

DCM SHARING SESSION—SEPTEMBER 25 2021

DCM Sharing Sessions Minutes September 25, 2021

11:00 AM – Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the • Serenity Prayer by Chairperson, Drew B.,

What happens at a DCM Sharing Session by Drew B.:

At the DCM Sharing Session, a District Committee Member suggest a topic and then there is a discussion on the topic with those in attendance.

Presentation By: Kathleen G. of District 04 Sunnyvale South:

Topic Presentation – *What is a group inventory?*

The 10-minute presentation began with two readings about **The Group Inventory** from page 29, of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.” And the letter from The language of The Heart “*Thee book is born*” pages 11 and 12, acknowledging the difference between “promoters” and “go-slowers.”

Members Shared:

- How to locate the Traditions Checklist on www.aagrapevine.org, and how once can grow personally from being a part of a Group inventory
- How their behavior has changed over a period and how maximum communication is needed to have a useful and informed conscience which is what an inventory is all about
- Ways of how to get people excited about attending and attractive incentives
- Drew B. shared that your HG is what happens during and after the meeting
- They get a lot of covid related circumstances in meetings that seems to be a deterrence in doing an inventory; asking the question of what could be done and brainstorming on creative ways to lure members for the Group inventory
- Ways to announce at the Home Group to encourage attendance: “Your important voice will be an enlightening experience. A Group inventory is where you can speak, and your opinions are shared.”
- Individually inviting each person instead of a general announcement; finding out what really matters; asking everybody to checklist what they like best from the list is one way of doing it; some may not be able to attend the inventory and when talking to them individually , participation happens to get the most people involved.
- The threat of big change happening in A.A. For example: “If you have an opinion on the Lord’s prayer, you may want to attend.”
- Consider the question: who is not here? Under- standing cultural differences may not be easy for some to participate, but the realization that the responsibility lies on the Group could be strategic in how to better carry the message
- Their experience of having the Group inventory at an outside location separate from the actual meeting space; notice a greater attendance and new- comers. Newcomers’ opinion matters seeing them become more comfortable and feeling wanted and loved; a newcomer has depth in changing the direction of the inventory and may provide sound considerations to the Group
- Choosing a question every meeting and continuously asking what the Group is doing right, wrong, and how can outreach be improved, asking the questions all the time
- The process can be relaxing and an opportunity to hear other’s opinions and seeing them come into

For a more in depth take of what happens at the DCM Sharing Sessions, please attend next month, and join the email list.

Topic for next month:

“What is an AA Group: The nuts & bolts of an A.A. Group,” Presented by Fran H. DCM District 08 Contra Costa County

Respectfully Submitted, Chase C.,

DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary