

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, September 11, 2021

I. Call to Order:

Saturday, July 10, 2021

Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 9 was read:** "A.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.." Thomas said the traditions help when doing service, and in understanding roles and responsibilities. Everyone is equal, and no one is in a position to assume authority. In particular, A.A. and MBAR are not directed by the District.

IV: **Introduction of all attendees:** 11

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

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved with one abstention.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

- a. It was mentioned, as always, that the meeting was being recorded.
- b. Cindy asked Phillip to be next-month's co-host; he accepted. Mary Grace will discuss Tradition 10 next month.

Treasurer's Report: There has been no new activity in the last month, so our balance remains at \$5439.29.

The new P.O. Box in Monterey will be up and running by the end of September, perhaps a week earlier. Cindy said we will be moving from a Size 2 to a Size 1 mailbox (smaller).

Speaker Committee: Phil C. said Matt E. has agreed to speak. He will try to get a CD with his talk out to everyone. He also got a list of speakers from Carroll, unfortunately without phone numbers. Phil stressed he is open to speaker ideas from everyone. We need their contact information and/or links to recordings.

Mary Grace suggested listening to potential speakers via a Zoom meeting, in which each would talk in turn. She is still working on getting Dot. She also suggested that each one of us provide the name of one potential speaker. Cindy stressed that would we need their contact information and hopefully recordings.

Due to the unusual times, it was agreed we wouldn't need a final list of speakers until the end of this year, rather than September (one year before the event). Carrie noted that no airlines are booking a year in advance anyway. But Cindy made clear we still shouldn't wait too long.

Susan said we could benefit by having more young people as speakers, or in panels. Phil asked for members to pass his number to some young people. Carrie suggested that we give their numbers to him, and mentioned Brady as a possible source of names. Cindy pointed out that we also need two Al-Anon speakers (of any age).

Cindy said the pandemic makes it hard to tighten up our schedule at this time (meals, speakers, etc.). She said everything that took place at the Conference Center should still be able to take place again. She also noted that Bethlehem Lutheran is available on Saturday, and that we are currently scheduled to rent it September 3. Cindy asked if there were any more ideas. Mary Grace suggested having Sunday morning breakfast at a restaurant.

A get-together has been suggested for October or November. Others could be invited to the event, perhaps a Gratitude BBQ. The idea is to build enthusiasm, attract volunteers, even raise funds (50/50 raffle). Mary Grace mentioned having a

picnic at her condo, if there were 15-20 people at most. Susan said we could have a larger gathering at Laguna Grande Park or Toro Park, including more people than just the committee. Arthur suggested the Community Center in Carmel Valley Village.

Carrie brought up having a movie night/potluck. This would be simple, if a place can be found. Mary Grace said she was still wary of indoor events. Carrie pointed out that outdoor locations (Whispering Pines) are available. Phil said he had a family gathering house in Carmel Valley with capacity up to 70. Carrie suggested DiMaggio Park in Marina. Mary Grace brought up charging a minimal fee (\$5) to raise funds. Cindy said we can, but that the main idea was to have fun.

Cindy will need a coordinator to set up the event and get a date. She can then put out a flyer and send email blasts. Once the date is set, Phil can find out if the house is available. October 23 was put forward as a tentative date, or if not suitable then October 30. Cindy will send a Save the Date flier once the exact day is known.

Cindy thanked the new volunteer (Dawn) who showed up today. She won a free MBAR registration. Two T-shirts remain to be given away later.

VIII. **Seventh Tradition:**

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

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, October 9, 2021

XI. **Meeting adjourned:** at 12:02 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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