

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 20, 2022

- I. Call to Order:
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: No tradition was read.
- IV: No first-time attendees.
Total including all attendees: 22
- V. Recent Anniversaries: None.
- VI: Minutes: The minutes were approved with none opposed.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Mary Grace and Mona volunteered to serve as next week's co-hosts. Janet will act as timer for the committee reports.
 - b. Next week we will elect the new Chairperson. There has already been one nomination. If you have anyone else you'd like to nominate, let Cindy know in advance, and bring that person to the meeting. The same applies to nominees for the other Steering Committee positions. Copies of the Bylaws with position requirements have been emailed to everyone.

Committee Reports:

Registration: Sydney said we had a very quiet week with only 2 new registrations, bringing the total to 307. The breakdown is: 245 A.A., 48 Al-Anon, 11 "other", 3 both. Of the 307 total, 82 are Spanish A.A./Al-Anon. There are 79 signed up for food bundles. Individual food totals are: 88 breakfast, 104 ice cream, 98 dinner. 86 signed up for the dance. There is \$1530 in Helping Hand contributions, or 31 registrations.

Secretaries who want their readers listed in the program need to get their names to Naomi by Aug. 22. Anyone with inserts, say for marathon meetings, need to have them received by Aug. 26. Contacts for guest speakers should have them mail in a registration form, to obtain information for their badge. Naomi had inquired if there were a head count for recovery

centers, so we can have the correct number of blank badges. Cindy said Kathleen and Arthur are looking into recovery center information. Those wanting to volunteer at the registration table can reach out to Naomi or Sydney.

Naomi suggested giving the five extra T-shirts to the raffle, or to those who got sober in 2015. They could also be given to newcomers at the countdown. Mary Grace proposed selling them to current Steering Committee members.

Facilities: Billy has a spreadsheet to give to Paige at the Conference Center. One column contains information for particular needs, such as the number of chairs on stage. He has gotten some of that information but not all. Also, we have to figure out where the additional meeting rooms will be, if necessary. He said Hilda has some of the signs up already. If you have a specific need that has not yet been addressed, send Billy an email.

Cindy discussed the question of extra rooms. She said that if Al-Anon only requires one room, we won't need to get any more for them. She also said renting Colton 2 and 3 for two days would cost \$1500, so obviously nice if we don't have to do that! The final decision should be made by Aug. 23, the day of the next walk-through. Renting a second Stevenson room had been brought up as well, but that would be over \$900 for two days.

Shuttle: Trevor was not present, but could use more volunteers. Contact him if you want to help or know someone who does.

Hospitality: Phil C. should know by Monday what kind of room we have, and where it is.

Ice Cream: Jim has a committee hard at work. He has attended one walk-through, and will also go to the next one on Tuesday. He has spoken to Billy about a possible freezer. Should that fall through, he has a Plan B. The committee is planning for 100 people to be served, based on past history. There will be a guitar player/singer.

Dinner: Aubrey said he will do the shopping this coming Thursday. His team is ready and willing to help. He verified that the contract has been signed and the balance to be determined and paid for. In addition, he clarified the amount available to him in the budget.

Zoom: Mary Grace said everything is going fine. We only have five co-hosts so far, and can use more. The Zoom limit is going to be 300.

Speakers: Cindy said the Speaker Committee probably doesn't need any more help.

Breakfast: Renee can use more help. If you want to assist, get in contact with her.

Outreach: Kathleen had said she could use help at the Coastal Rally, either staffing the MBAR table or chatting up participants.

Decorations: Hilda sent emails to all committee chairs who might want signs. She is going to the walk-through on Tuesday. Gina has been helping her as well. If you need any changes to your signs, contact Hilda or Gina.

Dance: Chris said that Mark S. is going to help her out with sound equipment.

Social Committee: Chris sent out requests for BBQ attendees to choose chicken or beef. If you have not yet responded, text her and let her know.

Al-Anon: Sidney said there is nothing significant to report. Susan wanted to clarify the Ala-Teen registration price, which may have been reduced in the past (no one remembered). She suggested \$25; Mona and Arthur proposed \$10. Arthur made a motion that the fee be \$10. It passed with none opposed. During the discussion, Susan pointed out that Ala-Teen members would be coming with those paying full price.

Raffle: Cole has new signups for 50/50 help; he can still use more. They need to be able to handle money. Some who have signed up cannot afford registration. Cole wanted to know if they could get help in exchange for working. Cindy suggested Helping Hand.

Spanish: Eric will have Spanish-speaking people working shifts at the registration table. He asked Billy how many Steinbeck 1a and 1b would hold. Cindy noted it would be 186, which should be sufficient. Eric clarified that the Spanish speakers would all be invited to the BBQ.

Literature: May needs more help at the literature table. Dawn is handling Al-Anon literature.

Welcoming: Arthur said the greeter signup sheets are filling up well. He still needs greeters from 4-6 Saturday, and 2-4 and 4-6 on Sunday. He will be giving Sidney a call about Al-Anon participation.

Old-Timers: Mary Grace said there are no changes. One member may not show up due to concerns about Covid. She will decide whether to replace that person if necessary.

Zoom: Phillip set up a VENMO account. As Mary Grace reported earlier, we can still use a few more volunteers. The meeting format has been written up; any comments are invited. It has not yet been decided if the meeting will be recorded. Cindy said there should be possible ways.

Mona stressed that Helping Hand registrants need to fill out a form. She also asked if anyone had been chosen to lead the countdown; they will need Big Books (English and Spanish). Cindy said she had asked someone to lead the countdown, but hadn't heard back. Billy and Sidney then volunteered.

Sidney brought up the idea of an Al-Anon countdown; Cindy said it should be at the 2 P.M. meeting.

Chris commented that Aug. 27 is the last birthday meeting before MBAR. It would be good to have a presence there, hopefully getting a few last-minute registrations.

Mary Grace moved that Steering Committee members pay \$10 for the T-shirts. The motion passed with 3 opposed. A minority opinion was then offered, saying that the shirts should be free. A second vote for \$10 was taken, with 3 still opposed. Mona offered to pick up the shirts from Naomi. It has not been determined how payment will be made.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 24, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, August 27, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Andy V.T., MBAR Recording Secretary