

MBAR Committee Minutes

Martinez Hall, Marina CA

Saturday, June 12, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: **Tradition 6 was read:** "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." Thomas L. gave an Al-Anon perspective on this tradition, saying it has helped keep outside influences from hurting continuity.

IV: Introduction of all attendees: 10

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Donna M. celebrated her 34-year A.A. birthday May 25.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and unanimously approved.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

- a. It was mentioned, as usual, that the meeting was being recorded.
- b. A Zoom waiting room has been added for more security. Cindy thanked Thomas for being last month's co-host. Phil will co-host the next meeting.
- c. The budget was approved last month, and has been distributed by email.
- d. We ordered a banner, which Cindy displayed on screen.

Mercy gave the Treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$5555. After purchase of the banner, our new balance is \$5439.

Moving our P.O. Box from Pacific Grove to Monterey was discussed. The main advantage would be easier pickup for a number of members. Phil made a motion to move the box to Monterey. However, Naomi raised questions about price, availability, and the time remaining on our current box (don't want to double pay). Phil then amended his motion, saying we should move the box only if Naomi's concerns were addressed. Naomi suggested tabling the motion until next month, and Phil withdrew the motion altogether. Susan pointed out that the decision should be made within the next couple of months, so we have the right address on our registration forms. Mercy will look into the issues raised.

Milestones:

Speaker committee: Phil pointed out that he was currently a committee of one, and does not want to be responsible for choosing the main speaker. He does have a good speaker in mind for Friday night, but could use help in getting the Saturday night speaker. Carol is willing to be involved. Susan said she knows someone who can be a good speaker resource.

Cindy pointed out that we need to first determine how many speakers we need: Do we try to squeeze 3 days' worth of speakers into 2 days, or eliminate one or more? This needs to be decided by September.

Hospitality committee: Arthur said nothing has been decided yet about use of the Filipino Center. He will bring this up at their next board meeting. We also don't know the status of Bethlehem Lutheran; nothing is likely to be known before September.

Cindy displayed a spreadsheet comparing different registration prices. Two one-day options were also shown. We need a total registration income of \$17000. May suggested keeping the 2019 prices (\$40 in advance, \$50 onsite), and asking one-day attendees for a contribution. Cindy pointed out that those only coming for one day often don't want to make contributions. Thomas also suggested keeping prices the same, saying any surplus could be used to reduce prices later.

Naomi said the onsite price of \$50 seemed punitive, suggesting it be \$40 instead. She thought a one-day price of \$25 would be fine. Donna mentioned that old-timers paying the full amount for one day would help offset those who don't pay at all.

Susan wanted to keep the \$40 advance/\$50 onsite price, to encourage early registration. She suggested that one-day attendees be encouraged to pay \$25, but not advertising this in advance. Mercy and Arthur also liked the \$40/\$50 split, both pointing out that \$50 could seem a bit high, but not out of line with other conferences. Andy said to keep it simple and retain the current prices as well. Cindy pointed out that early registration is definitely helpful, but not critical since little money has to be paid in advance.

May moved to keep the \$40/\$50 prices, with no one-day price at all. Thomas then brought up the idea of a \$35 advance/\$45 onsite price, saying we would need only 100 more people to reach our income goal, and that there should be plenty of pent-up demand. Naomi spoke in favor of keeping the price consistent from year to year. The original motion was voted on and passed, 9 in favor and none opposed.

Bundling of meals will be discussed next month, along with preliminary speaker recommendations and schedule changes. Enthusiasm builders may be brought up as well.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, July 10, 2021

XI. **Meeting adjourned:** at 12:07 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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