

Inventory Assembly 1-25-2020

Inventory Questions

Group #4

15 members in the group

Past Delegate Scott”

-Opened with serenity prayer

1. What is the purpose of Area? Are we fulfilling that purpose?

- “Purpose of areas is to elect delegate”, “coordinate information from GSC to area and district”, “deal with issues and problems”

-Delegate needs to be informed of AA issues and standing committee to get information out to meetings.

-Yes, we are fulfilling our purpose

-The structure is in place but there is some question regarding if information is being disseminated.

2. How effective is area 17 in its role as the conduit of information from our groups to the general service conference? (6)

-there is the inform the delegate and what they got from it so hard to think of something where group information has made it to general service conference.

-District information is being shared to groups and back to area

-Effectiveness is subjective because is it because things get done or information gets out.

-two parts, getting group voice to GSC is set and effective but in terms of making decision at area or district is there full participation from groups especially if we are late in disseminating information. Effectiveness is dependent on timelines and participation.

-Information going up or coming down are possibly two different things.

-What doesn't work well is we don't have enough of our group members participating in order to hear their voice.

-participation is limited because of island state.

-process is in place but sometimes it comes down to lack of engagement and commitment.

3. Is Area 17 informing the DCM and GSR members with useable and accurate information to share and inform their groups?

-It depends on the delegate in terms of providing information in a meaningful and expedited manner.

-Online is a good example of how area communicates to membership

-Delegate provides newsletter which is really helpful

-Delegate coming to district meeting has been really helpful in providing useful information

-overall consensus seems to be YES

4. How effective is the area at making general service inclusive to home group members?

-GSR is the only way to communicate information from area to group

-Area officers to individual groups to help with providing general service info is rare

-Part of the answer comes down to how many groups have GSR's that are actually participating in the process

-It can be made available to home groups as the assembly is assigned to different geographic areas and they get involved.

- Geography is a challenge with area trying to communicate to groups statewide.
- Area isn't just area officers but includes DCM's.
- Unstructured groups have gotten used to operating that way and therefore may be resistant to implementing the service structure.

5. Has the Area utilized the 12 traditions in its service structure and the way it conducts business at committee meetings and assemblies?

- YES, but we need to stay vigilant

6. Do our groups understand how our area uses their 7th tradition contribution, and does our members understand area's priority of spending?

- some groups do and some don't for a variety of meeting so difficult to have a clear picture of this question.
- Depending if groups have GSR's

7. Do contributions to area provide good services to the groups and district?

- workshops are an example of contributions providing services to groups and district through standing committees
- Good assemblies that support area members filters down to the districts and groups
- YES, to send delegate to GSC
- area is financially sound in terms of fulfilling their responsibilities so YES it does.

8. Is the budget process and the work of the finance committee helping the area and informing our members adequately?

- YES, due to how the information was presented at budget assembly in a clear and understandable manner and ultimately it was approved so that's another indication members are being informed adequately.

9. How well are our standing committee's fulfilling their purpose, can committees be more effective? (YES)How?

- improve communication
- Only where to get information sometimes is to come on their own to the assembly
- There was a time when standing committee seemed much stronger and much louder then now.
- Districts and standing committee can have better collaboration to be more effective

10. Was area effective in using the inventory of the last panel to improve the effectiveness of the present panel?

- I don't remember the results of the prior inventory being use for anything
- No where in the documents showing prior year information in order to answer this question
- A book with compilation of past inventory answers that is possibly digital
- A structured way to present inventory progress
- Maybe this question does not belong here because we don't know.

11. Has the voting process at area helped us in the ability to trust god and our group conscience? Do we report back with humility or with our shaded opinion?

- YES, to the first question
- DEPENDS on second question

- Individual choice
- shaded opinion better than no opinion

12. Do we have any additional suggestions or feedback to improve area in 2020?

- Communication can be improved
- following though more hand holding in passing it on
- More connection with area connecting to home groups
- Better follow up on requests or other joint efforts
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