

MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 41 MEETING JANUARY 19, 2023 (HYBRID)

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PRESENT AT MEETING:

Lora B., Susan H., Chris J., Lee K., Lael L., Leroy L., Brian L., Jeane M., Susan M., Tom Mo., Joan N., Sarah O., Ed R. and Chris S.

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a Quiet Time, Serenity Prayer, GSR Preamble, 1st Tradition and 1st Concept for World Service.

Chris S. chaired the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

New GSRs – None.

Guests – Scott S.

Anniversaries – None.

Birthdays – None.

Announcements – None.

OLD BUSINESS: Maggie A. (via email) asked for volunteers for hotline duty. Stated that hard copy directories should be ready in February. Waiting on District 40.

ONGOING BUSINESS: Lee K. presented details from his equipment proposal. See below.

AA District 41 Workshops Committee

Proposal

January 19, 2023

To: District 41 Committee
From: Workshops Committee Co-Chairs
Subject: Electronic Equipment to be purchased

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Workshops Committee proposes that additional electronic equipment is purchased to allow and enhance Zoom communication at District meetings, and expand District Workshops to include online users, at a cost of approximately \$1000.00. Justification for this expenditure is inclusivity and increased involvement of the AA community for District Meetings and Workshops.

Equipment includes a Zoom-capable video camera, a laptop capable of supporting online communications, and a free-standing conference room speaker/microphone unit.

The Workshops Committee has researched multiple sources and components, including retailers such as Micro Center (Downers Grove), Best Buy (Downers Grove), and online retailers such as Amazon, NewEgg and others. While numerous laptop and camera combinations are available, we feel that purchasing locally helps the local economy and provides an easier resolution for possible repairs. We will work hard to provide the best value and performance for this investment. A conference room speaker/microphone is already available, purchased by the Workshop Committee and tested at District Meetings. That component cost (\$166.00), is included in the above cost proposal.

JUSTIFICATION:

During the Pandemic, the AA community found that online access to meetings and functions is highly desirable. This continues to be true for members such as the immuno-compromised or those otherwise unable to attend meetings. District meetings and Workshops need to be available online to accommodate these members, and others unable/unwilling to attend. A Zoom-capable camera (webcam) and a computer (laptop, as it's portable) are needed to produce the online content.

ISSUES:

Obsolescence : One issue we face is that of equipment becoming obsolete or unsupported by the manufacturers after a period of time. We propose to purchase new, and not existing but "older" versions to avoid this dilemma. The newer versions are discounted less than older ones, and explains higher initial costs.

Extended Warranty: An additional expense (included in this proposal) is an extended warranty (usually three years) on the laptop to avoid costly future repairs. Even if we allow that modern laptops are durable, the extended warranty protects the District from unexpected expense.

Identification: Identity can be resolved by engraving the equipment after purchase with the District's name and telephone (AA Hotline) number.

Stewardship: Another issue is stewardship of the equipment, that is: where will it "live" when not in use? (*Lee K will donate a computer bag for transport of the equipment.*)

So far as the Workshops Committee is concerned, only two issues need to be resolved:

1. Does the District approve a budget of (up to) \$1000 for the noted equipment?
2. Whom will be tasked with stewardship of the equipment?

As always, we welcome feedback and discussion on this proposal, and hope for the District Committee's approval.

In love and service,
Beth K and Lee K

Motion passed to provide \$1,000, plus a discretionary amount, to purchase the equipment.

Another motion passed giving Lee K. stewardship of the equipment.

Leroy L. reported that everything is going well with the planning of the DuPage Open.

Motion passed to forego Officer and Committee Reports until next meeting.

Closed with Responsibility Statement.

If you are a District 41 member and have not attended a district meeting within the last three months, chances are your name will be removed from the mailing list.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.