

MBAR Committee Minutes Martinez Hall, Marina CA Saturday, August 8, 2020

I. Call to Order: Saturday, August 8, 2020 Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: Tradition 8 was read: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers." Andy discussed its application to MBAR and to Alcoholics Anonymous in general, saying it was sometimes necessary to use professionals, but that money should never get in the way of carrying the message.

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 noted that the meeting was being recorded, making sure to inform all participants of this fact.
- b. We are still in need of a co-chair. If you want to be one, or know someone who does, contact Cindy.

Jill volunteered to be treasurer. She said she would be happy to assist, and was looking forward to learning from Cindy. Although she had not previously been a chairperson, or come to many previous meetings, these requirements were waived. The nomination was voted on and approved (10 in favor, none opposed).

Cindy gave her last report as treasurer. There was no income or expense for the previous month, leaving the balance at \$9904.

Discussions on the tax issue have been taking place with a Carmel CPA, especially regarding which papers we need to file.

It was suggested that we look into Directors and Officers Insurance (or Errors and Omissions Insurance), which protects steering committee members in case they are sued for inadequate work or negligence. One quote for this insurance was \$500/year; others were lower. The issue will be brought up again in September.

May had no further report on possible venues or dates.

Volunteers are still needed; many committee positions remain unfilled. Committee members are required to have 1 year of sobriety, and to attend all future meeting. Lists with brief committee definitions and duties are available; more detailed "Passing It On" lists may be obtained from Cindy.

It was suggested that recruiting for volunteers be conducted as "Fun-Raisers" on Facebook, especially the MBAR site. Esther noted that the Knucklehead group has a virtual Bingo meeting the last Thursday of each month, which we could use to get ideas.

Roger distributed fliers for the logo contest, and also posted one on the Monterey Central Office website. Andy sent a copy to Kellie at Salinas Central Office. Pictures of past logos are on the flier. Members may post the flier on their personal Facebook walls, as long as AA is not specifically referred to, nor full names of other members included.

An Outreach Chair will be needed at some point, although this is not a high priority at the moment. We can also use a webmaster liaison, who will work with the webmaster to make the site look better.

Chuck has not yet gotten back to Cindy about T-shirts, although with no definite date, it is too early to begin designing shirts anyway.

Rent is paid at the VTC through the end of 2020. May suggested that we keep paying it indefinitely, so the facility will be

available for us when we do begin using it again.

VII. Seventh Tradition:

VIII. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2020

IX. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, September 12, 2020

X. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am with the Serenity Prayer