

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, December 18, 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		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	Rosa
Secretary	Renée	X		1	Elizabeth
Treasurer	Clare	X		1	Dottie
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 2:01pm. Shari announced this meeting was being recorded. She welcomed all to the December Intergroup Meeting, the last meeting of 2021. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited. Members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 12th Tradition, 12th Concepts, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. 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.) 12 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

Minutes:

Motion: (Jeannie/Evie) Approve the minutes of the 11/27/21 meeting with a wording correction. (11-0-1)

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

REPORTS

Chairperson – Shari reviewed that the December meeting was when the officers for the 2022 Intergroup would be nominated and the January meeting would be when the voting takes place. Nominations were opened for Chairperson. Renée nominated Shari and

Carol seconded. Shari accepted the nomination. Nominations were opened for Vice Chairperson. Shari nominated Carol and Donna seconded. Carol accepted the nomination. Nominations were opened for Secretary. Beverle nominated Renée and Peg seconded. After checking the Charter for term limits, Renée accepted the nomination. Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Shari nominated Clare and Carol seconded. Clare accepted the nomination. Nominations were opened for WSO Representative. No nominations were made or volunteers came forward. This position will be discussed again in January.

Shari gave an update on the 2022 ABC/AWC to be held in April in San Francisco. Registration is due to open in 7-10 days and notice will be sent out to our fellowship by Shari when registration opens, along with links for hotel reservations (expected to be \$159/night) and parking information (expected to be expensive). The Committee decided to combine the Merchandise table with the Literature table to decrease the number of volunteers needed to staff these areas. Only five applications for workshops have been received so far, so please pass the word to those you know who have conducted ACA focused workshops to submit workshop applications. They are also seeking participation in overnight workshops for those attending in other time zones. Shari is the Lead for the Literature area and is looking for volunteers to work 2 hour shifts during the convention. Link to the convention:

<https://www.acaworldconvention.org/2022-abc-awc/>

Vice Chairperson –Carol had nothing to report. The Intergroup meetings will continue on Zoom in 2022 so no room reservations were needed.

Secretary – Nothing to report. Renée asked for any visitors wanting a copy of these minutes to send their email address to her in the chat.

Treasurer – Clare reported a working balance of \$1,589.51 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 \$2,661.48. Jeannie asked what the balance of the Travel reserve was. The last WSO donation by Intergroup was made in April for \$800 and our usual and customary donation would have been made in September. Discussion followed on waiting to donate and immediately donating. (The average monthly income from 7th Tradition donations is \$166/month, provided by Clare, provided later in the meeting.)

Motion: (Clare/Shari) Donate \$500 to WSO. (11-0-0)

It was suggested to ask our member meetings to contribute to Intergroup. The IGRs were asked to check and see if this is being announced in their meetings, and if the Treasurer is aware of how to donate to Intergroup.

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:

- **Sunday 3:30pm “Adult Loving Parent”:** Jazmin was absent.
- **Sunday 6:00pm “Laundry Lists”:** Peg reported 12 people attended last Sunday and a mix of veterans and new people is usual. Jeannie is the Secretary with Carol and Lorna as technical support. On weeks 1&3, they cover the Laundry List Traits and their flip sides. On weeks 2&4, they cover the Other Laundry List Traits and their flip sides. This is a permanent Zoom meeting (not in-person).
- **Monday 9:30am “ACA Scotts Valley”:** Renée reported the meeting has a solid group of attendees with 8-10 per week and a piece of literature is read or a person shares their story. Non-conference approved literature is sometimes read as long as it is in keeping with the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.
- **Monday 5:30pm “Stepping up in ACA”:** Beverle reported this is a great meeting with Dottie as Secretary. There are usually 6-12 attending and attendance varies on Bonfire nights.
- **Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”:** Birch was absent.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child”:** Evie reported this hybrid meeting averages 10 people in person and 3-4 online. The format is a 10-minute reading followed by 8 minutes of quiet time to journal or meditate and then sharing. They are experimenting with expanding their reading material and other format changes.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm “Tony A Meditation”:** Meegan reported this is a lovely meeting with 6-10 in attendance and a rotating Secretary. It starts with a 15-minute meditation and 10-minutes of reading from Tony A’s book, then sharing.
- **Wednesday 9:30am “Serenity Seekers”:** Rebecca is here for her last meeting as IGR. Thanks for your service, Rebecca! She reported 19 attending last Thursday with Paul as Secretary. The format changes weekly: 1st week reading from the BRB, 2nd week reading from Strengthening My Recovery, 3rd week a Tradition, 4th week a member shares, and 5th week non-dominant

handwriting. In the business meeting, discussion was held about the anonymity of the phone list and how to help the digitally impaired with the phone list. Dottie will be replacing Rebecca as the new IGR.

- **Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA@UCSC”:** Beverle reported in lieu of an IGR. In-person meetings will not be restarted until Covid conditions improve. She has a key to a meeting room but is waiting for more favorable conditions to re-open. This meeting is looking for a new IGR as Ava has not attended the IG in 3 months.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”:** Jeannie reported that this meeting struggled with getting a new Secretary so it did not meet for a few weeks. Shari restarted the meeting and there has been improved attendance for the past 2 weeks (7-11 women) where they read from the BRB. Jeannie requested being listed as a meeting needing support in the newsletter.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”:** Carol reported a regular group of about 8 attends with a rotating format and rotating Secretary.
- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”:** Donna reported this is her last meeting as IGR with Rosa elected as IGR for 2022. There is an average attendance of 16-20. They read Strengthening My Recovery and share on that topic. The meeting elected to delay going back to in person meetings due to Covid restrictions. Shari thanked Donna for her service as an IGR and for serving on the Fun Night Committee.

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”

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- **Literature Depot** –Carol reported sales have slowed way down in December with sale of only one Newcomer booklet. Current inventory is 4 BRB, 8 12 Step workbooks, 5 Strengthening My Recovery, 7 Laundry List Workbooks, 5 Loving Parent Guidebooks, and 21 Newcomer Booklets. Please order literature on mbacaliterature@gmail.com.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported this is her last IG meeting. There continues to be an average of 2,000-3,000 hits per month on the website and an average around 80/day. Chris’ last day of service on the website will be 12/31/21. Evie volunteered to take over as Website Chair as long as someone else volunteered to learn the website and assist her with updates. The IGRs were asked to take this information to their groups and ask for assistance with the website. Carol said she would be interested in learning more about the website. Evie and Chris were reminded to provide a written job description for the Website Committee Chair so they will conference offline to compile a job description in the next 10 days. Chris indicated she would be able to serve as a 3rd backup if needed. 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. The topic is “Were Entirely Ready” and there will be 3 speakers, a giveaway, and a Sponsorship Corner. Shari has hosted the last 5 speaker meetings and is looking for someone to step into this role. Please ask the fellowship if someone is willing to fill this position. A question came up if an in-person potluck might be possible and Shari will add this to January’s agenda.
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Open position. IGRs, please announce this open position at your meetings. The last workshop was “Flipping Out 2021” and was attended by 34 people. Shari thanked Renée for her technical support. It is up to the Intergroup to decide if monthly workshops will continue in 2022. This will be discussed at the January meeting. Please email mbacaworkshops@gmail.com with your workshop ideas.
- **Retreat Committee** –Jeannie said there was no December meeting as there was no new information from the Retreat Grounds to report. They have since responded to requests for available dates in 2022. **A Retreat Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12th at 1:00pm on Zoom.** One discussion point will be whether all Committee members will be required to attend all three days of the Retreat.
Jeannie thanked Shari for her service as 2021 Intergroup Chair, Workshop Coordinator, Fun Night Committee Chair, Speaker Meeting Chair, and Retreat Treasurer. She is very glad Shari will be serving the Intergroup for another year in 2022.
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position. Shari is looking to restart enthusiasm for the Outreach Committee, possibly with a Spanish speaker in the Intergroup. This resource allows us to be more inclusive and diverse in our Outreach efforts. If you are interested in Outreach, please email your interest to acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari reported the last Fun Night was a holiday themed “Name that Tune.” Lots of holiday cheer and costumes were seen and some caroling went on. It was a joyous occasion!

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Paul brought he is committed to the concept of anonymity and it is extremely important to our program, but it is very hard to practice anonymity in the digital online world. A free website can use a phone number to find out a person's identity and contact information. Paul shared some tools to use in the cyber world to protect one's anonymity. These tools can be passed on to the meetings. Rebecca echoed Paul's concerns and thanked Paul for his forward thinking in protecting us while using digital formats. Here are Paul's suggestions:

Phone number listed on meeting contact page(s): get a second phone that is only used for 12-step meetings (\$6/mo. on tello.com, \$10/mo. on ting.com) or get a Google Voice phone number (free) at <https://voice.google.com>. For most service (not GoogleFi), you can configure it to forward all phone calls to your regular number.

Email address listed on meeting contact page(s): get a second email address that is only used for 12-step and configure it to forward all messages to your regular email address. Addresses are available for free from google, yahoo, etc.

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

Shari polled the group on what are your goals for the Intergroup in 2022? Some answers included expanding Outreach, standard practice in communicating about 7th Tradition donations, balance between service and recovery, the Intergroup's participation in the ABC/AWC, return of in-person meetings and events, help for the digitally challenged, and having the Retreat.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée H.
Recording Secretary 12/19/21