

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2022

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 4 was read:** "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." Tony spoke on this tradition, saying we can have whatever formats we want, as long as they don't harm A.A. as a whole. But he also noted that our traditions cannot override the law, and that questionable actions of individual members can harm our groups.

IV: Introduction of the Steering Committee

First-time attendees none

Total including all attendees: **23**

Recent A.A. Birthdays: none

Recent Anniversaries: Susan celebrated 20 years on Mar. 7. Tony had 14 years Mar. 5.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved with no changes.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

- a. Phil and Phillip volunteered to serve as next-month's co-hosts. Mary Grace will share on Tradition 5 at the May meeting.
- b. Cindy shared a list of committees that need chairs. Outreach and Hospitality are priorities, especially Outreach. She said we need to ramp up soon! Mary Grace also mentioned that we need volunteers for the A.A. panel and Friday night Zoom meeting committees.
- c. Mona Nominated Renee C. to be Outreach Chair, and she accepted.
- d. Cindy discussed the ability to do two online registrations at once (e.g. husband and wife). It is currently available, but rather complicated in practice. After input from Naomi, the decision was made to go back to only one registration at a time, and to make this clear on the website. Cindy pointed out that paper registration is also available.

Treasurer's Report:

Daylene gave the report. Last month's balance was \$2364.38. We took in \$225 (\$85 for 7th Tradition and \$140 for registration), and spent \$7.70 on PayPal. The current balance is \$2571.68. Daylene then brought up a number of concerns. She contrasted our current balance with that of \$9300 in April 2019. There were 15 registered as of April 2019, vs. 4 now. We are not meeting our projections, which include 31 registered as of April and 83 total by the end of May. The overall increase in participants over 2019 is supposed to be 60. If we do not cover all our expenses, the remainder will be the responsibility of the steering committee.

Daylene made two recommendations: 1. Do not incur any more expenses this month, and let the committee see if we are on track by the end of the month. An additional 15 to 27 registrations are needed. 2. We desperately need to get an Outreach chair. This should be announced at every possible meeting, in every location, including Santa Cruz, Salinas, and San Benito County. Daylene noted that we owe \$2550 to the Conference Center, whether the meeting takes place or not. This almost exactly matches the amount in our checking account.

Mary Grace suggested putting our Arizona speaker in someone's home to save money. Charly offered his guest house.

Naomi asked if it were acceptable to email registration fliers to Central Offices, which they would print and have available there. She also said she could make packets of fliers to mail out. Cindy is available to print fliers as well.

Sidney will let everyone in the Al-Anon committee know that we need to increase registration. She will also try to find an Outreach chair.

Chris T. pointed out that the online registration link says "closed", although it is not. Cindy said this is because it is still in testing mode; that will be fixed soon. Registrations made in testing mode are still valid. Phillip suggested updating the Monterey A.A. website with the registration flier. Naomi asked if Jana could include a link to the registration form in the monthly newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Social Events: Arthur said he is planning a summer event, but does not know what it will be. Registration will be available during the event.

Social Media: Chris T. will email fliers to past attendees, encouraging them to come back. She will also make the registration link available on Facebook, and encourage posting of fond memories on the Facebook page. This will hopefully increase the number of views. Chris will email Jana the registration link.

Spanish: Eric said the English meeting format is now fully translated into Spanish. The Spanish fliers are nearly done, and the block times for the Saturday and Sunday meetings set. May has offered to donate \$300-400 worth of Spanish literature; Eric asked if this was acceptable. Cindy said May will explain at next month's meeting. Eric also wanted to know if online registration was available in Spanish. Cindy replied that the form has English and Spanish titles already. If more is needed, the website can be adjusted, as long as it stays within budget.

Speakers: Mark B. said most of the work has already been done. He has a specific flight in mind for Rocky, but should be able to wait a few weeks to buy a ticket.

T-Shirts: Charly finally has graphics that can be printed at a reasonable cost. But setup will still be nearly \$1000. We won't need to order the shirts for 1-3 months. After setup, shirts will cost about \$8 each to be printed. Eric asked about T-shirt sizes. Charly said this would be decided around May or June, along with how many to sell. Tony noted that unisex shirts would be cheaper than male/female.

Mona asked if we could have a T-shirt sample in advance of the main order. Charly replied this probably was not possible. Cindy then inquired if we could at least get a picture in advance of the April 30 birthday meeting; Charly said he would find out.

Daylene brought up the idea of using only one color on the T-shirts, to save startup money. She also asked if we had a specific formula for how many to buy. Charly said we would need an entirely different logo if we only used one color.

Mary Grace spoke with the A.A. panel, and they would like the flier to read A.A./Old-Timers Panel (since everyone on the panel is an old-timer). Each member will have their own topic to speak on.

Phillip spoke about the Friday night Zoom meeting. It needs a secretary, readers, co-hosts, and 50/50 raffle assistance. Cindy asked if there were an extra charge for more than 100 participants; Phillip said he'd find out.

Susan mentioned that Al-Anon has its speakers all set, but that they are still working on the family panel. She said the registration link and PDF could go on the Al-Anon website. This information will also be simple to email to group representatives.

Thomas has updated the A.A./Al-Anon financial agreement, and emailed it to most of the committee members. He also shared it onscreen.

Reports for next month: Breakfast Committee, Dinner Committee, BBQ Committee, Literature Committee, hotel room block. We will also try to finish going over the bylaws then.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, May 14, 2022

XI. **Meeting adjourned:** at 12:26 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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