

MBAR Committee Minutes Martinez Hall, Marina CA Saturday, September 12, 2020

I. Call to Order: Saturday, September 12, 2020 Time: 11:00 am II: Serenity Prayer

III: Tradition 9 was read: "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." Jill said A.A. was responsible for bringing sobriety within reach of all, without organization, animated by the spirit of fellowship.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 14

V: Minutes: Jill proposed a change to the minutes as written, noting that she has been to four previous meetings. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

VI: Chairperson's Report:

a. Cindy noted that the meeting was being recorded, making sure to inform all participants of this fact. b. She also said each item was being timed, to keep the meeting within 1 hour.

Jill gave her first treasurer's report. There was \$5 in 7th tradition income for the month, raising our total assets from \$9904 to \$9909.

May has not contacted anyone about venues, saying we should have a specific date first. Cindy said we had voted and decided on October 2021. Carrie suggested going in asking for this date, but also checking with each venue to see if there was a better one. All agreed that was a good idea. After Naomi questioned if there actually was a vote for October 2021, it was determined there was not. Instead, it was agreed to use that date and Labor Day as possibilities when contacting venues.

Cindy emailed committee description lists out to possible volunteers.

Not much response so far for the logo contest. Esther suggested asking newcomers or and/or people in recovery centers to participate. Arthur said he will reach out to different recovery centers. Roger pointed out that the logo contest flier has no due date. A corrected version will be made soon.

The possibility of an online fellowship event was brought up. Susan will ask South Bay Roundup about their activities. Esther noted that the Knucklehead group does online bingo; maybe try that?

Cindy said we can use help with outreach. It's not necessary to have an outreach chair at this point, just someone who can help at a given time. Again, South Bay Roundup may have ideas. May suggested having one person reach out to others, etc., starting a "chain reaction". Susan said it's not too early for an outreach flier, with a Zoom link and instructions on how to get involved.

Naomi suggested putting the MBAR minutes and recording on our website; Carrie mentioned linking to them from the Facebook group. Cindy thought both were good ideas.

Cindy can use someone to work with our webmaster. Susan thought this might be a good position for newcomers or sponsees. Roger volunteered to help with this.

Nothing new from Chuck on T-shirts. A definite date will be needed before a T-shirt design is finalized. In the event MBAR has to be virtual, we may still sell T-shirts to raise funds. So as not to be stuck with many unsold T-shirts, they may be ordered as people request them, rather than all at once.

Due to uncertainty over the future course of the pandemic, there was discussion of a virtual or hybrid event in 2021, maybe one with attendees staying in their cars. Also mentioned was the option of waiting until 2022. May said we should still plan for an in-person conference at this point.

Rent is paid at the VTC through 2020.

VII. Seventh Tradition:

VIII. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 30, 2020

IX. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, October 10, 2020

X. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm with the Serenity Prayer