

# MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 6, 2022

- I. Call to Order:  
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: Tradition 8 was read: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers ." Maxine discussed this tradition. She said working with other alcoholics should be based only on a desire to help and be helped; there can be no professional class.
- IV: Introduction of first-time attendees: Cole  
Total including all attendees: 34
- V. Recent Anniversaries: None.
- VI: Minutes: Hilda suggested that Susan G.'s last name be eliminated from the discussion on headsets. The minutes were approved with this change. No one was opposed; there were two abstentions.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
  - a. Mary Grace and Phil C. volunteered to serve as next week's co-hosts. Phillip will act as timer for committee reports.
  - b. The committee will soon decide when the next MBAR will be (2023 or 2024?)  
A new steering committee needs to be chosen. Everyone is encouraged to study the duties and prerequisites of committee members and suggest names. The new committee may be chosen as early as the end of this year's conference, or as late as October. Sooner is probably better.

Treasurer's Report: Mona gave the report. Last month's balance was \$8211.91. We took in \$3930 in cash and checks, plus \$2763.33 from PayPal. Square deposits are not yet accounted for. The current bank balance is \$14,278.04. A remainder of \$15,380.00 must be paid for the conference. Including the \$10,000 prudent reserve, we need about 120 more registrations to meet our goal.

## **Committee Reports:**

Registration: Naomi said we have 281 total registrations: 226 A.A., 42 Al-Anon, 11 both, 3 “other”. 10 didn’t choose at all. Of the 281 total, 80 are Spanish A.A./Al-Anon. There are 76 signed up for food bundles. Individual food totals are: 87 breakfast, 102 ice cream, 93 dinner. 85 signed up for the dance. There is \$1425 in Helping Hand contributions, or 28 registrations.

Hilda asked how registrants apply for Helping Hand. Naomi replied that there is a box on the registration form for them to check. Applicants will be chosen at random if necessary. Naomi said that Helping Hand recipients are encouraged to contribute whatever they can.

Naomi found 5 T-shirts from 2015. She thought they might make good raffle gifts for those who got sober that year. She also said that Steering Committee members who secretary a meeting, and who want their names and those of their readers to appear in the program, should get them to her by Aug. 21. The same deadline applies to the marathon meeting schedules.

Dinner: Aubrey has a number of people willing to help. He wants to check out the church facilities in advance. A friend has donated dinner plates and silverware for the pasta.

Facilities: In response to questions, Billy said there will be 6 or 7 easels. He offered to coordinate issues regarding signs, although he doesn’t make them. The walk-through gave everyone a good idea of the space needed. Regarding the freezer, Phil and others have come up with possible solutions (the Center doesn’t have one handy). A giant ice chest with dry ice can make a good backup.

Marathon: Mark S. said meetings will be from 9-7 Saturday and 8-5 Sunday, every hour on the hour. This includes during the main speaker meetings, for the benefit of those not registered.

Zoom meeting: Phillip gave a list of topics he is working on: cap, login, hosts, format, etc. He is looking for more volunteers. We will decide if the cap should be 300 or 1000.

BBQ: Need to decide what time it will be held (early afternoon vs. evening).

Hospitality: Phil C. said the Marriott has agreed to give us a small conference room for the Hospitality Suite. He may see the specific room at the next walk-through. We could also get one at Portola Plaza. It still isn’t known if we can have coffee.

Speaker: Mark said that all speakers are confirmed, and the few travel arrangements have been taken care of. He will reach out to Rich, who normally records the meetings. He will also get to work on speaker gifts.

ASL interpreters: We are looking at three different estimates. It's possible we could get an interpreter for the late Sunday meeting as well as the Saturday ones.

Breakfast: Renee will meet with Arthur and Aubrey to arrange a quick turnaround from the dinner. She is looking for two more breakfast team members, perhaps those with less time in the program. Staying within the budget looks feasible; two friends have offered their wholesale buying licenses.

Outreach: Kathleen thanked everyone for the outreach they have done. She said she has raised a "small army" on Facebook. She has also contacted Central Offices and Alano Clubs in surrounding counties, as well as residential rehabs. She requested a head count from the rehabs.

Decorations: Hilda said she will keep the decorations very simple. She asked about signs; Billy said Paige could print signs up to 11 x 14 inches. He will check with Paige about doing them this year.

Dance: Chris will check if there are any devices needed to play music. She will have dummy mics for the lip-sync battle.

Media: We have 376 Facebook group members as of this month, 22 new. Chris posted four new fliers on the website. She encouraged members to invite their A.A./Al-Anon friends to the MBAR page, and to share their MBAR memories. Chris can send out any of the fliers to be shared, either by email or printing them out. She is also looking for ideas for more Facebook posts. There is a GSR assembly Aug. 20; she will make an MBAR announcement there.

Victoria is distributing raffle prize envelopes at meetings. They will be returned by Aug. 24.

Al-Anon: Sidney asked if the breakfast team would like anyone from Al-Anon. She has reached out to Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Benito County Al-Anon, and will send them registrations.

Raffle: Michele is looking for help in calling the raffle. Prizes can be taken to Monterey or Salinas Central Office; if the offices fill up, Billy has offered to help. Cole is doing the 50/50 raffle and can use assistance. He wants to do one each on Saturday and Sunday.

Spanish: Eric said the numbers are looking good. Spanish committee meetings are now weekly. Registrations are still coming in; there have been 10-15 more lately. One of the readings will be in both Spanish and English at the Saturday evening meeting.

Welcoming: Arthur is starting to print greeter sign-up sheets. Greeters will work 2-hour intervals, starting at 8:00 AM. He asked if there would be greeters during the main speaker

meetings. He hopes we can have both A.A. and Al-Anon greeters. Cindy suggested that we have Spanish-speaking greeters as well; she recommended checking with Eric.

Old-Timers: Mary Grace said topics include the 11<sup>th</sup> step, the Promises, service, and sponsorship. She will take the panel out to lunch as a gift.

Steering Committee meetings will now be held each Wednesday, and full committee meetings every Saturday.

Esther suggested that A.A./Al-Anon members sponsor registrations for Helping Hand.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 10, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, August 13, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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