

**11:00 am - Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Coree H. Chair.** Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and participate on the topics. Area treasurer job description was explained and questions answered.

**Presentation – Hybrid Meetings by Dan M. from Reno →** He talked about how one group he attends decided to implement a hybrid model through group conscience; there were several questions raised regarding implementation. He spoke of one group that alternates every other week with speakers in person and on zoom. They brought a tv into the meeting so attendees could see and hear the speaker. He didn't recommend hybrid model for discussion meetings due to the challenges of how to allow members to share; speaker meetings seem to be easier to implement. The meeting was opened for Q&A and open discussion:

- A member shared about a group that uses a Bluetooth external speaker on the podium, which worked well for a participation meeting; about 50% of attendees joined on zoom and 50% participated in person.
- A member shared that in her district, hybrid meetings haven't taken off because groups that tried it found it too cumbersome.
- Q for Dan: Is there a need for WiFi or is cellular data on a smart phone sufficient? A: One group uses the clubhouse WiFi, but sometimes there were still problems with connection; using a cellphone sometimes causes it to overheat and shut down.
- One member brings in a personal laptop and uses six different speakers, and it has worked well.
- A member shared that her homegroup has essentially split in half (those that don't like zoom and those that won't meet face to face). Q: With a hybrid group, how would the face to face group know that someone on Zoom has raised their hand to speak, and how does the Zoom group know that a face-to-face person wants to speak? A: Create a service position of someone in front of a computer to monitor this.
- One member shared that she uses a hybrid model for an H&I meeting. She and the speaker log onto Zoom and those in the institution are looking at the screen to see and hear the zoom attendees. She said it works pretty well.
- Q: What are the costs associated with a hybrid meeting? It seems to cost more. A: There are costs starting up: Zoom subscription, rent for meeting location, TV for screen.
- Q: What is a hybrid meeting? A: In-person meeting with a computer so members can join virtually.
- A member requested that those holding hybrid meetings share the meeting information so that she could attend one. Dan shared Meeting ID: 247 233 517 Sunday 11am. He also suggested searching online "AA Hybrid meetings." A member shared that AA-intergroup.org doesn't list meetings as hybrid.
- A member shared that, at their group, when a person at the in-person wants to share, they will walk up to the tv monitor/camera to speak.
- A member suggested handling, with humor, the changes in meeting format and challenges that come up.
- Q: Do you have experience with having to turn people away in person due to exceeding room capacity? A: It is a concern but hasn't happened yet. Many people are still not willing to come to meetings in person.
- A member suggested adding a separate category for hybrid meetings to the Meeting Guide App, and stressed the importance of technology service positions

**Topic and speaker selection for next month:** Chair suggested bringing in a speaker from out of the Area and the group agreed. Per decision from June meeting, group agreed that welcoming newcomers would be the topic for August. **Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Responsibility Statement**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah B., DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary

