

## RESULTS OF GROUP INVENTORY EASTON MA SATURDAY GROUP (DISCUSSED 9/30/06 AND 10/14/06)

Summarized below are the areas in which members believe that improvement can be made.

### **Question: Do we encourage everyone to take part in discussions?**

- Suggest "round robin" approach for sharing.
- Suggest language in format to encourage those who do not usually share.
- Pass out tools at the start of the meeting to encourage participation by those who do not raise their hands to read a tool.

### **Question: Do we welcome newcomers and give them individual attention?**

- Have separate greeters to the meeting at the doors.
- Secretary should remind newcomer chairpersons of their service jobs when they are no longer routinely showing up at the meeting; (currently we have 3 people)

### **Question: Do we try to make the Fellowship known to people outside who need help?**

- Suggest that, as individuals, we drop off literature when we go to the doctors' offices.
- We could use the "are you having trouble with food?" cards to be placed at grocery store bulletin boards.
- We could see about getting an ad in the local free paper mentioning our OA group.
- We could see about getting our meeting mentioned in the community section of the Enterprise newspaper.

### **Question: Is the group attracting a good cross section of our community?**

- No, but not sure how to fix this since this is a problem recognized on the World Service level. We make an effort to welcome all who come through our door. Perhaps we could interest more youth by contacting someone at Stonehill College to let them know about OA and our group.

### **Question: Are we losing most of our newcomers who come through the doors?**

- Yes, we think we lose many. We should reinstitute follow-up calls during the week to the newcomers.
- It was suggested that the above follow up calls be the responsibility of the newcomer chairperson(s). Someone else thought it should be a separate service job.

### **Question: Have we done all that we can to provide an attractive meeting place?**

- Somehow, if we could get one or two chairs that were not folding chairs to better accommodate really large people; (this could apply to the chapel room only)

### **Question: Do all members understand the disciplinary value to their own program in kitchen and housekeeping work and other services to the group?**

- We need to do a better job of showing up on time for the start of our meeting.

### **Question: Is an opportunity given to each and every member to participate in group activities?**

- Have sharing by "round robin" instead of by hand raising.

### **Question: Are service people chosen with care and consideration, placing principles before personalities, for the welfare of the group as a whole?**

- Should we have requirements for certain service positions based on minimum time in program, or minimum time at this meeting, or based on abstinence.

### **Question: Are all members periodically informed about the worldwide fellowship and service structure of OA?**

- Maybe a simple one-page handout given new members that will explain the structure and basic activities at each level.
- Have a handout showing where website information is available.
- Purchase the nationwide listing of groups.

### **FOLLOW-UP:**

Guided by group conscience, one or two of these questions are being addressed at each Easton Saturday monthly business meeting, with a view to continuing quality improvement, until such time as all questions are answered.

Submitted by Group Secretary 1/14/2007

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