

**MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, May 28, 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"	Troy	X		1
CA1416	TUE 7:00 pm "Tony A Meditation"	Carol	X		1
CA 1169	WED 9:30 am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Dottie	X		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"	Megan	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	Paul
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Clare			0	
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	Open				
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, 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition, 5<sup>th</sup> Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Shari welcomed all the IGRs and committee members to the May Intergroup Meeting. 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.) 10 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 7.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Carol/Rosa) Approve the minutes of the 4/23/22 meeting as written. (10-0-0)

**7th Tradition:** Shari reminded the group there are two ways to contribute to the Intergroup's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Venmo @Clare\_treasurer and PayPal mbacatreasurer@gmail.com.

## REPORTS

**Chairperson** – Shari announced that the Annual World Conference was a big success, according to people she spoke with who had attended. The overwhelming response to the worldwide fellowship of ACA was inspiring.

**Vice Chairperson** –Carol had nothing to report.

**Secretary** – Renée had nothing to report.

**Treasurer** – Clare was absent. Renée shared the Treasurer's Report for 2022 to date. The ending balance was \$1,809.22 in addition to the reserves:

Prudent Reserve	\$800.00
Outreach	\$ 65.56
Events	\$ 56.41
Travel	\$150.00

The Treasurer's Report was not approved at this time, as the submitted Report did not reflect the refund of the \$500 deposit for the Retreat, which was included in the \$1,809.22 balance reported.

Clare's email is [mbacatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mbacatreasurer@gmail.com) for all communication regarding the Intergroup Treasury.

**WSO Representative** – Victoria reported she attempted to attend the entire Board of Trustees meeting this month and almost made it. Highlights included that book publishing will be moved to Canada to save on expenses, the ACA Bill of Rights was approved at the ABC, all but 2 ballot proposals made it onto the ABC Agenda but results of the ABC voting is not yet available. There will be an increase in the cost of several of the ACA Conference Approved books in the near future. Talks continue regarding changing the recommended contributions guidelines to include the Regions.

### IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 3:30 "Adult Loving Parent"**: no IGR.
- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Peg reported they have a steady group attending at 12-14 and usually a newcomer or two. They read and discuss the Laundry List & Flip Side on weeks 1 & 3, and the Other Laundry List & Flip Side on weeks 2 & 4. It's a great meeting.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA of Scotts Valley"**: Beverle reported the meeting is holding strong and Denise is the new Secretary. There are 6-8 attending with intimate and sincere sharing. At the recent business meeting, it was voted the meeting will be shortened to 60 minutes from 75 minutes, and that the weekly reading will be from Strengthening My Recovery except on the 4<sup>th</sup> week when there will be a speaker.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping Up in ACA"**: no IGR. Dottie is Secretary and her term is up so a new Secretary is needed. It's a small meeting, especially on Bonfire Meeting nights (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays). This meeting could use some support.
- **Monday 7:00pm "Authentic Men"**: No IGR. The meeting is now held in person at the Quaker Meeting House.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: Troy reported the hybrid meeting is going well with 8-18 people attending with some newcomers. There is a core group of about 8. They read the BRB for 5 minutes (chapters 13,8,15,12 & 16) and Strengthening My Recovery twice a month and once a month there is a speaker. All service positions are currently filled.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm Monterey "Breathe Easy"**: Shannon absent.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"**: Carol reported the meeting is a nice little meeting. Everyone seems to enjoy the guided meditation which is a great way to end the day. They have had some newcomers who return week after week. They have 3 rotating Secretaries which seems to work well.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Dottie reported it's a strong meeting with around 20 attending regularly. Paul's Secretary position will be open at the end of June. The meeting voted to go hybrid at the Soquel Congregational Church very soon. An announcement will be posted on the website when this happens.
- **Wednesday 7:00pm "ACA @ UCSC"**: no IGR. This meeting has been on hiatus. Beverle has been in touch with faculty at UCSC and she is predicting possible reopening of the meeting in the fall when students return to the UCSC campus.
- **Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"**: no IGR.
- **Thursday 5:30pm "Women in Recovery"**: Jeannie reported this is a BRB Study with a speaker the last week of each month. There are 9-13 attending with 1-2 newcomers a month. The Treasurer's term is up but she has agreed to serve until a new Treasurer is found. The meeting was polled and decided to remain a Zoom meeting. The business meeting voted to have this

meeting mentioned in the Conscious Contact newsletter as a meeting needing support as this seems to be working to increase attendance.

- **Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”:** No IGR. Paul is now Treasurer and the meeting is still struggling and needs support. The meeting will stay on Zoom for now as there is not adequate attendance to support paying rent.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”:** Meegan reported the rotating Secretary position and rotating meeting format each week keeps the meeting fresh. The next business meeting will discuss returning to in person meetings.
- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”:** Rosa reported the meeting is healthy with 15-20 attending. Paul has been scouting for outside locations in which to hold this meeting but nothing has been satisfactory so far. The meeting was polled and the group is not yet ready to return to in person meetings. All service positions will become open at the end of June.
- **Bonfire Meeting continues the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 7pm in person at 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Twin Lakes Beach.**

#### **Meetings with no current IGR:**

- Monday 5:30pm “Stepping Up in ACA”
- Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”
- Monday 7:30pm “Monday Night Book Study”
- 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 slow in May. She submitted her written report of inventory: 6 BRB, 5 12-Step workbooks, 5 Strengthening My Recovery, 10 Laundry List workbooks, 6 Loving Parent Guidebooks and 18 Newcomer Booklets. Carol mentioned that she will sell this inventory at the current prices and not raise the prices until a new shipment is received at the higher rate. Shari suggested that if your meeting does not have a literature person, bring it up and get a volunteer for that position.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** –Evie reported she and Carol have made many updates to the website including adding links on the front page of the website for finding meetings on the WSO, San Francisco Bay Area and Greater East Bay Area websites. Two different links to the Conscious Contact newsletter were added. She reminded the group to please use the new online form to update the website. The suggested changes have been made to the form. Here’s the link: <https://acamontereybay.org/auto-draft/> The Committee has started an audit tracking document for recording changes to the website along with a step-by-step guide to making those changes. Shari asked Evie to begin reporting the website hit statistics once again in her monthly report.

Urgent website requests should be emailed to [mbacaweb@gmail.com](mailto:mbacaweb@gmail.com) but all other changes should be submitted using the online form.

- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** –Shari reported the next Speaker Meeting will be on July 10<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that the fall Potluck Speaker Meeting be held in person, possibly at the large room in the Resource Center for Nonviolence or the Capitola Senior Center, both of which have better ventilation than our past venue. Current Covid-19 status will be considered closer to the meeting date.
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Open position. Please mention this opening at your meetings. Carol will be presenting her Boundaries Workshop on June 12 and a flyer will be posted on the website. There is a job description for the Workshop Coordinator posted on the website.
- **Retreat Committee** – Jeannie reported the committee met on May 12<sup>th</sup> and the Retreat was postponed indefinitely. The deposit refund has been received from Koinonia. Jeannie stepped down from the positions of Committee Chair and Program Chair but retains her position as Contracts Chair. Shari has stepped up as Interim Chair and is researching other venues with different sleeping accommodations and perhaps a one-day venue. All reports and minutes for the Retreat Committee are available in their google docs.
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position. Shari will discuss this topic under Old Business.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari announced a Zoom Dance Party on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm. She is looking for some technical assistance. A flyer will be posted on the website with Zoom instructions.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Outreach Committee

The Help Wanted flyer discussed last month was not completed and Rosa volunteered to create this document with Shari's assistance. It will be posted on the website's front page.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Recap of Round Table Discussion

Lots of work by Shari and Carol went into the research for the Round Table Discussion on returning to in person meetings. There were only 5 attendees at the meeting, which was disappointing. Renée shared that she noticed that the people attending the Zoom meetings did not want to return to in person meetings, but the people not attending on Zoom are the ones who want to return to in person meetings. Paul expressed his gratitude for all the research and would like a copy of the facilities information sheet. A discussion followed on whether or not to post the facilities information sheet on the website which contains some proprietary/private information, and a motion followed:

**Motion:** (Shari/Carol) The facilities information sheet will be sent to the IGRs (and meeting Secretaries where there is no IGR) and can be obtained by sending an email to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com) where requests will be vetted. (10-0-0)

### Other New Business

- "Lil Tony's Meeting" was brought up and Shari will follow up to get more information on this meeting, including their CA#.
- The "Young People's ACA Meeting" was brought up and the meeting has joined the Intergroup but there is no IGR.
- Jeannie shared that she posts the Conscious Contact newsletter in the Chat Box in her meeting for all to read.
- Renée was thanked for her work on the Conscious Contact newsletter and the Retreat Committee Meeting minutes.
- Summer is nearly here and our next Intergroup Meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend due to summer vacation plans, please send a proxy so your group is represented.
- Shari is facilitating the Loving Parent Guidebook workshop once again and there are 75 participants registered. This speaks to the need for this type of workshop.
- The next Laundry List Traits workshop starts on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am. It will be open for 3 weeks, then closed to new attendees. A flyer is posted on the website.

Please send any future agenda items to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com).

**Motion:** (Renée/Carol): Adjourn the meeting. (10-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm with recital of the ACA Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée H.

Recording Secretary 5/29/22