

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, November 27, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5940 7814 PC: 995074

Attendees: Intergroup Representatives

Group#	Intergroup Member Meeting	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 pm PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"	Jazmin	X		1
WEB0287	SUN 6:00 pm "Laundry Lists"	Peg	X		1
CA1264	MON 9:30 am Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Renée	X		0
CA1371	MON 5:30 pm Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"	Beverle	X	Dottie	1
CA1308	MON 7:00 pm Quaker Meeting House "Authentic Men"	Birch			0
CA682	MON 7:30 pm Palo Alto "Monday Night Book Study"				0
CA1233	TUE 12:30 pm "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"	Evie	X		1
CA1416	TUE 7:00 pm "Tony A Meditation"	Meegan	X		1
CA 1169	WED 9:30 am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Rebecca	X		1
CA1241	WED 6:00 pm Salinas "Freedom from the Past"				0
CA1373	WED 7:00 pm "ACA@UCSC"	Ava			0
CA1170	THU 5:30 pm Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Jeannie	X		1
CA971	THU 7:00 pm Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 pm Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Carol G	X		1
CA1276	SAT 9:00 am Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Donna	X		1

Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors

Title	Name	Present	Proxy	Votes	Visitor's Name
Chair	Shari	X		1	Paul
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Clare	X		1	
WSO Rep	Carol G	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Website / Zoom	Chris	X			
Workshop Coordinator	Open				
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Literature Depot Host	Carol G	X			
Retreat Committee	Jeannie	X			
Fun Task Force	Shari	X			

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:02pm. Shari announced this meeting was being recorded. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited. Members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 11th Tradition, 11th Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Shari welcomed everyone and the new IGR Meegan. Roll call was taken and voting rights clarified. A quorum was established, see attendance above. (IGR's, proxies and officers vote; visitors and committee chairs do not. One vote per person even if filling multiple roles.) 11 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

Minutes:

Motion: (Jeannie/Evie) Approve the minutes of the 10/23/21 meeting as written. (11-0-0)

7th Tradition: Shari announced the two ways to contribute to the Intergroup's 7th Tradition: Venmo @[Clare_treasurer](#) and PayPal mbacatreasurer@gmail.com.

REPORTS

Chairperson – Shari reminded everyone that nominations for IG officers will take place at the December meeting and voting will take place at the January meeting. Shari has been attending the San Francisco IG meetings our IG has at least 5 more IGRs. A controversy ensued from SFBayAreaIG's presentation of a secular workshop as it was not well received. Shari attended the last ABC/AWC

meeting as well. Discussion concentrated on audio/visual and breakout rooms for the conventions. The hotel selected (SF Hilton in the Financial District) is having trouble staffing up. Our IG has volunteered to staff the Literature table and will be aided by volunteers supplied by the Volunteer Coordinator. Each volunteer will be expected to offer a 2-hour shift during the convention.

Vice Chairperson –Carol expressed concern about fulfilling one of her responsibilities as Vice Chair to secure a meeting location. Due to increased Covid restrictions and new variants, she is assuming this meeting will remain on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Secretary – Nothing to report. Renée asked for Meegan’s contact information to add to the contact list.

Treasurer – Clare reported a working balance of \$1,659.51 in the Treasury and screen shared the Treasurer’s Report. The reserves include \$800.00 prudent, \$65.58 Outreach, \$56.41 Events, and \$150.00 Travel. The total balance of IG funds is \$2,731.48. Clare reported lots of literature sales due to the Loving Parent Guidebook. Clare has included the last 4 digits of her phone number for those people using Venmo to transfer funds to the IG. Venmo requires this detail on some transactions so this information can be made available to meeting Treasurers to assist in their 7th Tradition donations via Venmo. Clare is considering continuing on as Treasurer next year but is open to be a mentor to someone if anyone wants this position.

Motion: (Renée/Carol) Accept the Treasurer’s Report submitted for November 2021. (11-0-0)

Clare’s email is mbacatreasurer@gmail.com for all communication regarding the Intergroup Treasury.

WSO Representative – Open position. No volunteers stepped forward.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports: (These reports were presented in reverse order.)

- **Sunday 3:30pm “Adult Loving Parent”:** Jazmin reported 8 people attending this strong and consistent meeting. The group reads Chapters 8 & 15 in the BRB and there are 2-3 newer people who are sticking around. Jazmin will decide by tomorrow’s meeting whether or not she will continue in her position as IGR.
- **Sunday 6:00pm “Laundry Lists”:** Peg reported Jeannie is the Secretary with 12-15 people attending, some from all over the USA. On weeks 1&3, they cover the Laundry List Traits and their flip sides. On weeks 2&4s, they cover the Other Laundry List Traits and their flip sides. Peg wants to continue as the IGR as she is just learning what’s going on and how this works.
- **Monday 9:30am “ACA Scotts Valley”:** Renée reported the meeting has a regular group of attendees with 8-10 per week and Beverle is the Secretary.
- **Monday 5:30pm “Stepping up in ACA”:** Beverle is out of town and her proxy showed up later in the meeting. Beverle, Jazmin and Shari substituted as Secretary while Dottie was traveling. There are usually 6-7 attending and numbers are lower on Bonfire nights. This meeting will be listed as needing support in the Conscious Contact newsletter.
- **Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”:** Birch was absent.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child”:** Evie reported this hybrid meeting has 4-8 people in person and 1-3 on Zoom each week. The meeting voted to include reading Chapter 13 on Relationships into their format. The IGR position will be open as Evie will not be continuing in this position next year and is happy to mentor a new IGR.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm “Tony A Meditation”:** Meegan is the new IGR for this meeting. She reported a solid group of 7-8 regulars form a core group. Kyle, Carol, and Julie are the rotating secretaries. The meeting starts with a meditation followed by reading from Tony A’s book and sharing. Meegan would like to see this meeting grow.
- **Wednesday 9:30am “Serenity Seekers”:** Rebecca reported a small dip in attendance to 16-19 average. Paul is the new Secretary and is doing a fabulous job. Some service positions are coming open soon. Rebecca is not sure whether or not she will be continuing as the IGR next year and is happy to mentor someone who would like to serve in this capacity.
- **Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA@UCSC”:** Shari reported this meeting is making good progress toward going in person again soon at UCSC. Beverle is in contact with the administration to get the key to the meeting room.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”:** Jeannie asked what her status is as IGR because the meeting has not been meeting e to having no Secretary. Shari said the meeting will be revived and Jeannie can continue to be the IGR.
- **Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”:** Paul updated the group on this meeting’s status. Jerry volunteered to be the new Secretary and attendance continues to be very low with 3-4 attending each week. On Thursday, Jerry opened the meeting and no one attended.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”:** Carol reported the meeting had 7 in attendance last night. The rotating Secretary format is working well and someone returning to the meeting after a long absence will be joining the rotation. She described the meeting as small but mighty. There has been no one stepping forward as an IGR yet.

- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”:** Donna reported good attendance this morning with all service positions coming open in January. Someone has contacted Donna to discuss being an IGR for this meeting, so Donna will keep this group updated on her status.
- Shari thanked everyone for their service as Intergroup Representatives.

Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 7:30pm Monday Night Book Study”
- Wednesday 6:00pm “Freedom from the Past”
- Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA @ UCSC”
- Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** –Carol reported this position has been exciting due to the vigorous sales of the Loving Parent Guidebooks. The current inventory is 4 BRB, 8 yellow workbooks, 5 Strengthening My Recovery, 7 Laundry List workbooks, 5 Loving Parent Guidebooks, and 22 Newcomer Booklets. Total sales this month were \$236.92.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported hits on the website in the month were down to 2400. The daily average of 80-100 was consistent. Her term as Webmaster will be up in December. Chris wondered whether it might be better to contract this position out or perhaps have several people on a committee to maintain the website. Evie said she might be interested if there was a committee instead of one person responsible for the website. Please announce at the meetings that the Website Chair position will be open in January. Discussion ensued about the benefits of having a backup person to the Website Chair. It can be a learning opportunity. Chris and Evie were asked to write up the job duties of the Website Chair as this should be included in the Charter. Chris thanked Evie for her training and support while she served in this service position and said it was lots of fun. Questions and website updates can be directed to acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** –The next Virtual Speaker Meeting will be Sunday, January 16th, 2022. If you would like to speak at future speaker meetings or recommend a speaker, please email acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Open position. IGRs, please announce this open position at your meetings. Shari reported she has been filling in for this position since Kira resigned in June. The last workshop was “Tools for Triggers” and was attended by 77 people with 5 presenters. Looking back, the workshop could have been scheduled for 90 minutes. **The next workshop will be on Sunday, December 12th from 2:00 – 3:15pm on “Flipping Out in 2021”** on the subject of the flip sides of the Laundry Lists. A flyer will be posted on the website. Please email mbacaworkshops@gmail.com with your ideas. Traditionally, Intergroup has polled the fellowship on workshops they would like to see during the year. This will be discussed at the January meeting.
- **Retreat Committee** –Shari gave a shout out to Jeannie for all the time and effort she invested in the Retreat Committee. Jeannie reported that the February 2022 Retreat has been postponed until further notice due to the Covid pandemic. Jeannie said the Committee did their parts to deliver a great product and one member brought up concern for the safety of the ACA members during the Retreat. The \$500 deposit will remain in trust at Koinonia and they will be contacted for future available dates. The next **Retreat Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, December 16 at 1 pm on Zoom ID 851 6351 4642 PC 145936** to discuss the next steps. Jeannie will be responsible for maintaining all Retreat documents in the mbacaretreat@gmail.com google drive
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari reported the last Fun Night was a Thanksgiving Game Night with a version of Jeopardy. The next Fun Night will be the 2nd Saturday in December and will be “Name That Tune Holiday Edition.” It will be optional to dress in your holiday finest.
Shari requested reimbursement from Intergroup for graphic expenses in making the flyers for Fun Night and for the workshops in the amount of \$80.00.

Motion: (Renée/Jeannie) Reimburse Shari for graphics expenses in the amount of \$80.00. (11-0-0)

Motion: (Jeannie/Carol) Reimburse Evie for the Registration software plug-in in the amount of \$99.00. (11-0-0)
Evie will forward the receipt for this purchase to the Treasurer. This is an annual fee for the plug-in starting October 10, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about “struggling” meetings: Paul had nothing new to add to last month’s offering on this topic but asked the IGRs to put on their thinking caps to think up ways that Intergroup could support struggling meetings. One suggestion was that someone from an active successful meeting might attend a struggling meeting to observe and offer feedback. Perhaps a brainstorming session might bring up new ideas. Perhaps a poll of the fellowship might elicit more information. Another observation was that the offering of study groups and workshops might take away from the available hours for recovery that busy people have, negatively affecting meetings. Shari stressed the importance of having a functioning Outreach Committee for this very reason. Carol added it would be great to expand the demographics in our geographical area.

Discussion on conflicting meeting times: Birch was absent and not able to conduct a discussion on conflicting meeting times. This topic will be placed under Old Business on next month’s agenda.

The main conflicting meetings are: Monday “Stepping Up in ACA” 5:30pm/Monday “Authentic Men” 7:00pm/Every 2nd & 4th Monday Bonfire 6:00pm. Another conflict mentioned was Thursday “ABCs of ACA” 7:00pm/Thursday “Serenity Seekers” 7:00pm.

Change in Charter re: Elections in January: Carol caught an update that needed to be clarified in the “Vacancies and Resignations of Officers” section of the Charter. The wording “Elections shall be held in January of the following year, with terms beginning immediately after the January meeting,” should be clarified with the wording, “Elections shall be held in January of the following year, with terms beginning immediately after the election. (The outgoing Chair finishes leading the meeting, Secretary completes the minutes for the election meeting, etc.)”

The original motion was amended and the friendly amendment accepted to reflect the above wording.

Motion: (Renée/Shari) Amend the Charter to reflect the change written above. (11-0-0)

Please send any agenda items to acamontereybay@gmail.com.

Shari polled the group on what’s the best thing that has happened in 2021 regarding ACA?

Motion: (Renée/Carol): Adjourn the meeting. (11-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée H.
Recording Secretary 11/28/21