

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 14, 2021

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 nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers." Cindy said this meant we should remain teachable and humble. May added that we can learn from our mistakes and grow.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 14

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** None.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and unanimously approved.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

a. It was mentioned, as always, that the meeting was being recorded.

b. The Coastal Rally is next weekend. We need volunteers to sit at the MBAR table; Carrie said she had not yet been contacted by any. T-shirts will be raffled as prizes for volunteering, and possibly also a free registration. Carrie's idea was to require attendance at the next MBAR meeting as condition for winning a prize. Because of a possible group inventory in September, it was suggested that October would be better for prizes. Mary Grace proposed announcing the raffle at other meetings. She also made a motion to collect names and numbers at the Coastal Rally, and give out prizes at the September MBAR meeting. The motion passed with none opposed. Cindy suggested collecting names at the birthday meeting as well. Treasurer's Report: Our balance is the same as last month: no income and no expenses.

The possibility of changing our P.O. Box was discussed. Boxes are available in Monterey, but will not be grandfathered in at the current lower rate. The Post Office suggested that we put more than one name on the account. The smallest (Size 1) box is recommended in order to save money; the Post Office can hold any overflow. It was determined that using the Post Office was the best deal financially. Cindy moved to change our box from Pacific Grove to Monterey at the end of September, leaving one month overlap between the two boxes. Susan said that nothing we print should have the old P.O. Box number on it. Carrie agreed, stressing that we should hold off all printing until the new box number is available. Cindy amended the motion to include this condition. The motion passed with none opposed.

The possibility of in-person MBAR committee meetings was discussed. Naomi said the VTC was now allowing in-person H&I meetings. Cindy asked if we even wanted to go back to in-person meetings. Donna said she was apprehensive about the idea. Mary Grace also said she was not ready, and that it would be easier to get more volunteers if we remained on Zoom. Andy said he saw no real advantage of in-person MBAR meetings, other than the bagels. Carrie pointed out that costs for VTC and Zoom were comparable. Carrie moved to remain on Zoom until at least July 2022. Susan suggested that the date be extended until October 2022, after the MBAR meeting. The motion, with the later date, passed with no opposition.

Speaker Committee: Phil C. said he had a firm yes from Matt E, but again mentioned that he did not want to be the only one choosing speakers. He also noted that Carroll had Father Tom willing to speak. Donna M. suggested having recordings of different speakers sent out; Phil said he could get links. Mary Grace reported that she had a possible woman speaker.

Carrie suggested getting advice from a prior Speaker Committee chair. Roger mentioned asking our former CD vendor, who according to Cindy may no longer be available. Mary Grace pointed out that a lot of speaker information was now available online. May brought up Rich S., who tapes our birthday meetings, as another source for links. It was mentioned that Father Tom has spoken several times in the past, and that we may not want to have him yet again. Mary Grace made a suggestion

for diversity.

The Monterey Youth Center has not yet gotten back to Carrie. Bethlehem Lutheran told Cindy that Sunday breakfast was an option, but that attendance would be limited and we would need to be out by 10:00. Arthur said the Filipino Club isn't sure they will be renting space at all. Therefore, we do not yet have enough information to make an informed decision on our schedule. Cindy suggested leaving all discussion on this, and the raffles, until next month. The same was decided for discussion of the speaker schedule.

Cindy mentioned that she had sent out a Word document with a list of previous ideas. She suggested looking it over before the next meeting.

A group inventory for our committee was proposed, to determine what we can do to attract more volunteers. Members are advised to consider if this would be a good idea. Thomas and others said the lack of volunteers may be related to the current pandemic issues.

Susan suggested discussing an outdoor fundraiser at next month's meeting.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

X. Next Committee meeting: Saturday, September 11, 2021

XI. Meeting adjourned: at 12:02 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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