

CNCA 06

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

April 23, 2016

Chairperson: Michael Q.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions.

Secretary Report: Minutes are available in English and Spanish. Today's presentation is available in English.

Please note that the presentations in Spanish will be emailed to members within approximately 2 weeks.

Thank You to Tony for Translation

Job Descriptions: Assembly Coordinator Michael Q.

- Attend ACM and District meetings as assigned
- Prepare the Petaluma Facility for ACM
- Arrive at 9 am., set up
- Liaison to Petaluma parks and rec
- Attend Standing Committee meetings as requested
- Facilitate DCM sharing session meeting 1x month
- Attend Area officers meeting
- Set suggested assembly dates
- Coordinate with Chair to get into newsletter
- Coordinate with host committee
- Attend host district committee planning meetings
- Arrive the day before to set up Assemblies
- Store PA and translation equipment and bring to assemblies
- Visit potential assembly sites
- Assist in bids
- 40-50 hours per month
- 500-1000 miles per month driving

Presentation: What to take back from the Pre-Conference Assembly, Chitra S., District 11 presenting

- Describe what you saw, felt and heard
- What did you learn that you didn't know before?
- This is where we get to listen without opinion (Padee M)
- This is an opportunity for us to use our voices to share our group's opinions.
- Share about your fears
- Talk about the emotions that other people felt when talking
- Specifically the Agenda Topics you talked about in your home group. Bring back specific things that you heard that were different.
- Note the things that seemed controversial or hot topics. Note what the sense of the room is too.
- Share about topics that aren't necessarily the hot topics, like the Regional Forums...
- In listening we become passionate and less judgmental
- Notice the emotion, what AA does to us.
- The delegate's pass on song!
- Business meeting, good opportunity to talk about the way that the process works. For example how the minority opinion works. This is how I learn and I get to pass this on to groups.
- The numbers...how many people come, volunteer, etc.
- Talk about the translators and the need for radios in order to hear ALL opinions. Bringing two communities together.
- This is a good time to talk to your GSR's about how the process went so that you can create a good pass on.
- Talk about results in the context of the process. The discussion creates tolerance, not necessarily answers.

Discussion:

- Thank you to Ayn and the committee for a wonderful assembly.
- Raymundo prepares a written report of the report that he gives at the post conference. This notes what the results were at the conference.
- This was my 13th assembly and it was by far the best! The venue was amazing.
- Thank you for the handout, it's a great tool to give GSR's.
- Also important to highlight that this process is to inform the delegate
- What stood out to me is how close we are to the entire process. How close, we as every day alcoholics are to the process as a whole and how we inform the conference through our actions.
- There were three times when people were videotaping or photographing. We don't feel that it was explained clearly at the mic. I want to discuss this. My service sponsor asked me to bring this up at this meeting.
- I am looking forward to the notes of the assembly. I can't always capture everything. For all of us, the minutes are very valuable.
- The minutes will be available at the post-conference assembly.
- I was impressed by the power and enthusiasm of the Spanish speaking districts. As a whole these districts brought so much to the mic, in number of topics and depth of discussion. Please bring your radios so that you can hear their voice. Please encourage your GSRs to also bring their radios.
- Sometimes I have a tendency to forget bring back the experience to your groups, not just the results!
- I was able to have an open mind because I was able to see both sides of the arguments.
- We had 3 tables of GSRs, most of whom were first timers. Watching the process was amazing.
- How do you resolve the fact that people are counted at the mic and yet we are told don't share your topic so how do you get counted?
- We don't get counted, and the delegate has the box too.
- My ah ha moment after 18 months was driving in at 7:45 am and seeing people standing in the rain welcoming me.
- Don't try to write down everything that is said. Think about the subject. Ask questions and pay attention to the content and the form/emotion. Write in shorthand.
- Talk about what your group didn't talk about....other topics.
- Sense of the group
- What hooked me into General Service was going to the mic and feeling the connection from my group, to the Delegate to NY. This was almost impossible to describe.
- I would love to see more communication about anonymity and about how our process works for voting. We owe our area to educate our GSRs about how the process works.
- Thank you for the compliments to the Spanish Districts. You have led us. This is why the Spanish communities have grown. You have educated us and informed us. We are still growing.

Topics for Next Month:

PRAASA REPORTS

Concept Three ~ Right of Decision

How we do business

Anonymity at ACM and Assemblies

How we do business, Voting, Motions, Minority Opinion ~ Murias, District 03

Respectfully Submitted

In Love and Service,

Linda T.

Recording Secretary, DCM Sharing Session

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