

MBAR Committee Minutes

Martinez Hall, Marina CA

Saturday, July 10, 2021

I. Call to Order:

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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." Mercy referred to the 12 and 12, which states that we ought to collect only enough for operating expenses and a small prudent reserve.

IV: **Introduction of all attendees:** 10

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** None.

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. Coastal Rally will be held in person, Aug. 20-22. Salinas Central Office is letting MBAR have a table. Carrie said we need volunteers to sit at the table.
- c. Cindy asked for ideas about what to do at the table. May suggested a drawing to win an MBAR registration (for those who sign up as volunteers). Another idea for a prize was Coastal Rally meal tickets.
- d. Speaker Committee: Phil C. contacted Matt E. as a potential speaker. He also mentioned Father Tom as a possibility. Susan thought we should have more schedule information before making a final decision on speakers. In addition, she asked the committee to think about speakers for possible fundraisers.

Cindy began the discussion about making schedule changes for a two-day conference. Friday's events will need to be eliminated or moved to Saturday/Sunday. Carrie suggested moving both raffles to Sunday, just before the end of the conference (to encourage more people to stay). Phil thought the breakfast could move to Sunday, with Friday's events all going into Saturday. Cindy pointed out that Bethlehem Lutheran would not want us to have anything there on Sunday. Susan thought we could move the A.A./Al-Anon meeting to the middle of Saturday or Sunday, maybe combining with breakfast or lunch. She suggested eliminating the Friday kickoff speaker altogether. Since the conference will be on a Labor Day holiday, she also noted that we did not need to end early on Sunday.

Another suggestion was breakfast or brunch on Saturday with speakers, no Saturday dinner, then lunch/early dinner on Sunday. Carrie suggested a box lunch with a field trip.

Cindy said that a meal with a speaker would have to occur at Bethlehem Lutheran or the Filipino Center, both with limited seating. Carrie suggested looking into Dennis the Menace Youth Center or Whispering Pines. She said we could rent Whispering Pines for a few hours, then go to the Conference Center for speakers. Cindy noted that Whispering Pines was also a good place for speakers. Carrie will check availability for both it and the Youth Center.

Cindy thought we could determine which speakers go on which days, even if the entire schedule is not yet solid. This would help the speaker committee. Mercy asked how having a full Sunday schedule would affect paying for speakers' hotel stay. Cindy said we would probably end up housing them for three days.

Susan said that if we had to give up one meal, the best one would be breakfast (lots of prep, low attendance). Carrie agreed, saying it might be hard squeezing breakfast in before the speakers. Susan then suggested having a speaker/breakfast at the Youth Center. Cindy pointed out that attendees would need their breakfast tickets; Carrie said this might encourage early

registration. There could also be a registration desk at the breakfast.

Mercy compared different mailbox services, and found that the Post Office was the best value. Our Pacific Grove P.O. Box renews at the end of Oct. 2021. Cindy suggested making a motion to switch our P.O. Box to Monterey at that time. Mercy said that if we did that, we could have mail forwarded to the new box for many months.

Carrie suggested asking if we could keep the same rate we now have at Pacific Grove, which may be a grandfathered lower rate. Cindy brought up the idea of going to a smaller box. Susan said we should open the new box by September, so its address would be consistent with the one on registration flyers.

Cindy asked for ideas on how to increase attendance at the monthly MBAR meetings.

Mercy thanked Cindy for her excellent past work as treasurer. We currently have \$5439.29 available, \$2500 of which is earmarked for the January Conference Center payment. The remainder is thus \$2939.29.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, August 14, 2021

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

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