

## **MBAR Committee Minutes**

Martinez Hall, Marina CA

Saturday, March 13, 2021

I. Call to Order:

Saturday, Saturday, March 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: Tradition 3 was read: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." May discussed this tradition, saying it meant no one could be ousted from A.A.; everyone is welcome.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 13

V. Recent A.A. Birthdays: Carrie M. celebrated 10 years on February 23. Susan A. had her 19th Al-Anon birthday March 7.

VI: Minutes: The minutes were approved with no changes.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

a. It was pointed out, as always, that the meeting was being recorded.

b. Cindy reminded everyone that we decided not to have a virtual or in- person MBAR in 2021. She also noted that all committee members had agreed to stay on through 2022.

Jill gave the Treasurer's report. We paid \$846 for web maintenance this month. On April 1, we need to pay \$2500 to the conference center. That will leave us with \$5555. Jill also said she would be stepping down as treasurer.

Milestones:

a) Choose date and number of days: The Conference Center mentioned two other possible dates, for which we would get the same price as Labor Day. Cindy said an earlier date would reduce the amount of time until the next conference, and possibly catch the earliest wave of people looking to gather after the pandemic. She also said it meant the committee wouldn't have to stay together so long.

In addition, if we only have a 2-day conference, we can get the same daily rate. Cindy suggested a motion to pick both the date and the number of days. Carrie proposed making this into two separate motions (first length of conference, then date). Cindy moved to change MBAR to 2 days. She showed budgets for both 2 and 3 days, with projected overall losses of \$800 and \$6200, respectively. Carrie pointed out that these budgets do not include fundraisers, which are unpredictable. She also mentioned that a 2-day conference would eliminate "dead time". Jill and others suggested Saturday-Sunday, so we don't pay full price for a half-day Friday. The motion to have a 2-day conference was voted on and approved: 10 yes, none opposed, the rest abstaining or ineligible.

The next motion was to have the conference Saturday-Sunday, instead of Friday-Saturday. Donna preferred Friday-Saturday, as Friday was a big night and Sunday was less well-attended. Carrie said we could add programs to bump up Sunday attendance. She also suggested a Friday night pre-conference social. Thomas said he liked Friday-Saturday because of the Friday night Al-Anon/AA event, and low Sunday attendance. Mary Grace pointed out that Saturday-Sunday could have lower hotel rates for out of town travelers. Susan A. asked how a 2-day conference would affect setup. Carrie thought the center would let us have 1 hour Friday, but that there would probably be enough time early Saturday morning. Cindy made a motion to have the conference on Saturday-Sunday. It passed 6

yes, 2 no, 2 abstaining, the remainder ineligible.

Cindy mentioned two dates besides Labor Day: April 9-10, and May 7-8. She made a motion to select the April date. Arthur recommended against it, as it was Pebble Beach Food and Wine weekend. Naomi thought moving the date from Labor Day would be one change too many, and also noted that May 7-8 was the weekend of Mother's Day. Thomas said that if the date were changed, it should be to a later one. May liked Labor Day out of tradition. Cindy made a three-part motion, first asking if we should choose Labor Day. That part passed: 10 yes, 0 no, 3 ineligible. The second and third parts, votes for April and May, respectively, gathered 0 votes each.

Cindy told everyone to let their groups know of the decision. Changes will be made to the Facebook group, and a new save the date flier composed. Naomi suggested discussing registration fees, to include them on the flier and Facebook, but Cindy pointed out that there is plenty of time to decide this. She said it will be brought up next month. Carrie recommended looking closely at the budget, knowing now that the conference will be 2 days. This will help in deciding registration fees.

Naomi suggested asking Bethlehem Lutheran if we could have a Friday event there, including registration. Susan A. mentioned that the Filipino Community Center, which is much closer to the conference, is another good possibility.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 31, 2021

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, April 10, 2021

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Andy Van Tuyl, MBAR Recording Secretary