

**MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, June 22, 2019 2:00 pm

Palo Alto Medical Foundation Conference Room

**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	Evie	1
CA1371	MON 5:30 Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"	Carol G	X		1
CA1308	MON 7:00 Quaker Meeting House "Authentic Men"	Chris T			0
CA682	MON 7:30 Palo Alto "Monday Night Book Study"	Rachel			0
CA1233	TUE 12:30 Red Church "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"	Brigette	X		1
CA1373	WED 7:00 "ACA@UCSC"	Caroline	0		0
CA477	WED 7:30 Palo Alto "Wed. Night Book Study"				0
CA1169	WED 9:30 Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Di	X	Judy	1
CA1170	THU 5:30 Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Cate L	X	Pat H	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"				0
CA1276	SAT 9:00 Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Annica			0
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		1	
Secretary	Carol G	X		0	
Treasurer	Emily	X		1	

Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy
Web	Evie	X	
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 & 6th Concept. Recently 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.) 13 voting members were present, of a possible 18, meeting 2/3 quorum requirement.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Jean/Beverle) Approve minutes of 5/25/2019 meeting as emailed.  
(12-0-1, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

**REPORTS**

**Chairperson - Renée**

- Still need IGRs for:
  - Thurs 6:00 Salinas (they announce it every week)
  - Friday 7:30 Freedom / Los Gatos
  - Sat 10:00 am San Jose
  - Wed 7:30pm Palo Alto
- Bonfire meeting still needs a secretary
- Women's conference 2020 requests donations from groups and Intergroups. Jean S reported she will do a fundraiser for it. This will be on our agenda for July to discuss.

**Vice Chairperson** – Jeannie - Nothing to report

**Treasurer** – Emily

- As of today our balance is \$2,073.82, which includes our newly established \$800 prudent reserve.

**WSO Representative** – Pat H, who is our WSO representative as well as WSO Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors, reported that the former treasurer is taking a full time job elsewhere and will not be available to continue on the Finance Committee. Carol is one of 4 members of the Finance Committee. WSO is ratcheting up the priority of e-books. Reformatting work needs to be done to be able to sell them in electronic format. Board meets at Signal Hill in October for a semiannual planning meeting. David was re-elected office manager liaison. The ABC (ACA Business Conference) in 2020 will be in Boca Raton, Florida. T-shirts with “WORTH IT” across the chest are available online to raise funds for the conference. Erin, a ndw board member, is organizing the ABC. The cost of the 2019 conference in Sweden was \$15k more than usual due to the hotel charging for conference rooms, which is not a practice in US conference centers. A “Little Red Book” will be coming out. Renee mentioned she is on a subcommittee rewriting the Bill of Rights for the ACA Literature Committee’s approval.

### **IGR (Intergroup Representatives) reports:**

- **Monday 9:30 “ACA Scotts Valley” meeting:** Beverle reported this is a sweet meeting with attendance of 10-20. It includes a 10 minute speaker and sharing or reading from the daily meditation book. Renée often brings goodies.
- **Tuesday Red Church “Inner Loving Parent”:** Brigitte said that they read chapters 8 and 15 in the BRB, the affirmations book and do non-dominant handwriting or creative drawing. Attendance is up a little and service positions are filled. They voted on a prudent reserve and donated the rest to WSO. If they don’t get enough 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to pay the week’s rent they pass the basket again.
- **“Monday Night Book Study” Palo Alto 7:30 pm:** Rachel
- **Thursday 5:30 “ACA Women in Recovery”:** Pat reported the meeting is well attended and has several newcomers.
- **Monday 11:00 “Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship”:** Evie reported that this meeting could still use more participation. In addition to the traditional readings and 3 minute per-person 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.
- **Monday 5:30 “Stepping Up in ACA”:** Carol reported meeting attendance of around 10. The meeting focuses on the Steps and the Traditions. Chairs at the majority of meetings.
- **Saturday 4:00 Palo Alto “Circle of Hope”:** Jean S. reported that the meeting is very well attended (16-20 people) with newcomers nearly every week. It is a chip meeting.
- **Wednesday 9:30 “Serenity Seekers”:** Judy reported Di is the new IGR as Lorna is secretary. The meeting is very well attended with the room at capacity.
- **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.
- **Sunday 3:30 PAMF “Adult Loving Parent”:** James reported that the meeting usually has 20 in attendance; all positions are filled.
- **“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.
- **Thursday 7:00 PM “Serenity Seekers”:** Michael reported attendance of 10-12 and stated the meeting needs support. All positions are filled.
- **“Friday Night ACA” at the Barn Studio:** Michelle said the meeting continues to grow. It’s steadily packed; a great meeting, very intimate.
- **Tuesday 7:00 PM Boulder Creek “Healing the Past”** Pat H reported this meeting is resuming in the cabin across from United Methodist Church and will be re-joining Intergroup. They may put meeting notices in the local press.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Bonfire meeting at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Michael reports this meeting is “holding on by its fingernails”. Dave brings wood which is supported by 7<sup>th</sup> tradition but there is no regular secretary.
- **Meetings not represented:**
  - Wed 7:00 PM ACA@UCSC: Caroline nor proxy attended
  - Thursday 6:00 Salinas “Freedom from the Past” does not have an IGR
  - Wednesday 7:30 Palo Alto Book Study does not have an IGR
  - Mon 7:00 PM “Authentic Men”: neither Chris nor a proxy attended

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Literature Committee** – Beverle reported current inventory:
  - BRB hard cover: 12
  - 12 step yellow workbook: 35
  - Strengthening Our Recovery: 2
  - Laundry List workbook: 5
  - Newcomer booklet: 41
- **Website Committee** – Evie reported
  - New section under “Announcements” titled “Meetings that need support”.
  - Added treasurer reports, posted the agenda and updated the charter.
  - The hosting agreement expired on 6/15 so she renewed it; she will send Emily the receipt for reimbursement.
  - She will re-post the Boulder Creek meeting

**Motion:** (Jean/Pat) Add a counter for # of hits if no charge and easy to do, otherwise report back at next meeting on options.  
(12-0-1, Approve-Reject-Abstain)  
Evie will report # of hits at each meeting once this is implemented.
- **H & I (Hospitals and Institutions) Committee** – Pat H
  - Pat loves watching the miracle of the program working on the men at Roundtree Center. One member said “Now I can see the good in me”.
  - Jean requested Pat to speak about this at the SJ 4pm Saturday meeting.
  - No progress on Scotts Valley Camp – Renee offered to help.
  - New Life Center on the Westside also needs attention to get started since Holly has moved away.
  - If anyone is interested in helping with H & I, please let Pat know. You must get screened and go through an orientation to participate in SC County Jail meetings. Please circulate to your groups.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Donation to World Service Office (WSO) from Intergroup (frequency and amount/percentage)
  - **Motion** (Jean/Carol): Donate 2x yearly to WSO, in March and September  
(5-6-2) did not pass
  - **Motion** (Pat/Evie): Each IG meeting review our treasury and its intended uses.  
(11-2-0) Minority opinion was concern about time this would take. No votes changed.  
Suggestions for future discussion included setting aside / budgeting amounts for items like WSO rep travel to ABC etc.
  - Quorum definition is currently 2/3 and sometimes we have come close to cancelling a meeting.  
**Motion** (Carol/Pat): Change quorum to simple majority (>50%) of eligible voting members.  
(10-2-1) Minority opinion stated that people might feel they do not need to come to the meeting and Intergroup would become weaker through less participation.  
Re-vote: (2-11-0)  
**Motion** (Carol/Judy): Change quorum to 60% of eligible voting members.  
(6-7-0) Minority opinion stated that cancelling a meeting for lack of one person punishes those who showed up, some of whom drive significant time/distance to attend.  
Re-vote: (1-12-0)  
**Motion** (Carol/Michael): Hold the meeting if 1 voting member short of the 2/3 quorum. (13-0-0)

James expressed appreciation for the remarkable process of hearing the minority opinion and re-voting, which was very effective in this meeting at getting to substantial unanimity on more than one topic. Although this is how WSO operates, it is not common practice in other fellowships. It allows everyone to be heard.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Potluck/Speaker Meeting:** Pat H reported there are flyers on the table for a July 7 event at Resource Center for Nonviolence, 5-7pm. Format will be: 2 speakers, food, 2 more speakers, closing at 7.
- **Boundaries Workshop:** Jean reported she is working with James and Carol, targeting September with the idea of presenting the same workshop twice, once in Santa Cruz area and another up north. The intent is to include “who-what-why-where-when-how” and some role playing exercises.
- **Outreach committee:**  
**Motion** (Pat H/Carol) Patt K to be chair of Outreach Committee (as she has volunteered)  
(12/0/0)  
Jeannie also volunteered to participate in Outreach Committee.

**NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA**

- Jeannie distributed materials that Robert of SF ACA provided about a Call2Parent workshop he would like to present here.
- Discuss budgeting / allocation of funds
- Discuss possible donation to Women's Conference 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion:** (Jean/Carol) To adjourn  
(12-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol G., Recording Secretary