

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2022

I. Call to Order:

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Time: 11:00 am

II: Serenity Prayer

III: : **Tradition 3 was read:** "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." Gina spoke on this tradition, saying we don't need to have money, or any specific beliefs, to be in A.A. We just need to desire to stop drinking; nothing else is asked of us.

IV: Introduction of the Steering Committee

First-time attendees. Tony, Hilda

Total including all attendees: **24**

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

Recent Anniversaries: Susan celebrated 20 years on Mar. 7. Tony had 14 years Mar. 5.

VI: **Minutes:** The minutes were voted on and approved with no changes. Yes: 20, No: 0, Abstain: 3.

VII: Chairperson's Report:

Phil and Mary Grace volunteered to serve as next-month's co-hosts. Tony will share on Tradition 4 at the March meeting.
b. Cindy encouraged attendees to join committees, and to find others willing to volunteer. Priorities include Hospitality, Facilities, Outreach, and Merchandise.

c. Cindy announced that we need a new co-chair. Phil had volunteered, but needed to be voted in. His nomination was approved with none opposed. Phil then pointed out that a speaker chair was now needed. Mark volunteered and will officially accept next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mona gave the report. This month's balance was \$2364.38, which includes \$30 7th Tradition income and \$0.52 PayPal expense.

Cindy screen shared the latest registration form to finalize. Eric pointed out that Spanish meetings should begin at 10 A.M. both days. A Zoom A.A. meeting had been proposed for Friday at 8 P.M., with Reggie as speaker. The meeting would be accessed from members' homes, not the Conference Center. It was decided that the meeting would feature an A.A. speaker only, and not be limited to 100 at this time. Mary Grace moved that we have the Zoom meeting; the motion passed with none opposed.

The Conference Center will not allow us to do breakfast on the terrace, and the time frame at Bethlehem Lutheran is too tight. A hospitality room or restaurant might still be possible. Sidney suggested a continental breakfast with bagels and fruit, perhaps in the Conference Center. Cindy pointed out that the Center does not allow food. Other suggestions included having it outside at a park, or at the Monterey Fellowship Hall. Sidney pointed out that a continental breakfast at the church could still work. Cindy proposed leaving breakfast off the registration schedule for now, then maybe adding it later.

Mona suggested putting breakfast as TBD on the registration form for now. Cindy proposed having the breakfast on Sunday morning, with no price tag as of yet and not including it in the bundle. Arthur suggested calling it Roundup Continental Breakfast, and having it at the church Sunday 8 A.M. He made a motion to do this. The motion passed with no opposition.

Cost of the continental breakfast was discussed; \$5 was proposed. Renee suggested using it as a "linchpin" for the bundle, to figure out how many are coming. Susan wanted to make breakfast as cheap as possible, adding the difference onto the

dinner. Hilda disagreed, proposing a breakfast cost of \$7. Sidney suggested coming up with the bundle price now, then watching the economy, putting out a donation bucket if needed. Cindy had everyone write down their preferred prices.

Naomi said that \$20 was reasonable for dinner; others agreed. This was put to a vote and accepted, with one opposed. A cost of \$10 was proposed for breakfast. That was accepted with one abstention. The price of ice cream was suggested to remain at \$5. This was accepted with no opposition or abstentions. The last proposal was for a \$30 bundle, which was also accepted without opposition.

Sidney inquired about putting Al-Anon marathon meetings on the A.A form. Naomi said she needed to know the times first.

Sidney asked how the marathon meeting rooms would be divided up between English/Spanish and A.A./Al-Anon. Cindy said that in the past, A.A. had its own rooms, and Al-Anon had theirs. She added that this issue could be worked out later. For now, only the start times of meetings need to be decided.

Arthur suggested having the A.A. and Al-Anon panels at different times, so people could attend both. Cindy moved to have the Al-Anon family panel at 11:30 on Saturday, and the A.A. panel at 1:30 on Sunday. The motion passed with none opposed. Hilda then suggested switching the days. Cindy withdrew the old motion and made a second one with the new times. This motion also passed unopposed.

Victoria asked about the PayPal account and its relation to website registration. It's possible that a 3% fee might have to be added. This will be worked out by Daylene and Richard.

Sidney said Al-Anon has voted to pay for the tickets of the A.A./Al-Anon couples, and to have them stay in peoples' homes.

Eric is going to have the format for English marathon meetings translated into Spanish. The Spanish marathon meetings will also need to have folders. MBAR will pay for this out of its printing budget.

Chris T. reported that some founding MBAR members have reached out through Facebook, and may want to participate in this meeting. Anyone who knows original members should give their numbers to Arthur.

Sidney thinks Al-Anon has a person to run their silent auction.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting: Saturday, April 9, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned: at 12:52 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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