

DCM SHARING SESSION -JULY 24, 2021

District Committee Member Sharing Session

– July 24, 2021

11:08am Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer by Drew B.

Translation by Manuel G. Thank you for your service!

46 DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Drew B. facilitated.

Presentation: Chase C.

Jacqueline P. “One Time Only” Recording Secretary fill-in for Chase C.

Topic Presentation – Experience, Strength and Hope with Hybrid Meetings

The presenter began on the topic with the sentiments that they are part of something bigger than themselves and exerted their gratitude to be of service for the still-suffering alcoholic; they presented a simplistic PowerPoint presentation with a Van Gogh backdrop with contents of defining a hybrid meeting, the setup, equipment, and hybrid accessibility (dual-linguistic interpretation and sign language). It was shared that though a hybrid meeting is nothing new, if you have watched a football game or a Congress session in chambers, you were engaged in a hybrid meeting; this engagement shows that collaboration can take place without being in one place; list of equipment was provided and considering that the items are ideal and specific to an effective Area Committee Meeting and/or quarterly Assembly; the Primary Purpose Group held Monday 8:00 PM in District 70 of Area 06 has a high-tech hybrid system for an effective A.A. meeting implementing Tradition Five with the tools that are had for the service of those around the world and those in person in Dublin, California.

Members shared during the sharing session after the presentation their experience with their Groups how the presentation was informative yet not ideal for every Group; there are audio and network difficulties that arises leaving Groups with no choice by Group Conscience to decline the hybrid meeting option; the question “Will the meeting be hybrid indefinitely?” was posed to the presenter and their response, “It’s really completely in the air and hasn’t been discussed as of yet.” Another question was posed to the presenter, “How did the Group come to the decision to stay hybrid?” The reply, “At a business meeting the hybrid proposal came forth, and the main consideration was the number of members/participants attending the meeting from across the nation and world and making the meeting accessible to everyone; members in the sharing session also shared the division of groups when the decision is made to not become hybrid -- that Groups are splitting in two in separate locations for those that are not comfortable in attending in-person meetings; continuing on Zoom while members attend in person.

The Sharing Session was very engaging with members sharing their experience and dissertation amongst their Groups’ discussion around having a hybrid meeting format. For a full transcript of the DCM Sharing Session, attend the next DCM Sharing Session to be held on August 28, 2021 11:00 AM (PDT)

Next Month’s Topic:

The Return - Support Groups in the Return and Connecting GSO Registration, Intergroups - Austin D04 & Vivian B.

Respectfully Submitted, Chase C.