

Digital Workshop – 2:30pm, Sat. 5/9/20

Attendees: Adrian, Kendall, Maire, James, Gemma, Rose, Lizzy

We started sharing session style. Adrian suggests 2 mins/person.

What are your thoughts on the workshop? - 2 mins each

James: what's the goal? who's the audience What are we trying to achieve?

Just zoom on all kinds of formats or include something else, another virtual platform?

is the audience the tech phobic people or who?

Maybe break it down to tables with people who are qualified to lead?

Kendall: the audience? Not anyone in particular. The virtual meeting workshop encompasses everything, especially people who are regular attendees of virtual meetings.

Its more about the unique success of the virtual meetings. Perhaps start with a panel of experienced people. Discuss how the format has changed. What the challenges are.

Maire: part of the workshop could include a narrow focus. Find out what the challenges are with online meetings. Have a panel or break out tables. When people come will they feel like something they are interested in will be addressed? How are the leaders and secretaries running the meetings?

Gemma: I like the panel ideal and agree with Kendall.

Rose: I'm interested in the challenges of formatting for a zoom meeting, sharing our challenges and the solutions we've come up with or haven't. We'll need an agenda. I'd like to somehow include people who are tech phobic.

Lizzy H: I'm volunteering to be of service I'm a doer. Make a flier; whatever. Will this workshop be done on Zoom or in person? I struggle with the digital meetings. Even though I would say I'm technically savvy. I stared a meeting in our sister program. Its easier to do when meetings have phone lists.

Adrian: My biggest hope for attendees and ourselves is participation; speaking and taking part in whatever's going on. So how interactive can we be?

Can we incorporate different zoom accounts, a zoom pro? An agenda is vital.

I'll be clarifying with Jerry. Policy has to review fliers.

We don't necessarily have to use the area website. We don't want to put this workshop too far out.

Within 3-4 weeks would be neat. Deadlines would help me and all of us I think.

Next go-round: 2 mins each

James: The virtual workshop? My first thought was we'd meet in a big hall.

A demo with a big screen, in person, 6 or 8 people logged in and used as a demo. How many people have stopped going to meetings? It was referred to in the email from GSO about contributions.

Kendall: Appreciates various perspectives of the group members. Its not really about how to use zoom. We don't have to educate people about how to use it. There are 4 ways to see it: 1. not with it and then liking it. 2. some liked it at first and now are done with it. 3. total contempt prior to investigation. 4. overall fine with it? Some people go to more meetings. Why has the 7th tradition fallen off? In terms of our primary purpose its really exciting.

Maire: i'm thinking that we don't know what will happen in the near future. Who know how the in person meeting will go forward? Taii-forum??

on that website is the reality that technology is here to stay
integrating technology into AA so that its not a take it or leave it

Gemma: I want to help but I don't have any particular ideas - 7th tradition maybe so that people can contribute. I'd like an agreement that we will always integrate virtual meetings. Deadlines are great. Lets do it soon.

Rose: I hope we'll always have virtual meetings. Also that we'll facilitate networking so that people can

learn from each other.

Lizzy: Venmo - 7th tradition – zoom meetings have a place. They won't go away.

Secretaries want to learn and hear what other people are doing. Group service people may need a sharing session on their challenges and solutions. What's been working and what hasn't.

Adrian: could we invite 20 people in person who have not been to zoom meetings.

Maybe if we had space we could incorporate the two – on person and virtual.

In the zoom environment – the real workshop takes places.

The break out tables could be before the service people

James: still favors all of it being in person. Before hand we spend time soliciting from people what they need.

Kendall: virtual meetings are here to stay. Make this one simple as possible.

Renting a hall is an amazing idea but this first one would be only online. Set a date for May 30th.

Keep it simple. A panel with one or two breakouts.

Maire: the 12 statements of technology could be incorporated. Also solicit from group members.

Gemma: I like breaking it out to service positions. Also an agenda to keep us organized.

The accessibility of meeting through zoom may help people come to terms with it

Rose: look at what GSO and Area 8 is doing online

Lizzy: I like May 30th. Its soon so might be too challenging to have a physical presence lets get feedback from groups about what they need and what they're lacking.

Adrian: Transitioning - easing back in. We will not be tackling easing in. However this workshop can be a segue to that workshop. If others who are not using zoom don't understand how can we support that?

Last share: 30 second each:

James: in person? Or Virtual. I'd say give it a month, not 3 weeks.

Kendall: shoot for May 30. Traditions based discussion, various sobriety lengths, various zoom experiences include protection. This being part 1.

Maire: Panel and breakout. Time? Keep it current with what people need. Pick topics from the feedback we get.

Gemma: May 30th is good. Or maybe one more week. Breakout into service groups. Protection included.

Rose: lets shoot for it on May 30th

Adrian: Looking at schedule of the NY conference and the post conference area assembly. May 30 or we wait till mid June.

Lizzy: service positions would interest people.

Adrian: length of time? Date? Format?

Panel with 4 speakers,

Adrian: made a motion that we have the workshop on Sat May 30th.

Discussion -

James said we could have a video of the workshop.

Adrian said maybe we'd have to do a transcript only???

We want this to be somehow recorded to benefit those who do not attend.

When? Three weeks from now – May 30

We all agree.

This is workshop #1. We foresee a Part 2 of this workshop.

length of time on the workshop? 90 mins repeated 6x and Lizzy said 2 hours.

Maire motioned that the workshop be 90 mins in length.

Discussion?

Adrian thinks its too limited.

Maire amends her motion: The workshop would be 2 hours in length to accommodate the breakout sessions. We all agree.

What's our #1 topic for the workshop?

Rose: ease of operation, sharing, 7th tradition

3 main topics: input as we go around =

7th tradition - ✓✓✓

safety and anonymity ✓✓

ease of operation ✓✓

how online meetings work ✓

supporting group commitments/ service positions

Format:

Panel with 3 or 4 people who present for ____ mins

with Q+A afterwards

breakout to ease/service positions/online mtgs

last 30 minutes 7th tradition talk

Maire: designate an email address for feedback

Rose: consult archives for the feedback form? post to our AA website for international input

Lizzy: 12-15 each for panel followed by questions

breakout session; 45 mins and we, the members of this group, take notes for the district

Adrian: 2 hours: (ask Adrian for a text on his detailed time slots)

5 mins intros

45-50 mins of three panels

SAFETY ANONYMITY

10 mins to break 0:55-0:05

Breakout rooms on service commitments

20 mins-25 mins

last 10 mins ask it basket

How will we solicit info. we'll keep our ear to the ground.

Who wrote a new zoom format? (David Mc-Spiritual Awakenings; Drew D - 4077MASH)

Who's doing a great job?

Lizzy – flier

Adrain: time for the workshop 2 – 4:00

Gemma seconded

all in favor – all of us

the panels:

three topics in 50 mins

1. safety/anonymity

2. meeting format - 1

3. meeting format – 2

Adrian's motion: three panels in the first hour

Kendall seconded

Adrian proposes a 10 min break after this initial panel.

He will set up the breakout tables during the break

Seconded by James

Adrian's motion: (I'm not really clear on the time) 20 minutes in the breakout rooms on service commitments with scribes

The scribes will submit their notes to the dcm email. We'll use these notes

to inform people who not able to be at the workshop. We'll also record the workshop.

25 after the hour we break for 10 mins – there's more to this about the schedule . . . ?

Adrian: then we have a panel or one person for 7th tradition

seconded by Kendall

ask it basket – last 10 mins.

Gemma and I will find panel people for the meeting format.

Kendall will cover safety and anonymity.

James and Maire are on the 12 tech concepts.

Lizzy will do the flier and Rose will get it approved and translated.

Adrian and Lizzy will see about how to do the recording in the breakout rooms.