

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, May 25, 2019 2:00 pm

Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center Conference Room

Recorded by Cate L.

Attendees: Intergroup Representatives:

Group #	Group	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"	James	X		1
CA1264	MON 9:30 Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Beverle	X		1
CA1378	MON 11:00 "Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship"	Laura	X		1
CA1371	MON 5:30 Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"	Carol G		Patt	1
CA1308	MON 7:00 Quaker Meeting House "Authentic Men"	Chris T	X		1
CA682	MON 7:30 Palo Alto "Monday Night Book Study"	Rachel	X		1
CA1233	TUE 12:30 Red Church "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"	Brigette	X		1
CA1373	WED 7:00 "ACA@UCSC"	Caroline	X		1
CA477	WED 7:30 Palo Alto "Wed. Night Book Study"				0
CA1169	WED 9:30 Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Lorna	X		1
CA1170	THU 5:30 Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Cate L	X		1
CA1241	THU 6:00 Salinas "Freedom from the Past"				0
CA971	THU 7:00 Red Church "Serenity Seekers"	Michael	X		1
CA1313	FRI 7:15 Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Michelle	X		1
CA1075	FRI 7:30 Los Gatos "Friday Freedom"	Patrick C	X	Jeannie	1
CA1276	SAT 9:00 Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Annica	X		1
CA1015	SAT 4:00 "Circle of Hope" Palo Alto	Jean S	X		1

Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors:

Title	Name	Present	Proxy	Votes	Visitor's Name
Chair	Renée H.	X		1	
Vice-Chair	Jeannie (voted in 5/25)	X	Jeannie (Vote counted above)	0	
Secretary	Carol G.		Cate L. (Vote counted above)	0	
Treasurer	Emily		Clarissa	1	

Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy
Web	Evie		
Literature	Beverle	X	
H&I	Pat	X	

Opening: Renée, Chair, opened the meeting with the ACA Serenity Prayer, followed by members reading our Mission and Commitment to Service statements, 12 Traditions & 5th Concept. Newly created *Behavior Goals for ACA Business Meetings* were also read. Roll Call / see attendance above. (IGR's, proxies and officers vote; visitors and committee chairs do not.) For the first vote (approving the minutes), we had only 16 voting members. Michelle joined after the minutes were approved to make 17 voting members.

• **Minutes:**

- **Motion:** (Jean/Laura) Approved minutes of 4/27/2019 meeting with one correction: GEBACA (Greater East Bay Area ACA) Speaker Meeting Sat. July 13th 6-7:30pm will be at **Kaiser Oakland Hospital, 275 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakland CA 94611.** (14-0-2, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

REPORTS

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) reports:

- **“ACA Scotts Valley” Monday meeting:** Beverle reported the meeting is doing well. It’s a “sweet little meeting” and Renée always brings goodies.
 - **Tuesday Red Church “Inner Loving Parent”:** Brigitte said that attendance has definitely increased as a result of last month’s request for support efforts. They still need people to volunteer for service positions, particularly a Secretary.
 - **“Monday Night Book Study” Palo Alto 7:30 pm:** Rachel said this is a very sweet meeting that fluctuates between 8 and 10 people.
 - **“ACA Women in Recovery” Thursday 5:30:** Cate said the meeting is going well and tends to be anywhere between 15 and 25 women.
 - **“Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship”:** Laura reported that this meeting could still use support. It’s at a great location, in the basement of the Scotts Valley Water District building. In addition to the traditional readings and sharing time, the meeting offers a period of “soulful (quiet) parallel play” where you can do whatever quiet activity you like: write, color, meditate, nap, etc.
 - **“Stepping Up in ACA”:** Patt reported that the meeting attendance averages around 10. The meeting focuses on the Steps and the Traditions. Always has heartfelt sharing.
 - **4pm Saturday Palo Alto “Circle of Hope”:** Jean S. reported that the meeting is very well attended (16-20 people).
 - **9:30 Wednesday “Serenity Seekers”:** Lorna reported that the meeting is very well attended with 20-30 people. The Family Resource center is a nice location but the room is a bit crowded. The group talked about adopting the Business Meeting Behavior Goals at their business meetings.
 - **Saturday 9:00 “Heart Circle” Barn meeting:** Annica reported that the meeting is very healthy. They seem to have enough space and have a great Secretary.
 - **Boulder Creek Tuesday 7pm:** Pat will be re-starting this meeting. More information will be coming soon.
 - **Sunday 3:30 PAMF “Adult Loving Parent”:** James reported that the meeting recently voted to add 15 minutes of time to the meeting for sharing, including 10 minutes dedicated to newcomers. The group seems to have responded well to it.
 - **Mon 7:00 PM “Authentic Men”:** Chris T reported that this continues to be a great meeting of around 12 men.
 - **“Friday Freedom” Los Gatos 7:30 pm:** Jeannie reported that this meeting tends to have between 8 and 13 people. Unfortunately, Coco’s will be closing and they haven’t identified a new location for after the meeting fellowship.
 - **Wed 7:00 PM ACA@UCSC:** Caroline said this meeting could use support. Beverle offered to be of service and drive a carpool to the meeting. There tends to be 6-7 people there (50/50 grandparents/UCSC students).
 - **Thursday 7:00 PM “Serenity Seekers”:** Michael said attendance ebbs and flows (5-10) but has seen it as big as 25.
 - **“Friday Night ACA” at the Barn Studio:** Michelle said the meeting continues to grow. It’s got heart and soul.
- **Meetings not represented:**
 - Salinas Thursday 6:00 pm “Freedom from the Past”
 - Palo Alto Wednesday 7:30 pm Book Study
 - San Jose Saturday 10:00 am
 - **Chairperson - Renée**
 - Boulder Creek Tuesday 7pm Meeting had previously closed but now Pat plans on starting it up again with members from other fellowships in the San Lorenzo Valley. An email will be sent when the meeting reopens.
 - Still need IGRs for:
 - Thurs Salinas, Thursday 6:00 pm (they announce it every week)
 - Sat 10:00 am San Jose
 - Wed 7:30pm Palo Alto

- WSO Questionnaire: There will be a questionnaire going out from WSO for all intergroups to fill out. Renée will distribute and discuss at next meeting.
 - Donation Request: The organizers of the July 2020 ACA Women’s Retreat in Malibu have asked groups to donate by doing fundraisers locally or by writing a check. PLEASE TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS TO SEE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING.
 - Charter Updated: Download new version of charter from Intergroup [website](http://acamontereybay.org) (acamontereybay.org > Intergroup Business > Intergroup Charter)
 - **NEXT MONTH’S INTERGROUP MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:** Will be at PAMF (in the second floor conference room) on JUNE 22. (August meeting will also be at PAMF).
- **Vice Chairperson - Jeannie**
 - Holly moved to LA and resigned (her term would have ended in December).
 - Jeannie volunteered to take over position and the group voted to have Jeannie replace Holly as Vice Chairperson (17-0-0) .
- **Treasurer – Emily (Clarissa as proxy)**
 - Request from group that Emily give receipts to IGRs when money is donated to Intergroup.
 - As of today our balance is \$1,624.21, which takes into account:
 - Last month’s \$1000 donation to WSO
 - Today’s \$180 group donation, \$221.40 literature sales, and \$34.75 from the 7th Tradition
- **WSO Representative – Pat** gave a detailed report of her experience at the ABC (ACA’s Annual Business Conference) and AWC (ACA AnnualWorld Conference) held April 25-29 in Malmö, Sweden. (Full report will be available on acamonterey.org)
 - The ACA AnnualWorld Conference
 - Best attended conference in ACA history with almost 500 attendees from 24 countries.
 - The ACA Annual Business Conference
 - Attended by 70 delegates and 20 more remotely (new feature that was very successful).
 - The delegates voted on two ballot proposals:
 - The **ACA Mission Statement** was not agreed upon, but a working group will be formed and bring a Mission Statement before the board by next ABC.
 - The **ACA Inclusion Statement** was approved by delegates: ***“ACA is an inclusive organization and open to all affected by family dysfunction. We strive to create an atmosphere that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to be their full, authentic selves.”***
 - Motion approved that the “Addressing Predatory Behavior” workgroup convene at least two open discussion session available to all volunteers. The workgroup will revise the proposed literature re: victimizing behavior inside and outside ACA meetings. Literature will be made available to the fellowship by Sept 2019.
 - The intergroup discount from WSO will be reduced from 30% to 25% (not in effect yet). To offset this reduction, WSO will remove the case requirement but keep the \$100 minimum purchase for discount.
 - **Mark your calendars! The 2020 ABC and AWA will be held April 23-26, 2020 in Boca Raton, Florida.** Hotel not yet booked for conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Committee - Beverle**
 - Beverle reported current inventory.
 - BRB hard cover: 23
 - 12 step yellow workbook: 39
 - Strengthening Our Recovery: 11
 - Laundry List workbook: 8
 - Newcomer booklet: 85
 - It has been one year since the literature program began. Beverle will report on the program at the next meeting.
 - Renée offered to anyone interested the opportunity to take over the Literature Depot (i.e., maintaining approximately 4 shelves with ACA literature and filling orders received online).

- **Website Committee** – Evie was not in attendance.
- **H & I Committee** – Pat
 - Pat takes a meeting into Roundtree Minimum Security Men’s Facility in Watsonville each Wednesday night from 6:15 to 7:15. She was not able to attend for three weeks and does not have someone who can fill in for her when she cannot attend.
 - If anyone is interested in helping with H & I, please let Pat know. You must get screened and go through an orientation. Please circulate to your groups.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bonfire Meeting moved to Twin Lakes Beach (7th Ave & E. Cliff) at 7:00 pm - Meeting still needs Secretary and additional attendance!
- Donation to World Service Office (WSO) from Intergroup (frequency and amount/percentage) - Topic tabled for next meeting. Prudent Reserve should be determined first.

NEW BUSINESS

- Prudent Reserve for ACA Monterey Bay Intergroup – Treasurer’s recommendation was read by Renée. Emily recommended that the amount be (based on financial data from 2018 and 2019) that the prudent reserve be somewhere between \$600 and \$800. The group discussed various amounts and from \$750 to \$1000.
 - **Motion:** To keep \$800 as a Prudent Reserve passed unanimously (17/0/0). (Originally proposed by Jean for \$750, seconded by Patt. A friendly amendment from Lorna, changing the amount to \$1000 was not accepted by Jean. A friendly amendment from Caroline to change the amount to \$800 was accepted by Jean).
- **Motion:** (Renée/Cate L.) To extend meeting until 4:15 did not pass (7/9/1)
- **Motion:** (Laura/James) To postpone discussion of quorum change from 2/3 of voting members to greater than ½ of voting member (17/0/0)
- IGRs gave feedback on which events were preferred by their fellowships:
 - Two new event ideas were introduced for consideration:
 - Movie Night/Art Workshop
 - Beach & sand Castle Play party
 - Feedback tallied and top two choices for Intergroup sponsored events were:
 - #1 - Boundaries Workshop
 - #2 - Monthly Potluck/Speaker meeting
 - Initial Committee Formation:
 - Boundaries workshop – Jean is happy to chair the committee. Carol G. was mentioned as someone who would be interested in planning. James also volunteered. The committee will meet and report back next month on details.
 - Monthly Potluck/Speaker Meeting – James, Michael and Pat H. Renée found a place that would work well for this event – a newly remodeled facility in downtown Santa Cruz called the Resource Center for Nonviolence on Ocean Street. They have adequate parking, full kitchen, room for a dance, no insurance or deposit requirements, and an affordable fee of \$25 /hr. Renée talked to caretaker Tom, who said Sunday evenings were available for the rest of the year. The committee will meet and report back next month on details.

Next Meeting Agenda

- Quorum change from 2/3 of voting members to >1/2 of voting members
- Donation to World Service Office (WSO) from Intergroup (frequency and amount/percentage)
- WSO Questionnaire
- Public Outreach

Motion: (Jean/Laura) to adjourn at 3:28 PM (17/0/0).