

## **MBAR Committee Minutes**

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, October 9, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

### **II: Serenity Prayer**

III: : **Tradition 10 was read:** "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." Mary Grace interpreted this to mean there should never be an official A.A. position on medical or political issues.

### **IV: Introduction of all attendees: 17**

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Naomi B. celebrated 21 years on September 26. Joe had 5 years as of October 8.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved, with none opposed.

### **VII: Chairperson's Report:**

a. It was mentioned, as always, that the meeting was being recorded. It will be available to members on request, but will not go on the MBAR website or Facebook page.

b. Cindy asked Phillip E. to be next-month's co-host; he accepted. Ron will discuss Tradition 11 next month.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy gave the report. Last month's balance was \$5439. The QR brought in a net of \$54; after subtracting the payment for the P.O. Box, our new balance is \$5359.

Cindy presented a financial inventory. The purpose was to determine if we would have enough funds to last until registrations began. Cindy's first projection was that our balance would bottom out at \$1800 in April 2022, then rise as registration funds started coming in. A second projection, in which registration funds did not arrive until May 2022, forecast a minimum balance of \$59. Arthur suggested having fundraisers as social events open up.

Speaker Committee: We need volunteers for the Speaker Committee, to listen to snippets of shares from potential speakers. Thus far Phil C. is the entire committee. He suggested having a steering committee, if people didn't want to be on the full committee. Mary Grace, Susan, Phillip E. and Janet all volunteered. Mary Grace suggested starting with a list of about 10 names. Phil wanted to know how many speakers we would need; Cindy said five (3 A.A., 2 AI-Anon), based on a 3-day conference. But for a 2-day conference it could be fewer. Su said she knows two couples who might be willing to speak.

Phil said he had secured a location for the Oct. 30 get-together. It has a capacity of 70, kitchen, and pool. A committee will be needed to plan the event. It was agreed that afternoon was the best time. There could be BBQ, swimming, and fellowship. Arthur said he would ask Aubrey to help with the BBQ.

Cindy suggested that the event be open to those outside the committee, to encourage new volunteers. Arthur offered to contribute money for meat; Joe and Thomas said they would also make contributions. Cindy brought up making a flier. The details of the get-together would need to be set first. Mary Grace suggested putting the event on the calendar of the A.A. website.

Naomi wanted to know when the registration forms would be ready. Cindy said there would be discussion in December, with the final forms decided on in January. Naomi also inquired if the QR code could be used in registration. According to Cindy, it would not be ideal.

Cindy displayed the bylaws onscreen. MBAR were created to qualify for tax-exempt status. Now they need to be approved

or amended. Cindy scrolled through the sections of the bylaws, allowing all to see and possibly comment. The meeting ended before she could get all the way through. The remainder of the bylaws will be presented next month.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, November 3, 2021

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, November 13, 2021

XI. **Meeting adjourned:** at 12:04 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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