

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 26,2022 @ 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 9797 7526 PC: 792214

Attendees: Intergroup Representatives

Group#	Intergroup Member Meeting	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 pm PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"				0
WEB0287	SUN 6:00 pm "Laundry Lists"	Peg	X		1
CA1264	MON 9:30 am Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Beverle	X		1
CA1371	MON 5:30 pm Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"				0
CA1308	MON 7:00 pm Quaker Meeting House "Authentic Men"				0
CA682	MON 7:30 pm Palo Alto "Monday Night Book Study"				0
CA1233	TUE 12:30 pm "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"				0
CA1416	TUE 7:00 pm "Tony A Meditation"	Meegan	X		1
CA 1169	WED 9:30 am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Dottie	X	Lorna	1
CA1241	WED 6:00 pm Salinas "Freedom from the Past"				0
CA1373	WED 7:00 pm "ACA@UCSC"				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"	Rosa	X		1

Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors

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

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:03pm. Shari announced this meeting was being recorded. She welcomed all to the February Intergroup Meeting, especially the new IGRs. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited. Members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 2nd Tradition, 2nd Concept, 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.) 9 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 7.

Minutes:

Motion: (Carol/Jeannie) Approve the minutes of the 1/22/22 meeting as written. (9-0-0)

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 announced that the Annual Business Conference will be held virtually on May 6-7, and the Annual World Conference May 21-22. Registration is available acaworldconvention.org.

Vice Chairperson –Carol had nothing to report.

Secretary – Carol is substituting for Renée this time. Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Clare displayed her report for 2022 to date. Contribution totaling \$762 were received from five member meetings, notably Heart Circle and Women in Recovery. We thank the meetings for their contributions. We had \$103.99 in website expenses for a new plugin and a monthly backup fee.

Current balances are: \$1,950 plus:

Prudent Reserve	\$800	
Outreach	\$15	
Events	\$56	
Travel	\$150	totaling \$3,022

We make a contribution to WSO twice a year so Clare will recommend one in March or April.

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

WSO Representative – Victoria gave her first report as our new WSO Representative. The discussion at the Board Conference Call included that the San Francisco Hilton had refunded some of the deposit which had been made for the conference which has been moved to virtual due to COVID concerns. There was extensive discussion about a proposed increase in the book prices, particularly the Big Red Book. Prices have been the same since 2008 and over time there have been increases in costs, including the printer, cost of paper, cost of shipping, cost of warehousing. Books are currently printed in the US and UK and it is in the works to print in South Africa, India and Estonia. Discussion to continue next month.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 3:30pm "Adult Loving Parent"**: Jazmin was the 2021 IGR and we are not sure if there is a representative for 2022.
- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Peg reported this web-only meeting has attendance of 12-17 with many newcomers. Service positions for secretary and treasurer are coming open. The meeting alternates reading the Laundry List and Flip Side, and the Other Laundry List and its Flip Side. Will be completing the poll for ballot proposals.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA Scotts Valley"**: Beverle reported Evie is the new Secretary. The meeting has 8-10 attendees. They have a 10-minute speaker or read from the daily reader. Speaker or reading followed by sharing.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping up in ACA"**: No IGR.
- **Monday 7:00pm "Authentic Men"**: No IGR. The meeting is now held in person at the Quaker Meeting House and this change is reflected on the website meeting list.
- **Monday 7:30pm "Monday Night Book Study"**: No IGR.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: No IGR.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"**: Meegan reported this meeting has 8-10 attendees. The Secretary position rotates as does leading the 15-minute meditation part of the meeting. A reading from Tony A literature follows and then sharing.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Lorna was proxy for Dottie today. The meeting is well attended with average attendance of 20 people. They read the BRB, daily reader, chair. They give out chips and have literature – good service participation.
- **Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"**: No IGR.
- **Wednesday 7:00pm "ACA@UCSC"**: No IGR.
- **Thursday 5:30pm "Women in Recovery"**: Jeannie reported 6-9 attending. They read the BRB and the meeting could use some support. They made donations to Intergroup and WSO this month.
- **Thursday 7:00pm "Serenity Seekers"**: No IGR. Paul attends and there are 3-5 in attendance. The meeting is still struggling and cannot afford to return to in person meetings. He mentioned a concern that there is another meeting listed on the acamontereybay.org website happening at the same day and time.
- **Friday 7:15pm "Friday Night ACA"**: Carol reported 12 attending last night and 4 members rotating as Secretary, which seems to be working very well. Rotating topics are guided meditation, non-dominant handwriting, Laundry List trait of the month, speaker. It's a good little meeting.
- **Saturday 9:00am "Heart Circle"**: Rosa reports the meeting is going strong with 15-20 attending. This Zoom meeting format includes reading from Strengthening My Recovery followed by sharing.

Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 5:30pm “Stepping Up in ACA”
- Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”
- Monday 7:30pm “Monday Night Book Study”
- Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent/Inner Child”
- Wednesday 6:00pm “Freedom from the Past”
- Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA @ UCSC”
- Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”
- Sunday 3:30pm “Adult Loving Parent”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** –Carol reported sales were quiet in February. Current inventory is 4 BRB, 8 12 Step workbooks, 5 Strengthening My Recovery, 7 Laundry List Workbooks, 2 Loving Parent Guidebooks, and 3 Newcomer Booklets. She mails out newcomer booklets to those who request them. Please order literature on mbacaliterature@gmail.com if you are in the Santa Cruz area, otherwise it is recommended to order online from shop.adultchildren.org as the Literature Depot is not equipped to ship literature. The Literature Depot was designed to serve meetings with a Literature Person. So local people can get books from a meeting Literature Person if they have one, or order from Clare asked if she is to keep literature inventory reports in her binder. She will ask Renee. Shari noted the reports are stored on the google drive for Intergroup. A new Laundry List workshop is coming up.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** –Evie, Website Committee Chair, said committee met a couple of times. Draft job description for the web person and a draft committee charter are on the website. The committee is working on a web request form to try to clarify requirements and streamline operations. The question came up about the boundaries of what meetings our website is to support. (On agenda under New Business). Shari requested that the Intergroup meeting be listed every month on the Events calendar without a separate request. Contact email is mbacaweb@gmail.com.
Web hits: 2558 for January, 1329 for February with 65 today.
Shari mentioned that the beach no longer has fire rings, so the 2nd-4th Monday meeting is apparently meeting at Staff of Life. Shari will follow up with someone from the meeting to understand their plan going forward.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** –Shari reported the next one is April 10, “The Gift of Emotional Healing”, 5:30-7:00 pm followed by a Sponsorship Corner, which is for people looking for a sponsor and for those who sponsor others.
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Open position. Intergroup sent out a survey to the fellowship to collect information on desired workshops for 2022. Shari reported the results based on the 15 respondents (of 150 who were sent the survey). A second survey will be sent out with write-in suggestions with hopes of getting more responses. Jeannie mentioned she has materials for 21-week boundaries study group which she is offering to give. It is hoped that a Workshop Coordinator will be able to continue the monthly workshop schedule through this year. Evie suggested putting the link for the survey on the website. Shari also had another idea for the website such as ‘help wanted’ for our service positions.
- **Retreat Committee** – No updates.
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position. Lorna clarified that she had thought about doing this but has decided not to at this time.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari is planning to do a quarterly fun night.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ballot proposals and how to get your group involved. Shari expressed concern that people may be voting on ballot proposals in more than one meeting. It is encouraged that individuals vote in only one meeting. Each meeting has the opportunity to decide how they want to do it, and enter their results by March 31. Intergroup is a separate entity; IGR’s can vote in their individual meeting and in Intergroup.
- Rosa described that for Heart Circle she has divided up the proposals into smaller bundles and is emailing them out to the members on the email distribution list so they can study in advance. In the meeting she displays a powerpoint slide on each ballot proposal and asks members to vote in the chat. This is taking a few weeks but minimizes the amount of time in each meeting. Clare complimented Rosa on the clarity of her presentation and that it makes it easier for everyone to participate.
- Shari displayed a google form that she and Paul had put together for Wednesday Serenity Seekers members to use.
- Beverle has posted the information and the meeting will close early on March 14 for voting.
- Jeannie posts the pdfs with the proposals at the Women in Recovery meeting and will discuss voting.
- Peg reported that Jeannie (secretary) posts the pdf’s in the Laundry Lists meeting. Peg will work out voting with the meeting members.

- Carol reported that she has posted links for members to read up on the proposals. She will discuss voting with their members.
- Voting must be entered on national website by 3/31. Start early as they may want to work through the official meeting contact person. Shari will send out who is listed as the contact for each meeting. Meeting number is also crucial in this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Which meetings are allowed to request listing on website?

Some concerns were that meetings not offering support to Intergroup might be asked to make a financial contribution for this service. Meetings from the San Francisco Bay area are not participating in our Intergroup. There is a San Francisco Bay Area ACA Intergroup and a Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup. There is also a desire to be inclusive and make information available. Meetings are also listed on the national adultchildren.org website. We also need to be careful not to overload our volunteer web person with too much 'free service' to non-participating meetings from outside the area. Could we require them to have an Intergroup Rep? Discussion will continue at next month's meeting under Old Business. IGR's can ask their meetings.

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

The meeting was closed with the ACA Serenity Prayer.

Motion: (Rosa/Jeannie): Adjourn the meeting. (9-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol G. on behalf of Renée H.
Recording Secretary 2/27/22