Dist-003, Arlington, May 2021 District Report

AFG MEETINGS: Couple of meetings have a new GR (a good sign) while half can still use a AGR (not bad). Six (6) recovery meetings, all running electronically, steadily well, through the pandemic. Seventh meeting has been dormant 14+ months, noting ealier pre-pandemic low attendance--future TBD. Espanol meeting voted to stay within our geographic district, and not move to the new 'Overlay/Language' district of DC/NoVa.

DISTRICT MEETINGS: Quarterly (same as pre-pandemic, scheduled roughly 3 months prior, date refined when closer) has worked well, Saturdays at noon. Limiting agenda to just 1-2 big matters within 1 hour helps, keeping a year-long view. Interacting with neighbouring DRs has improved service communication.

CORRESPONDENCE: Monthly e-mail update of essentials (no more, no less) by DR--not duplicating workshop announcements (already posted by Area & Service Center)--keeps things efficient.

RESOURCES: Shared Zoom account idea only took hold amongst half the groups, so realistically had to halt this effort as it also needs a 'tech coordinator.' Regular reminders on money-giving and District Treasurer having a 'group treasurer' network has helped the balance sheets--even pre-pandemic.

DISTRICT OFFICERS: ADR had to vacate, given earlier doubled duty as Treasurer (latter more important). Secretarial position eliminated for now, rolled a few extra tasks into DR/ADR. Alternate treasurer recently came on, too, great for long term continuity!

OVERALL: Outreach/other ideas: lacking commitment for folks to step up beyond group-level--just a realistic, local, systemic constraint. But, meetings' healthy attendance and interaction amongst GRs is the core-strength of our li'l tiny dynamic district.

FINALLY: New DR and ADR were just elected. District had established this spring rotation pattern so as to not 'compete' with Area and Service Center recruitment in autumn and to have our gang in-place over the summer. Constant focus on recruitment for a year finally paid off.

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