

MBAR Committee Minutes

Martinez Hall, Marina CA

Saturday, February 13, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: Tradition 2 was read: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." Phil C. discussed this tradition, saying the principle of group conscience helps keep ego out of the mix. He also noted the importance of having a power greater than ourselves, and of remembering that we are all servants.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 18

V. Recent A.A. Birthdays: Arthur T. celebrated 22 years on February 2.

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

VII: Chairperson's Report:

a. It was pointed out to everyone that the meeting was being recorded. b. Cindy stated that she sent the Franchise Tax Board all the information it had requested, and was waiting for a response.

Jill gave the Treasurer's report. We still have \$8701 in the bank. However, a webmaster payment of \$640 is now due. Other possible future expenses (outreach, banner, postage, Zoom) would decrease our balance to \$7451. Jill noted that fundraisers would still be nice. Arthur asked if we would need a banner for a virtual event. Cindy replied that if we don't get one, there will be a banner missing when we hang them all up.

Milestones:

a) Conference center deposit: For an in-person Labor Day conference in 2022, we need to sign a contract by April 1 to ensure the same pricing. A \$2500 deposit is also required at that time. A second \$2500 deposit could wait until January 1, 2022. Cindy asked if earlier weekends in 2022 were possible; the conference center will look into it.

Susan mentioned the idea of a Toro Park fundraiser this year, instead of a virtual conference. May suggested researching the cost of a virtual conference. Phil said we could have 1000 attendees for \$340, if we purchased Zoom for a month. Susan asked if we could have both a virtual and an outdoor in-person event in 2021; Carrie responded that this would not be a problem.

Carrie made a motion to decide whether we want a virtual conference during Labor Day weekend 2021. Arthur said he would not enjoy sitting in front of a computer for so long. Jill pointed out that she went to a virtual event and did not spend the whole time online; attendees can pick meetings. She also said the event would not need to be three days long. Cindy said a virtual event would cost less, and so would not need as many participants willing to sit for long periods. Carrie suggested using \$500 Zoom expense as a guideline when voting on a virtual event.

Thomas asked if having a virtual event meant separate committees for the two events. He suggested amending the motion to clarify this. Cindy proposed having the present committee work on the virtual event, if one occurs. Carrie instead suggested that this committee continue working on 2022, with a subcommittee formed for 2021 if needed. Thomas agreed with the latter idea.

Carrie stated her motion: Should we have a virtual event in 2021? After comments from Arthur and May, this was clarified to:

Should we have a virtual conference in 2021? The motion was defeated: 9 no, 0 yes, the rest abstaining.

Susan made a motion to sign a contract and put down a deposit by April 1. Carrie suggested putting off this decision until March, when we would have more information. The motion was tabled.

The current committee members were polled, and all said they would stay on through the 2022 conference.

Cindy will try to have the bylaws approved next month.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 3, 2021

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, March 13, 2021

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Andy Van Tuyl, MBAR Recording Secretary