The meeting was opened with the **Serenity Prayer**. Attending: Stephen A. (Chair), , Martha C. (Alt. Chair), Nicolas B. (DCMC), Rick A., Dennis **B**., Lori R., and Ann **B**. (Area Chair).

Committee Service Opportunities were discussed. Attendees were encouraged to "recruit" interested A.A.s to serve on a project or as-available basis. The opportunities include:

- Committee Secretary, Treasurer
- Committee representative at district presentations or sharing sessions. Nicholas B. will coordinate this effort through the DCM Committee.
- Project sub-committee chair or member. Lori R. (GSR Orientation Project) and Rick A. (Online Group Participation Project) agreed to serve as sub-committee co-hosts.
- Technical support - Zoom meeting hosts or co-hosts or behind the scenes support (as needed) at District or Area events.
- Project Researcher – collect and summarize other Area group services programs or ideas. Stephen will develop a checklist and begin recruiting volunteers.

Mini-Conference GSR School & DCM Workshop – Martha C.

- Attendance – DCM Workshop = 25, GSR School = 38. Generally positive response. The GSR School was viewed as informative. A good recap and the participants seemed engaged. One suggestion – the breakout rooms were too small and report outs from each would have been useful.
- We discussed ways to get feedback from the participants. Stephen will email the Mini-Conference Committee to see if they are planning an evaluation survey and whether we can piggyback it. Martha will provide questions if they are.
- We decided, for technical and privacy reasons, to not sent a request for feedback directly to the mini-Conference registrants. Stephen will email the DCMs to ask that informal feedback be sent to Martha. He will also ask for feedback at the April DCM Meeting.

GSR Orientation Project

- We kicked off this project at March Committee meeting. Lori R. will serve as the sub-committee co-chair.
- The Goal is a structured, formal Orientation program for new GSRs. Initial thinking is that it might be a three-month process, repeated each quarter.
- The first stage will be a mid-April GSR/DCM sharing session is to establish the content and process goals for the program. Stage 2 will produce and test the presentation material.
- We hope to introduce the program at the June 2021 Area Assembly. *This may be unrealistically ambitious.*

Other projects discussed

- <u>Online-Only Group Service Structure participation.</u> Rick A. will serve as the subcommittee co-chair. The focus of this project will be on ways online-only groups can participate in Area 53. Stage 1 will be to research other Area efforts and policies.
- <u>Pre-Assembly orientation</u> – a half hour information session held immediately before each Area Assembly. The goal is to introduce the Assembly purpose and process to anyone new to the Assembly. The hope is to have a first effort available for the June Assembly.
- <u>Area53aa Group Services web page</u>. The web page will be redesigned to include the material identified during development of the Orientation Program.

Future Project List

1) District participation improvement plan.
2) District/Area-wide workshops and/or forums
3) GSR/DCM sharing sessions on topics of interest.
4) Service Manual meetings/workshops.

Next Meeting – Saturday April 17 at 11 am

Closed with Responsibility Statement.