

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, February 12, 2022

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.” Chris T. said that the expression of minority opinion is the most valued opinion. No one has the authority to make a sole decision; the collective conscience is what keeps everything moving along.

IV: **Introduction of the Steering Committee and first-time attendees.** Kelly, Renee C., Renee N., Mark B., Kathleen, Fawn, and Tony V.

Total including all attendees: **28**

V: **Recent A.A. Birthdays:** Arthur T. celebrated 23 years on Feb.2.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved, with no changes and none opposed.

VII: Chairperson’s Report:

- a. Phil C. and Mary Grace volunteered to serve as next-month’s co-hosts. Gina will share on Tradition 3 at the March meeting.
- b. Cindy encouraged attendees to volunteer for committees, and to find others willing to volunteer. Priorities include Hospitality, Facilities, Outreach, Meals, and Merchandise.
- c. Cindy announced that former Co-Chair Carrie M. had passed away, after resigning due to illness. A moment of silence was held for her and Roger. Cindy will be reaching out in the coming weeks to find a new Co-Chair.

Treasurer’s Report: Daylene gave the report. This month’s balance was \$2353.72, after receiving \$30 from 7th Tradition.

Sidney announced that Al-Anon is slowly filling positions on its committee. Susan said that all Al-Anon speakers are set. There may be a parents’ Al-Anon panel on Sunday morning.

Names were proposed for Kickoff Speaker (10 A.M. Saturday). Daylene had already nominated Naomi. Mary Grace nominated Phillip and Renee C.; Mona nominated Arthur. Matt was also included. All names went into a hat, and Arthur was chosen.

Mary Grace inquired if we were having a Friday night Zoom meeting. Cindy replied that none was planned as of yet.

Phil C. asked if the Spanish events would be on the main registration form. Eric said that there would be a separate registration form in Spanish. Cindy thought we might put an announcement mentioning Spanish marathon meetings on the English form.

Eric said the Spanish subcommittee is up and running, meeting once per week. He shared an English version of the proposed format for the Spanish marathon meetings. He suggested that it be approved at our next meeting.

Cindy proposed keeping the cutoff date for early registration at July 31. Eric made the motion to do this, which passed with none opposed.

It was thought the Speakers’ Meeting Dinner at 5 P.M. might be too close to the speaker meeting (7 P.M.). Mary Grace moved to change the meeting time to 7:30. It was also suggested that the raffle be listed as immediately following the

speaker, and the dance as immediately following the raffle (in case the speaker goes over). Cindy raised concern that the speaker reception line might delay the raffle; Daylene said the line could move elsewhere. Mark B. pointed out that if the dance had a D.J., he or she might need a more definite starting time. Arthur proposed voting on just the 7:30 time; that passed with none opposed. Mary Grace made a separate motion to have the “immediately following” language included on the registration form. This motion also passed with no opposition. Mona made a third motion to clarify there would indeed be a dance, rather than simply a fun/fellowship event. That motion passed with none opposed as well.

Chris T. reported 53 new participants on the MBAR Facebook page. She is looking for ideas on interactive posts.

Breakfast on Sunday: Still to be determined. Bethlehem Lutheran says it's possible there if we're out by 10. They proposed having their church members intermingle with our A.A. members. Susan suggested handing out lists of open A.A./AI-Anon meetings. Church members would need to register to eat.

Cindy said we could also have breakfast at the hospitality suite, or on the same deck as the ice cream social. If we had it on the deck it would consist of pastries and similar; maybe don't call it breakfast. Susan said this might be the most cost-effective option, and the easiest to get volunteers for. Naomi pointed out we couldn't charge much for this, and that the conference center might not allow us to bring our own food. For now, breakfast will be listed as TBD on the registration form.

Aubrey said he is willing to do the dinner. Naomi suggested trying to find other people who might be willing to work on breakfast.

To finalize breakfast before next month, need someone to talk to the Conference Center about supplying food. Henry volunteered to do this. Renee N. has catering equipment for continental breakfast, so she volunteered to be on the meal committee. Mary Grace will check prices at local restaurants. She also mentioned having everyone bring their own food.

We may have a meal bundle as before, but will need to wait for a decision on breakfast.

Cindy suggested finding activities to squeeze into the empty spaces on the schedule.

Naomi asked if we would still charge \$15 for dinner. Cindy suggested that we give Aubrey our estimated attendance, and check with him about the menu items.

Mary Grace proposed heading a committee to choose a panel, consisting of those speaker candidates not selected. It might be able to fit in Saturday afternoon, between the 2 P.M. meeting and dinner.

Cindy said we are planning to have the “thank the volunteers” BBQ on Friday, rather than Thursday as before. Henry is in charge of it.

Charly discovered that the T-shirt graphics are too complex for screen printing (too many colors). Also, the logo can't be shrunk down to fit on the breast of the collared committee shirts. Naomi suggested just having T-shirts for the committee, rather than button-down ones. This would allow room for the logo. Cindy proposed checking the price of a collared shirt with only text in the breast area.

Arthur will be having surgery soon, so March is too early for an event. April or May seem possible, perhaps June as well. There are others willing to help with these events.

Henry had questions about the Friday night BBQ. Cindy said it will be self-supporting (\$5 each), with attendees bringing a side dish. She will get information on past attendance to Henry.

Phil C. volunteered to be considered for Co-Chair, if he can get someone else to finish up his work as Speaker Chair. He said Mary Grace and Mark Bennett are good candidates for that. A formal vote for Co-Chair will take place next month.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. **Next Steering Committee meeting:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022

X. **Next Committee meeting:** Saturday, March 12, 2022

XI. **Meeting adjourned:** at 12:55 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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