

## **MBAR Committee Minutes Martinez Hall, Marina CA Saturday, Saturday, October 10, 2020**

I: Call to Order: Saturday, October 10, 2020 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." May gave a brief discussion on this tradition.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 12

V: Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved as written.

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 mentioned that she had placed the minutes of last month's meeting on the MBAR Facebook page.
- c. Cindy said she had asked Carrie to be MBAR co-chair. Carrie was nominated for the position and unanimously approved.
- d. Milestone charts will be used, effective immediately, so that necessary deadlines can be achieved.

Jill gave the Treasurer's report. Total assets are still \$9909.

It was initially proposed to have MBAR meetings via Zoom indefinitely. The proposal was changed to have Zoom meetings until the VTC was again available, and to pay for one year of Zoom. No 2021 rent will be paid to VTC in the meantime. The resolution was passed. Jill will ask the VTC to notify us when in-person meetings can resume.

May contacted four possible venues. The Conference Center is available Labor Day weekend 2021, but not any of the first three weekends in October. The Hyatt is available during both periods; however, we need to buy \$7500 worth of food and drink. The Fairgrounds has no small meeting rooms, and is definitely not available Labor Day (October is uncertain). The Marriott has not been heard from. Carrie will now take over as messenger to the venues.

The December meeting (Dec. 12) is the milestone date for the venue decision, including a signed contract. At the November meeting, the majority of needed information will be brought to the committee; it will then be determined if still more is required.

The problem of COVID restrictions was mentioned. Jill said we should just go ahead for now, and that if there are any issues our deposit could be refunded. For the last MBAR, 100% deposit refund was possible up to 3 months in advance. It was also suggested to use one center's proposed rate to bid for lower rates from others.

It was proposed to begin a Speaker Committee, possibly asking if Brady knew someone who wanted to be chair. Phil C. volunteered to take on the position. Carrie pointed out that we also need an Al-Anon speaker chair, which Susan A. volunteered for.

The admission charge will be decided in a few months, when we have a firm venue and know who the speakers are. For now we will act "as if" the conference will be in person. This will be another item on the milestone chart.

The following possible milestone dates were suggested: vendors (December), ice cream/dinner (January), activities chair/banner (January), website registration available (December or January). The ice/cream dinner will be discussed with Bethlehem Lutheran, to make sure there are no church-related conflicts. Roger said a good way to choose milestone dates would be to start from "drop-dead" dates and work backward.

Neither Roger nor Cindy has seen any entries for the Logo Contest yet. Cindy suggested passing around fliers to drum up interest. Members are encouraged to distribute the flier to their sponsees.

The MBAR website has been updated. A proposal was made to put the meeting recording on our private Facebook page, and not the website. Carrie volunteered to be a second Facebook administrator.

Carrie will make an MBAR announcement at the Monterey Intergroup Birthday Meeting. Cindy will make an announcement at Linda and Dave's meeting, and Andy will make an announcement at the Salinas meeting. We may again put together a diary with personal MBAR stories.

VII. Seventh Tradition:

VIII. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 4, 2020

IX. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, November 14, 2020

X. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm with the Serenity Prayer