

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, January 8, 2022

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 1 was read:** "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." Mona said it means A.A. needs us, and we need A.A. She was grateful she was allowed to enter the program at her own pace, always surrounded by those who love her.

IV: **Introduction of the Steering Committee and first-time attendees.** Total including all attendees: **32**

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Tim celebrated 32 years sobriety on December 12. Gigi had 5 years as of December 14. Victor's 17th anniversary was December 26.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved, with no changes and none opposed.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

- a. Barbara volunteered to be next-month's co-host; Phil C. agreed to serve as a second co-host. Chris T. will share on Tradition 2 at February's meeting.
- b. Cindy encouraged members to announce MBAR at their meetings. We are now looking for volunteers. Also, see if there are any committees you would like to join or chair. Priorities include Hospitality, Facilities, Merchandise, and Outreach.
- c. There may be a social event in the next couple of months. Arthur would like help in planning it.

Treasurer's Report: Daylene gave the report. This month's balance was \$2323.72.

Speaker Committee: Phil C. obtained a consensus of the top four A.A. speakers. Su B. has two pairs of speakers from Al-Anon.

The top-rated A.A. speaker was Rocky. The others are Reggie, Chris T., and Tiffany. Naomi suggested having our schedule set first, then choosing the speakers.

Phillip showed a proposed schedule onscreen (Google Docs). Naomi pointed out that Al-Anon sets its own schedule, with the exception of any joint meetings.

Lupe asked if the Spanish-speakers would have their own rooms, including for marathon meetings. Cindy replied there would be separate rooms for the marathons, and would check into space for the other speakers. Eric said he has been getting good feedback about MBAR in Watsonville and Salinas, although there is no Spanish-speaking subcommittee yet. He believed there would be enough space in the Colton rooms, but cautioned against overselling (fire marshal and social distancing).

May suggested having smaller raffles, with only the 50-50 live (other prize winners would check their names on a board). This would save time. A suggestion was also made to have raffles only on one day (probably Sunday). Barbara pointed out that having just one raffle might affect social distancing. Eric said we could pass out masks.

Susan proposed moving the A.A./Al-Anon speakers on Saturday to 7:00 or 7:30. Sidney suggested that we have a Zoom meeting on Friday night. Cindy pointed out that this would be limited to 100 people (unless we want to pay more). Mona suggested that we fill currently open slots, such as committee chairs, before adding anything.

Cindy said we could move the Friday night A.A./Al-Anon meeting to Saturday afternoon, with Saturday evening reserved for the A.A. speaker. Thomas thought this was a good idea. Kathleen wanted Rocky to be the closing speaker on Sunday, and for Reggie to open.

Phil C. moved to have Rocky speak Saturday night. The motion was voted on and approved, with no objections. Chris T. was chosen as the Sunday afternoon speaker, also unanimously. Al-Anon will choose the Saturday afternoon A.A./Al-Anon couple, as well as the Sunday morning speaker. The A.A. kickoff speaker will share at 10:00 AM Saturday, name to be picked from a hat. Cindy urged attendees to find names to go into the hat. The speaker needs at least 5 years of sobriety, and to be willing to discuss their A.A. experience only.

Consensus was that the raffle should take place after the speaker (about 8:30).

Lupe asked if the Spanish meetings would be inserted into the program once they are set. Cindy said this could be done for marathon meetings, and for large meetings if necessary.

Chris T. showed a volunteer recruitment flier she had made, in order to get committee approval for it. Susan made a motion for this approval; the motion passed with no objections. The flier will be posted on our Facebook page and website. Eric said the flier can be translated into Spanish.

To be decided next month: Breakfast, dinner with speakers, dance/music, panels. We may also want to look into getting a room for a hospitality suite, as well as a block room discount for out of town speakers.

Phillip mentioned a comedy/magic show at the Dali Museum near the Conference Center, which some of MBAR could attend as a group.

Eric asked if it would be possible for some of us to meet in person next month, for example to discuss T-shirts. He also inquired if we could have two Zoom meetings per month, rather than one, as we approach the event. Cindy replied that we have traditionally had a meeting every Saturday during August.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting: Saturday, February 12, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned: at 12:39 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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