

D4 and D5 Report on Hospitality based on June 24-26, 2022 Area 9 Assembly

1. Observations on hospitality

- a. Very little coffee or ice tea was consumed on Friday PM or Friday evening. Many folks were satisfied with just water service. They did consume the snacks, cookies, crackers, nuts and candy. A few small groups of people sat at the tables and chatted.
- b. With coffee being served in the ballroom room during breakfast, it was a good decision not to have drinks in the hospitality room between 7 and 8 AM on Saturday.
- c. We had no real food options for breakfast in the hospitality room, so there was very little use of the hospitality room between 7 and 8 AM on Saturday. Most folks were taking advantage of the buffet.
- d. On Saturday evening, at the end of the main session, it was announced that the hospitality room would not be open on Sunday, so we had perhaps 30 to 40 people in there getting their fill of snacks. Very little of the coffee or tea was consumed. Following Vali's seminar on the Concepts, we had a few folks come in before we closed at 10 pm.
- e. Of the \$200 worth of snacks purchased, we had perhaps ¼ to 1/3 left over.

2. Some thoughts on hospitality.

- a. We understand coffee purchased in bulk from the catering staff is very expensive. A small cup of coffee purchased at the snack bar is \$2.00. There is a coffee maker in each room if people want to go to that trouble.
- b. Similarly, the snack bar also offers snacks, fairly high priced, but if you knew in advance that snacks were not going to be offered, it would be fairly easy to bring some with you.
- c. If we continue with the full breakfast, lunch, and Saturday PM brownies/cookies, and coffee and tea offered for the day in the ballroom, it seems that perhaps we could do away with the hospitality room.

Jennie W, D5DR, had the following additional input.

Looking at the cost of the room, it's not worth it to have the hospitality room at that cost with the amount of time it was available for us to use since we are sitting in the main room the majority of the time. I just had lunch at the assembly. It was plenty. It was nice to have a snack at the break. Maybe that could be doubled since we ran out with what was served. If we needed anymore, I think a small handful of wrapped sweets at each table of chocolate, hard, and chewy candy when we need something. That should do the trick since we are sitting all day.

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