

MBAR Committee Minutes

Zoom Meeting

Saturday, July 9, 2022

- I. Call to Order:
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Time: 11:00 am
- II: Serenity Prayer
- III: Tradition 7 was read: "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Billy spoke on this tradition, saying self-support was most important to him as it represents independence.
- IV: Introduction of the Steering Committee.
Introduction of first-time attendees: Sydney W., Michele A., Carolyn H.
Total including all attendees: 29
- V. Recent Anniversaries: Billy H. celebrated 15 years.
- VI: Minutes: Susan noted two corrections to the minutes. On item VII b, "Bridge" was changed to "Bridging the Gap" for clarity. In the Speakers section, the spelling of Terril's name was corrected. The minutes were approved with the addition of these changes. No one was opposed, although there were six abstentions.
- VII: Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Phillip and Phil C. volunteered to serve as the next co-hosts. There will be meetings every Saturday in August, with the first one on Aug. 6. Mona proposed starting the meetings at 10:30, since so many people have to leave at noon. Chris seconded this idea, but no formal vote was taken. The meeting time remains 11:00 for now. Maxine volunteered to share on Tradition 8 at the Aug. 6 meeting.
 - b. Cindy noted there are still a few committees that need chairs: Activities, Merchandise, Young People. If we can't get chairs this year, we will simply wait until next MBAR. At Naomi's request, Sydney asked if she could be the Registration co-chair. Cindy happily agreed.
 - c. If you know anyone who wants to set up H&I or GSR tables, have them contact Cindy or Billy.
 - d. The bylaws committee met once and went through some of the bylaws, and also got a start on tax-exempt status with the IRS. The next meeting is Monday, July 18. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Daylene gave the report. Last month's balance was \$6504.38. We took in \$445 in checks, \$1223.67 from PayPal, and \$38.86 in square deposits. This corresponds to about 42 new registrants. The current balance is \$8211.91. An additional \$1517.93 has come in since June 27; it was not deposited until after the end of the month, however. We need 180 more registrations to meet our budget, and a total of 341 more to cover prudent reserve as well. This is still a rather large number to meet by September!

Sidney asked if the \$10,000 for prudent reserve could be raised after this year's conference. In response to a question from Michele, May said that the raffle typically brings in a net of \$1500 or more, which can help with the budget.

Maxine suggested taking registration forms to Alano Clubs, both in Monterey County and surrounding counties. She will contact the Outreach Chair (Kathleen) about this.

Daylene contacted Sabine, the previous ASL interpreter, who has moved. Sabine has been trying to find other interpreters, but so far without success. Mona reached out to the interpreting coordinator in Fresno, who does have an interpreter in Salinas. However, it is not known if this interpreter will be available for MBAR. Kelly provided the contact information of another ASL interpreter, although no one has yet reached out to her. In addition, Maxine has a couple of potential contacts.

Cindy encouraged all to contribute to the Committee Meeting 7th tradition. This can be done by check or PayPal.

Arthur has a signup sheet for greeters, which will be available Aug. 1. He will also have registration forms to bring to meetings. Greeters will work in 3-4 hour shifts both Saturday and Sunday.

The \$200 for BBQ appears to be just enough to pay for meat, if we charge attendees \$5 each, but not necessarily drinks. Attendees are thus encouraged to bring drinks and ice. The BBQ will be held at Phil C.'s place. Those going will need to choose chicken or beef.

Committee Reports: Spanish Committee: It has been meeting every two weeks. Outreach has been made to Spanish-speaking meetings in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties. Eric asked if it were possible to give Spanish-speaking members a receipt for their registration. Naomi replied that those collecting paper forms could provide hand-written receipts. Eric also wanted to know if we could pay registration for the 12 Spanish out of town speakers. Cindy said that this would be a large amount. According to Naomi, MBAR offers to pay for the main speakers, but not others. If we paid all the Spanish speakers, we would then have to pay all the English speakers as well, further increasing the cost. But the final decision is for the Steering Committee. Eric will take this issue back to his group.

Eric clarified that he would be able to sell Spanish-speaking literature at the conference. May emphasized that all money from the sale would go directly to MBAR. Eric also asked if he could join the walk-through; Cindy said yes. Finally, he inquired about Spanish signage. Billy will find out what kind of signage can be done. Someone from Eric's committee will be needed to translate signs.

Sidney is trying to follow up with the area regarding headsets for Spanish interpretation. She will confirm if she is able to get them. Hilda suggested Susan G., former GSR, as a resource. Susan may have headsets available in Pacific Grove.

Michele mentioned the idea of having two raffles and 50-50s each, which had been proposed. She said this would be too confusing. So the raffle will be on Saturday and the 50-50 drawing on Sunday. Tickets for the 50-50 will be sold both days, however. May said that leftover raffle prizes from Unity Day will roll over to MBAR.

Billy has been in contact with Paige, the coordinator at the Conference Center. He is trying to set up a time for the group walk-through. So far, he has not received an answer regarding use of their freezer. He needs an estimated count for easels and small signs.

H&I is planning to have a table at MBAR. Space for it will be assigned during the walk-through. Hilda suggested that we ask the Conference Center for information from the previous MBAR, for example regarding tables and signs.

Mark B. checked airline prices from Los Angeles for Rocky. They appear reasonable, although no final arrangements have been made. Sue already bought two tickets for speakers who can no longer attend. Reimbursement is being handled by the Al-Anon committee.

Cindy said we could use a chairperson for the Hospitality Suite, for example to coordinate food and coffee (if coffee is allowed). Maxine volunteered for this position.

Registration: Naomi said we have 110 total registrations: 81 A.A., 20 Al-Anon, 9 both. There is \$900 in Helping Hand, or 18 registrations. The food count is 48 bundles, 56 breakfasts, 67 ice cream, 61 dinners. Naomi mentioned that some confused registrants have been paying for food but not the registration itself. She will call these people to clarify.

Naomi suggested that those who need to leave the meeting early submit written reports in advance. She also stressed that we need to raise sufficient seed money now to have available for the next conference. In addition, she said that no one should be turned away from a meeting at MBAR, whether they can pay or not.

Decorations: Hilda said that the \$200 budgeted is a bit low, because the price of flowers has risen. May pointed out that there is a member who will contribute flowers.

Breakfast: Renee N. reached out to Kelly, the Ice Cream Social chair, for needed support. Planning for the two events will be combined. A friend in the fellowship has contributed their wholesale food and beverage license, so food can be purchased at wholesale prices.

Mona gave the report on the Ice Cream social for Jim. He has about six volunteers, and says all is going well, but would like to see the facility during the walk-through.

Cindy clarified that the food bundle expires July 31. After then meals can still be purchased at the conference, assuming the limit has not been reached.

Zoom meeting: Phillip went over his to-do list. He will share it in a Google document. He is also going to be soliciting volunteers.

Social Media: 24 new members have been added to the MBAR Facebook page, for a total of 340. Victoria and Cindy will be dropping off raffle cards. In-person announcements at meetings are still important, especially about registration and volunteers.

Old-timers panel: Audra J from Paroomph, NV will speak on Promises. Matt R from Watsonville will speak on Service. Sponsorship is another possible topic for discussion.

MBAR is now in the Box 459 newsletter. This will hopefully increase out of town interest and registration.

As in 2019, we will be recording the meetings and putting them on our website. We need someone to operate the recording device, as well as people to obtain permission from the speakers. The Zoom meeting may also be recorded and posted, if the speaker agrees. It is not yet known if anyone will record the panel.

Chris reported connection issues with electronic registration at Unity Day. A mobile hot spot next time would be a good idea.

VIII. Seventh Tradition:

IX. Next Steering Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 27, 2022

X. Next Committee meeting is Saturday, August 6, 2022

XI. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm with the Serenity Prayer

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