

# MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2022

- I. Call to Order:  
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: Tradition 5 was read: "Each group has but one primary purpose: to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Mary Grace spoke on this tradition, saying we also have a responsibility to carry the message beyond meetings. She noted that we cannot keep the gift of recovery if we do not give it away. If we neglect those who are still sick, there is danger to ourselves.
- IV: Introduction of the Steering Committee.  
Introduction of first-time attendees: Maxine, Mark S., Aubrey, Billy, Jo  
Total including all attendees: 30
- V. Recent Anniversaries: Mary Grace had 43 years sobriety May 12. May celebrated 32 years on May 1.
- VI: Minutes: The minutes were voted on and approved with no changes. No one was opposed, but there were 3 abstentions.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
  - a. Mary Grace and Arthur volunteered to serve as next-month's co-hosts. May will share on Tradition 6 at the June meeting.
  - b. Cindy noted there are still a few committees that need chairs. Hilda volunteered to be Decorations Chair again. Maxine offered to help her. Still needed are chairs for Dance, Activities, Raffle, Shuttle Service, and Young People, among others. Outreach is especially critical; Kathleen said she would be interested in being Chair. She will work with Victoria to do outreach through Facebook and other electronic media. Mary Grace suggested each person commit to taking fliers to two meetings. Charly proposed wearing T-shirts to meetings, once they become available.

Treasurer's Report: Daylene gave the report. Last month's balance was \$2571.68. We took in \$500 in checks and \$1288.74 from PayPal. The current balance is \$4360.42.

Daylene then showed a screenshot of the budget, which does not include T-shirt setup charges or dance expenses. We still need to pay \$15,380 for the conference; including another \$10,000 for prudent reserve, and subtracting our current bank balance of \$4804, a total of \$20,576 must be raised. At \$40 per registration, this requires 515 attendees. If the BBQ, breakfast, and ice cream social manage to pay for themselves, the needed attendance decreases to 465, still a lot!

Mary Grace noted that we weren't going to be paying to house speakers, resulting in a saving of \$2000 on the budget. Cindy pointed out that we still need a lot of registrations in any case.

May said the 50/50 typically makes \$2000 and costs nothing, another area of savings. She will look for a raffle chair.

Esther said she would email fliers to the various groups. Cindy noted that past MBAR registrants are being emailed registration forms.

Billy asked if there was a special room rate to help attract out of town attendees. Cindy replied that there was not.

Phil C. inquired if there would be a deal for recovery centers. Cindy said we might have them make a contribution of \$20/person, as has been done in the past.

Daylene suggested that each of today's attendees talk to two people at meetings, as we need more local people to register. Gina said there will be a registration table at Unity Day.

**Committee Reports:** T-Shirts: Charly showed a proposal for 350 T-shirts. This would cost around \$3900; with 8 colors, it couldn't be much less. Cindy said she wanted the T-shirts to break even. Charly noted that this would require charging \$15 to \$20 per shirt. Susan questioned buying so many shirts, given past attendance. Sidney suggested cutting down on colors to save money, and also keeping the cost down to \$10 each.

Mary Grace inquired if we could use registration forms to see how many want a T-shirt, and use that to place our order. Cindy pointed out that T-shirt preference is not included on the form. Mark and Mary Grace both agreed that 350 T-shirts were too many. May stated that committee members have always paid for their own T-shirts, which will reduce the total cost by that of 50 shirts. Charly stressed that we cannot make a smaller order and then come back with a larger one, as some had proposed, because each order has its own setup costs.

Maxine offered to help find a D.J. for the dance. Cindy said it would be great if she could get someone in the program willing to do it for free.

Registration: 47 registrations so far, 11 by mail and 36 online. 39 registrations are A.A., 6 Al-Anon, 2 both. 22 bundles have been purchased, and \$360 in Helping Hand contributions (9 registrations). Emails with registration forms and fliers will be sent to Intergroup representatives, and paper copies brought to meetings as well.

Dinner: Aubrey clarified the amount budgeted for dinner. Mona mentioned that Bethlehem would like an idea of how many are expected to attend. Aubrey stated that any help with the dinner is welcome.

Hospitality: Phil C. said there will be a Hospitality Suite at the Marriott (better rates). The cost will be taken out of the budget, and a contribution can set out as well. We need a host, coffee and tea, and light snacks. Maxine volunteered to make zucchini bread and other goodies, as did Kathleen. All are encouraged to make/bring what they can.

BBQ: Henry asked about side dishes. Cindy answered that the attendees would bring them, along with some money to cover the cost of meat. Henry also wanted to know how many would want beef vs. chicken; this can be decided closer to the event.

A.A. Panel: Mary Grace suggested having MBAR pay for three panel members' registration (total \$120). It was agreed to bring this up at the next meeting.

Arthur is gathering a list of names from the first MBAR meeting, to use for a possible reunion fundraiser.

Phillip brought up having a separate flier for the Friday night Zoom meeting. Chris T. is going to work on it. Phillip needs moderators for the meeting, as well as readers and 50/50 volunteers.

Chris T. put up a flier in the chat for approval. She also noted that Saturdays and Sundays are the busiest activity days for Facebook. There were many online registrations in April, fewer in May. Chris said that she could be a D.J. by using her laptop.

Victoria said Jana will be adding an MBAR website link to the MBAIAA newsletter.

Al Anon: Sidney said everything is moving right along. Al-Anon is trying to come up with specific targets for registrations, say 50/month. She mentioned that the currently reported registration numbers appear much too low, and will investigate.

Susan said the family panel is moving along as well. MBAR registration and fliers have gone out to every group in Monterey County.

Tony reported that the Spanish flier inserts for speakers are almost complete. He asked if there were going to be any Spanish T-shirts. Spanish registration is being conducted mostly in-person, rather than online.

Sign language interpreters will be discussed next month. Perhaps someone in the program is able to be one.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, June 11, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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