

MBAR Committee Minutes Martinez Hall, Marina CA Saturday, July 11, 2020

I. Call to Order: Saturday, July 11, 2020 Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: Tradition 7 was read: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Cindy noted that this applies to MBAR as well, which needs to be careful about outside contributions.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 16

V: Minutes: The minutes were approved, having been read by attendees prior to the meeting.

VI: Chairperson's Report:

- a. Cindy mentioned the challenges in this period of uncertainty, noting that patience and tolerance are required now more than ever.
- b. Both a co-chair and a treasurer are still needed. As of now we only have half a steering committee.
- c. Anyone interested in being treasurer or co-chair should see Cindy as soon as possible.

Old Business: The tax issue is still under discussion. An extra \$1000 was added to the budget for the purpose of addressing it.

There is not much further news on possible venues. May did find out that the Fairgrounds does not allow attendees to bring their own food. She wants the committee to vote on a date soon. Cindy said we should talk to vendors first to solidify dates. A definite date is needed before we invite any speakers.

Volunteer recruitment efforts are starting to pay off; there were more attendees today than last month. Cindy mentioned adding social events on Facebook (via Zoom) to increase participation. She also inquired how the calling of previous volunteers went. Those who reported said there were many disconnected numbers, but also some successes. It was suggested to try emails as well. Cindy thanked all those who did call.

There has so far been no feedback on the proposed logo contest. May moved that the contest end on December 1; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. All entries are to be submitted to Roger. It was agreed that AI-Anon members may participate in the contest. The winner will receive a free registration and T-shirt.

It was clarified that attendees who have been to 2 meetings (not necessarily consecutive) can vote.

Due in part to the ongoing crisis, MBAR is aiming for 300-500 attendees (decided last month). An email blast to 2019 and earlier attendees is planned. Envelope stuffing may also be needed, as not everyone reads their emails.

Cindy discussed T-shirts with Chuck, who is still interested in working on them. Naomi pointed out that there is currently nothing in the budget for T-shirts, however. Roger suggested only ordering T-shirts for those who request them on their registration forms.

Virtual "non-fundraiser" events were suggested, including Zoom potluck, Bingo, raffle, or auction.

Rent is paid at the VTC through the end of 2020.

Mona suggested recording MBAR committee meetings, so those unable to attend can see them. It was agreed that names would need to be edited, and attendees informed about the recording.

VII. Seventh Tradition:

VIII. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 29, 2020

IX. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, August 8, 2020

X. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm with the Serenity Prayer