - as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service?

- Yes, and we continue to work on it.
- When we do not have a GSR, we do not consistently support the Area 30 Delegate.
- Recovery, yes. Unity and Service, not as much.
- We do not have a GSR, or Reps to Area 30 committees.
- We have had difficulty retaining GSR’s. We should inform our GSR about having a Service Sponsor, if they want guidance and suggestions about service.

Question 12: What has our group done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?

- Nothing, other than sending 7th Tradition funds to Area 30, which, in turn, supports the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committee.

Question 13: How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?

- Our group is doing very well fulfilling its 7th Tradition responsibility.
- We have added new payment options.

Additional Questions that arose at the end of the formal 13 question process:

1. Should our Group change the frequency of its Business Meeting? Monthly?
2. Why have people stopped coming to JFTV?
3. Should we schedule an in-person get-together in Massachusetts?

The Group decided to have a Group Conscience meeting, soon, to address the thoughts articulated in the Group Inventory, AND that the Group Conscience meeting be facilitated by Erica M.

Eric N., Group Treasurer, will schedule the follow-up Group Conscience meeting with Erica M.