DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

August 27, 2016

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes and presentation are available in English and Spanish.

Thank you for translating: Tony A.

Job Descriptions: Area Chair - Joann L.

The only job with furniture, chair & coat rack!

Chairs rules: Going slow and not rushing seems to produce a better outcome rather than just getting the job done. Keeping in mind that we strive for an informed group conscience and substantial unanimity, the chair must decide if all voices have been heard before going to vote.

Presentation: Concept IX - Nicole C. District 04

Please see presentation attached

Discussion:

- We all make it personal. Concept study in our district. Leading by example not by mandate. We all need to find out niche. Find a skill match the individual has.
- Learned about an informed group conscience through a tough experience in a business meeting which helped me learn and grow.
- Common welfare in our life and in A.A. is considered in our personal lives and our fellowship
- Listening to our intuition in regards to our service
- Leadership is not about doing everything perfectly but jumping in and getting messy and doing what is best for the fellowship as a whole, not just my agenda
- We can be a back room leader..a bleeding deacon or elder stateman? Do we ask questions? Do we rally with others or work hand in hand with someone.
- What does it look like in the way I carry myself in my AA life? Passing service onto our sponsees, choosing a homegroup with a GSR. In my home life how am I helping someone grow?
- Hear the language of the heart which reminds me why I stay in service. Humility in action helps me become a better person. Fear can crop up and then I have to be reminded about service and humility and to remain teachable.
- Control was my 1st defect of character and after getting into General Service I got to learn how to let others run the meeting and give up control. Asking questions is how we can lead our GSR's to learn and grow. That's good service leadership
- Practicing inclusiveness in all aspects of life as a "we" decision
- AA is the only organization where we come in as big shots that work ourselves up into being of service from the Grapevine
- We are blessed with the Area officers we have that our in service to the extent they are to our fellowship.
- What do you look for in a leader? Winston Churchill persistence. Another is vulnerability. Demonstrated in the presentation today. Talk to someone about leadership in groups of 2 and follow up.
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- In regards to taking a position, qualities were learned through practice in the position. Connections that happen in our service enlarges our world.
- In new jobs/service we need to help new people as well as our own path. Follow up, follow up.
- Personalizing our teaching helps others to really understand.
- Our area is so blessed and seeing our servants from New York that have repeatedly
 answered the same questions with grace and patience and love. Forums and PRAASA
 are great vehicles for all of these.

Topics for Next Month: Forum Nikolas Dist 40

What is a Forum? What happens, who's there? Why do we go there? Election Assembly – Available Not available process Conference Report and how to share with your groups How to bring on new Gsrs in our district

Next Month's presentation: Submitted in Love and Service, Claudia N. Recording Secretary DCM Sharing Session – Panel 65