

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2022

- I. Call to Order:
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: No tradition was read.
- IV: Introduction of first-time attendees: Maria B.
Total including all attendees: 32
- V. Recent Anniversaries: None.
- VI: Minutes: The minutes were approved with none opposed.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Phil C. and Phillip volunteered to serve as next week's co-hosts. Mona will act as timer for the committee reports.
 - b. If you know someone who could serve on the new steering committee, give that person a call and ask if they're willing. Also, let them know about the bylaws, as well as the duties and prerequisites of the positions.
 - c. Cindy asked everyone to consider when the next MBAR should be: in 1 year or in 2 years? This will be discussed at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Daylene gave the report. Last month's balance was \$14,278.04. We took in \$2634.50 in registration and 7th tradition. There was \$56.25 in expenses. This brings the current bank balance to \$16,856.29. Including PayPal funds of \$1599.91, which were just moved over, the present *total* balance is \$18,456.20. A remainder of \$15,380.00 must be paid for the conference. Therefore, we now have \$3076.20 left over for the next MBAR. Assuming BBQ, breakfast, ice cream all pay for themselves, we need \$4923.80 more to fund the entire prudent reserve, or about 100 more registrations.

May pointed out that the 50/50 and raffle will probably take in \$2000-3000, which will be icing on the cake.

Committee Reports:

Registration: Naomi said we have 305 total registrations: 243 A.A., 48 Al-Anon, 11 “other”, 3 both. Of the 305 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. 223 registrants are from Monterey County, 2 or 3 from out of state.

Facilities: Billy led a walk-through last week, and was happy with the participation. He has people who may be able to share sound equipment, saving money. Signage is coming along. Two more walk-throughs are scheduled for Wednesday.

BBQ: Butch needs a head count, also to know what people want to eat. He has five people who will serve. He is going to bring beans, salsa, tri-tip, and chicken. Everyone else needs to bring a side dish and \$5 (or more). The BBQ will be at 3 P.M. Call Butch if you want to help with setup.

Shuttle: Trevor is still looking for help. If you want to shuttle people, get in touch with him.

Hospitality: Phil C. is “at the mercy” of the Marriot. They guaranteed a small conference room or hotel room. He will confirm this at Wednesday’s walk-through.

Ice Cream: Jim said registration for the ice cream social is higher than anticipated. The ice cream has been identified but not yet purchased. Once it is, it will quickly be placed in a freezer in the employee lounge until Sunday. The event is at 3 P.M. on Stevenson Terrace. So far, the ice cream social is running a bit under budget.

Dinner: Aubrey has volunteers. He clarified with Renee that the contract has been signed and the deposit put down. It was pointed out that the limit in the room is 120, so attendance may need to be capped if too many more sign up.

Marathon: Mark S. has 1 slot left to fill out of 19. He has 7th tradition envelopes left over from the last MBAR.

Zoom meeting: Phillip will find out if there is an existing VENMO account. So far there is a 100-participant meeting cap. It can be raised to 300 for an extra \$5, or above 300 for an extra \$50. Phillip is reaching out to the volunteers and the speaker.

Speaker: Mark appears to be all set (not present).

ASL: We had three bids and picked the lowest one. The interpreter is Jackie D. The Steering Committee decided it would have been good to ask about interpreters on the registration

form and elsewhere. Since we don't normally have many who need an interpreter, we will only have ASL at one meeting this year (Saturday 7:30). Cindy suggested that next year's committee ask about ASL in advance.

Breakfast: All is going well, but Renee can always use more volunteers. Call her if you can help.

Outreach: Kathleen will have a table at the Coastal Rally. She can use your support at the table or in chatting attendees up.

Decorations: Hilda will do the Wednesday walk-through to get ideas and information. She also has a contact with flowers who she will reach out to.

Dance: Chris is working with Mark on hooking up speakers to her computer.

Social Media: Nothing new to report.

Al-Anon: Sidney said the marathon meetings are all filled. They will begin at 8:00 AM.

Raffle: Michele says she has three raffle prizes so far. If you have something to give, get in touch with her. She has four volunteers so far, but can always use more.

50/50 raffle: Email Cole if you want to volunteer for a 2-hour stint selling tickets, or know someone who does.

Literature: May has purchased \$200 in books from the Salinas office. She will do the same for the Monterey and Spanish offices. Free bookmarks (in English and Spanish) will be distributed. May can use more volunteers.

Welcoming: Arthur has the Saturday greeters' sign-up sheet almost filled. Greeters are still needed for Sunday. Arthur asked if Spanish-speaking greeters would be appropriate; Cindy suggested talking to Eric about this.

Old-timers: Mary Grace said one panelist was still worried about Covid. Perhaps the other panelists will speak longer. Cindy said there should be masks and hand sanitizer available.

Cindy asked for opinions about the date of the next MBAR. Results were divided with no clear preference.

Mona said she had a potential chair for the next roundup, and that her opinion should be sought. Cindy suggested selecting the next Steering Committee first, then letting them decide.

May said she liked the consistency of having MBAR every year. Sidney agreed with her, saying she would solicit a vote from the Al-Anon Steering Committee.

Arthur pointed out that MBAR used to be every two years, which was his preference. Chris said that Monterey is not inexpensive to travel to, saying we might get higher attendance doing it every other year. She noted that attendance went down when we had it every year.

Daylene thought the Steering Committee could select a larger committee to decide the next MBAR. Susan said that if MBAR is every other year, we should have major fund-raisers in the off years.

Hilda said MBAR takes a lot of effort from a lot of people, and that every other year would make it feel more special. Roger mentioned that MBAR's original purpose was to fill a gap created by a conference also held every two years.

Sidney mentioned that MBAR was a lot of work this year because of everyone coming out of Covid, leading to delays. She suggested starting work for 2023 earlier, then doing it every two years after that.

Roger suggested polling registrants about having MBAR every year vs. every two years. Mary Grace agreed with this idea.

Hilda asked about Spanish interpreters at the main meeting. Sidney said Eric was working on it, perhaps by having a Zoom interpretation.

Jo said she can use plastic utensils, paper plates, etc. for the hospitality room.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 17, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, August 20, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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