

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 27, 2022

- I. Call to Order:
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: No tradition was read.
- IV: Introduction of first-time attendees: Trevor.
Total including all attendees: 30
- V. Recent Anniversaries: Daylene had 19 years on Aug. 25.
- VI: Minutes: The minutes were approved with none opposed.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Chris T. was nominated to be Chairperson for the next MBAR. A motion to elect her was made; she thanked the committee for their consideration. The motion passed with none opposed (two abstentions).
 - b. Cindy said nominations for other positions will be made after this year's Roundup. At that time we will also decide when the next one is.

Treasurer's Report: Daylene gave the report. Last month's balance was \$18,456.20. We took in \$930 in checks and \$48.60 in square deposits. The current balance is thus \$19,434.80, not including the latest PayPal transfer of \$569.84. When that clears the total will be \$20,004.64. There is \$15,380 remaining to be paid for the conference, leaving a positive balance of \$4624.64 toward the next MBAR. Assuming a profit of \$2000 from the meals and ice cream social, and setting aside a prudent reserve of \$10,000, we need to raise \$3375.36. That corresponds to 68 more registrations at \$50 each. In response to a question from Esther, Cindy said that about 100 had registered on the day of the previous MBAR.

Committee Reports:

Registration: Naomi said a total of 326 are registered. The breakdown is: 264 A.A., 48 Al-Anon, 12 both, 4 "other". 95 are Spanish A.A./Al-Anon. Food totals are: 92 breakfast, 109

ice cream, 102 dinner. 87 signed up for the dance. There is \$1680 in Helping Hand contributions, or 33 registrations. Sidney clarified with Naomi that Helping Hand recipients will be asked to pay something, unless they truly cannot afford it.

Naomi expressed concern about registrations from Birthday/Coastal Rally meetings, saying she was not sure if she had received any. Those who have collected registrations at these meetings should make sure she or Mona gets them. Naomi also said we should leave a cushion so the 120 person limit for meals isn't exceeded.

The final draft of the registration program is very nearly completed. Naomi will be printing it no later than Monday morning. Secretaries who have not selected their readers by that time will have blank spots in their meetings. Program inserts include Alateen, Spanish main meetings, English and Spanish marathon meetings. Anyone who needs last minute changes to their inserts should contact Naomi by the end of today. Meeting formats will also be printed by Monday, so any updates need to be received before then.

Naomi addressed the previous suggestion of a poll, wondering how many copies she would need to print. Cindy said possible poll questions include when the next MBAR should be held, whether anyone needs an ASL interpreter, and who would want to buy T-shirts. The poll would be given to everyone at registration; Mary Grace made a motion to do this. Hilda suggested leaving the polls on chairs instead, where they would be less likely to be overlooked, and after participants had already experienced the conference. Mary Grace withdrew her motion. Phil then moved to put polls on chairs. Naomi asked how many copies we would need, and it was decided that 250 would be a reasonable number. Phil's motion was voted on; it passed with 25 in favor, 3 abstentions. In addition, Phillip offered to make up an online poll for the MBAR website.

Facilities: Billy said everything is going excellent. Documents have all been signed, AV is set up everywhere.

Decorations: Hilda said we have a handle on everything. She will confirm that all signs line up with what is on the programs, once those are finalized. She also asked if there should be signs directing people to survey areas. Cindy replied that the poll will probably be announced at meetings.

Hospitality: Phil led a walk-through of the hospitality room, which is a smaller conference room on the mezzanine of the Marriott. He asked if it should be announced to everyone, due to its limited capacity. He also inquired if we would be able to bring in food, and if there should be a sign directing people to the room. Cindy said we would take a vote at the end of the meeting on whom to invite.

Zoom meeting: Philip has finalized the format and automated the raffle. VENMO input will be converted to tickets, then a random number chosen to select the winner. Philip will act as the main meeting moderator.

Raffle: Esther said we are still looking for raffle prizes. One idea would be plant/flower arrangements in containers. Cole still needs volunteers for the 50/50 raffle table on Sunday. Call him if you want to help out.

Breakfast: Renee said things are proceeding well; the team and assignments are all in place and ready. We have received contributions of food, tableware, and coffee. There is a very bright breakfast theme: "In the sunlight of service". The planned attendance is 100, within the capacity limit, although people will be checking at the door to make sure it is not exceeded.

Outreach: Kathleen is still contacting recovery centers, with little response so far. Arthur called Door to Hope, and its director said she would like their women to attend. Naomi wants to know how many are coming so she can make badges. Arthur also got in touch with the Camp in Santa Cruz.

Dance: Chris is coordinating the sound system with Mark S. Some Spanish dance music will be included in her set. Chris asked how many tables with candy bowls we would have. Billy said the dance floor is in one corner of Steinbeck 2/3, as in 2019, and that he was not sure about the number of tables and bowls. Cindy pointed out there was not much space for tables and bowls in the room, but we could have more outside. Maybe a total of eight altogether?

Social media: Chris is going to start doing countdown posts as of today. She also asked about including raffle prize suggestions, although this would involve posting of phone numbers. Cindy said that was a bad idea, and that we will probably have enough raffle prizes anyway.

Welcoming committee: Arthur is still looking for more greeters to fill slots. There are openings on both Saturday and Sunday. If you know someone who would be interested, have them call Arthur.

Dinner: Aubrey has had a lot of volunteers and donations. There are 120 plates available.

Ice cream: Maria said they have secured all the ice cream from Smart & Final. Attendance numbers keep going up. Tickets will be sold at the door, but not many. There will be music!

Marathon meetings: Mark S. said everything is going well. All last-minute changes to the meetings have been submitted. He will use the 2019 formats unless updated ones surface.

Speaker committee: Mark B. said the speakers are all set. Chris is set to record the ones who give permission. Speaker gifts will be ready by the time of the conference.

Al-Anon: Three meetings have been moved to Stevenson Terrace, so we won't need to rent a second Al-Anon room. This information has been included in the program; a sign may also be posted.

Literature: Susan said the Al-Anon literature is all set. May said the A.A. literature was mostly set as well. She will be picking up more books next week from the Spanish and Monterey Central Offices. She also made gift bags with slogans and stones.

BBQ: Butch said the head count is 36 beef/34 chicken. He spent a bit more money to get good beef. Everyone should bring a side dish, or perhaps drinks and ice.

Shuttle: Trevor is still looking for more drivers.

Old-timers: Mary Grace said the formerly leery person (due to Covid) has made hotel reservations. There will be four people speaking for 10 minutes each, with 20 minutes for Q&A.

Cindy proposed a vote on who should be invited to the hospitality suite. Mary Grace said she thought Marriott believed the room would only be for a few. May noted, however, that people tend to drift in and out, so not everyone would be there at once. Thus limiting the room to a select group would not be needed. Phil C. suggested informing attendees about the room by word of mouth, rather than making a general announcement.

Cindy pointed out that the 2019 hospitality room was never overcrowded. Mona said that if the room does get too crowded people will just leave. Sidney proposed putting an insert about the room in the program. Mary Grace brought up the idea of having a sign but no announcement; others agreed. Hilda needs to know if there will definitely be a sign, and exactly what would be on it. May suggested a contribution jar to help cover the cost of coffee.

Mary Grace moved to put out a sign for the hospitality suite, but not to announce it publically. The motion passed with no objections and a couple of abstentions.

Cindy said there were a few T-shirts from 2015 left. One XL went to Andy. Mona will sell the remaining ones (\$10 each).

May suggested a 50/50 raffle at the BBQ to help pay extra for the meat.

Cindy asked for suggestions on when the next meeting should be. She proposed having one in September, the Saturday after MBAR, as there will be 22 "passing it on" committee

reports. We would go over some at the September meeting and the rest in October. We also need to decide on increasing the size of the Prudent Reserve. Many were in favor of having a more of a break, but Cindy pointed out that too long of a break would reduce excitement and momentum. Chris suggested postponing the next meeting for a few weeks, but not a whole month. Others were in agreement. September 17 and 24 were both proposed. Chris made a motion for September 24; it passed with no opposition. The next meeting after that would be October 8, consistent with the usual schedule. Chris suggested that committee chairs write down their “passing it on” experiences soon, while it is still fresh in their minds.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting TBD.

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, September 24, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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