

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, December 11, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 12 was read:** "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." Phillip E. pointed out there are a lot of personalities and viewpoints in Alcoholics Anonymous. He said the traditions are guidelines that help us to remain A.A. He also stated that the first 11 traditions are based on the concept of anonymity.

IV: **Introduction of all attendees:** 29

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Phillip E. celebrated 15 years on December 1. Gina had 1 year as of December 5.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved, with no changes and none opposed. Cindy noted errors on the last page of the September and October minutes, specifically wrong dates for the Committee and Steering Committee meetings. She asked for a motion to approve those two months' minutes with the needed changes. The motion passed with none opposed.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

- a. Barbara volunteered to be next-month's co-host; Tim agreed to serve as a second co-host. Mona will share on Tradition 1 at January's meeting.
- b. Cindy moved to confirm Daylene as Treasurer and Mona as Co-Treasurer. Mona will handle whatever needs to be done locally, as Daylene lives out town. Daylene will take care of accounting and bookkeeping. The motion passed with none opposed.
- c. Cindy needs a volunteer to chair a media committee. Duties would include updating the Facebook page, sending text reminders, and similar. Mona nominated Chris T., who accepted. Kathleen nominated Victoria, who proposed working with Chris T. The arrangement was agreed on.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy gave the report. Last month's balance was \$5341. We received \$88 in 7th Tradition contributions. After paying the website expense of \$660, our balance is \$4769. Eventually there will be a QR code with link to PayPal for 7th Tradition contributions.

Mercy has resigned from the treasurer position. Daylene volunteered to be her replacement, although she lives in Southern California. She suggested having a co-treasurer who is local. Mona indicated she would be willing to help. Naomi also offered assistance in her role as registration chairperson.

The Bylaws will be addressed at next month's meeting (more pressing issues today).

Arthur said he liked Mary Grace's idea of having a more diverse selection of speakers, including young people.

Speaker Committee: Phil C. said the committee will listen to another speaker today. After a discussion, a list of speakers will be presented. Cindy said the proposed speaker list will need to be submitted to the full MBAR Committee for approval, probably in January. Mary Grace asked if we would only have three speaker meetings, suggesting we might want more.

Su B. said she knew two A.A./Al-Anon couples who could be potential speakers. Cindy suggested working with Phillip E. to add recordings of them to Google drive, where anyone can listen to them.

Spanish-Speaking Committee: Lorena has translated the 2019 schedule of events into Spanish. Our 2022 schedule will look similar. She has also translated the logo flier (excluding text inside the logo box), and will work with Naomi to translate registration materials. In addition, Lorena will act as interpreter at the conference.

Eric met with the Spanish-speaking District in Salinas, and said their GSR was willing to help. He will reach out to the Watsonville District next week.

Eric raised the issue of who would get profits from Spanish T-shirt sales (GSR or MBAR), should GSR print and pay for them. Mary Grace suggested that the MBAR Committee print both the Spanish and English T-shirts, rather than splitting production. MBAR would incur all costs and receive all profits (if any). Carrie pointed out that income from any goods sold at MBAR has always gone to MBAR, without exception.

T-shirt Committee: Charly talked to two people who both recommended Federico's for T-shirts. Set-up cost would be \$90 for a three-color shirt, with each additional color adding \$25. Thirty T-shirts (medium quality short-sleeve) would cost about \$300. A Spanish T-shirt would incur an additional \$90 set-up cost. Roger suggested examining and pricing shirts of different qualities and sleeve lengths; he noted that long-sleeve shirts have been popular in the past. Carrie said zip-up jackets are another option. Cindy asked Charly to compare prices for different colors, and men's vs. women's styles. She also said he should ask about the cutoff deadline for ordering.

Registration will be the top priority next month. We will also vote on speakers at that time. Ideas for compressing a 3-day conference to 2 days are needed.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, December 29, 2021

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, January 8, 2022

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

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