

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 11 was read:** "Tradition 11 was read: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films." Ron said the tradition of anonymity helped him feel safe when he first came to A.A. He also said not to listen to those who claim the program doesn't work.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 30

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Recent A.A. Birthdays: Andy V.T. celebrated 18 years on October 18. Cindy had 9 years October 21; Mona achieved 36 years on October 19.

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. Cindy stressed that it will not be published anywhere, only given to those individuals who request it.

b. Mary Grace volunteered to be next-month's co-host. Philip will discuss Tradition 12, and also serve as a second co-host. Chris T. will be a third co-host.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy gave the report. Last month's balance was \$5359. The BBQ brought in \$141; after subtracting the payment for Zoom, our new balance is \$5341. Cindy has begun putting the QR code in emails for 7th tradition contributions. It goes to PayPal.

Mercy has resigned from the treasurer position. Daylene volunteered to be her replacement, although she lives in Southern California. She suggested having a co-treasurer who is local. Mona indicated she would be willing to help. Naomi also offered assistance in her role as registration chairperson.

Speaker Committee: Phil C. still can use help. He needs links or CDs of shares of speakers, and/or their phone numbers, rather than just names. Phil said he has two good speakers already, which he will run by the committee. He will get together with the other volunteers to listen to speakers, once there are enough to listen to. This needs to be completed by Dec. 31.

Arthur said he liked Mary Grace's idea of having a more diverse selection of speakers, including young people.

Registration timeline: We will begin talking about registration next month, and finalize the discussion in January. Registration will hopefully start in January, or February at the very latest.

Charly will begin looking into T-shirts. The volume will need to be decided on, as well as price, number of short-sleeve vs. long-sleeve shirts, and perhaps other issues. We already have a logo for the shirts. Carrie mentioned the possibility of doing jackets.

Eric wants to get Spanish-speaking Marathon meetings (and other activities) going, to include the large Spanish

communities around. We would have a separate room for the meetings, with fliers in Spanish. Perhaps headphones and an interpreter for the speaker could be provided at the main meetings. Carrie asked if we could translate the registration form. Barbara wanted to know if the T-shirts would also be in Spanish. Eric wants to get a general idea of how much will be needed, for how many Spanish speakers. Charly will check how much a smaller batch of Spanish T-shirts would cost.

Naomi said translation equipment has worked well in the past. However, we won't know how much we'll need until registration begins. She suggested that the General Service rep in Eric's group check with the District, so that the Area can then provide what is needed. Carrie proposed translating logo words into Spanish. Naomi said that to preserve unity, the translated flier should look the same as the English one. More generally, everything should be mirrored (in English and Spanish). Cindy will create a new Save the Date flier to be translated into Spanish.

More events (like the MBAR BBQ) were suggested by Carrie. Arthur said we should create a committee to assist. Carrie proposed having one event every few months, to keep the momentum going. Susan said the first one should be in late January or early February, when more about registration will be known. We can then use the event to push early registration. Mary Grace proposed having one event every two months, with the last one in July. Arthur said he would be willing to chair the Social Committee.

We will finish reading over the Bylaws next month (no more time today).
Arthur thanked Phil C. for providing the venue for the BBQ, and all those who contributed.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

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

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

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