

## Thought Force Topic: FUNSHOP GUIDELINES

Background and Historical Information: Guidelines last looked at in 2007. These are traditionally a kind of ice-breaker for opening up the Assembly. Focused on recovery and our Legacies, but also fun and light-hearted. Skits use people who may be at Assembly for the first time. Keep in mind that during all Area Inventories there are numerous requests to shorten the meeting. During Panel 55 we will focus only on Concepts. Each District doing one Concept. 2 Districts per Assembly.

Financial Impact: None for the Area, perhaps some for a District if they use props or bring GIPs.

Charge: Brainstorm ideas about Funshop: Do we want to continue? Is this the best use of time? Does it help? Are there other things we could do? What is the general feeling about participating? Ideas not solutions!

### Five KBDM Questions

1. What do we know about our membership's needs, wants and preferences that is relevant to this topic?
  - funny, good to laugh, good ice breaker, relaxes people
  - learn about concepts, broadens knowledge of fellowship
  - good for newcomers, good way to be involved, inviting
2. What do we know about our resources (finances, member participation, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
  - fairly inexpensive, no need for complicated props, keep it simple, GIP can do more than just Funshop
3. What do we know about the current realities (membership, culture, etc) and our fellowship's environment (technology, geography, demographic, etc) that is relevant to this topic?
  - members can be hesitant, it's not for everyone
  - we need to be sensitive to cultural differences
  - possibly be open to multi-lingual funshops?
  - Not everyone there on Friday; maybe change to Saturday sometimes
  - Keep it on Friday
4. What are the ethical implications of our choices – what are the pros and cons? Will our decision be consistent with our spiritual principles?
  - No ethical issues noted
  - Put it out to Groups
  - Not having it on Saturday makes people feel bad
5. What do we wish we knew, but don't? (use the back if necessary)
  - How many complain about Friday night meetings?
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