

**MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, November 23, 2019 2:00 pm

Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center, 2900 Chanticleer Ave. Santa Cruz

**Attendees: Intergroup Representatives**

Group#	Intergroup Member Meeting	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"	James			0
CA1264	MON 9:30 Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Beverle	X		1
CA1377	MON 11:00 "Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship"	Laura	X		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"	Troy	X		1
CA1373	WED 7:00 "ACA@UCSC"	Renee	X	Ursula	1
CA477	WED 7:30 Palo Alto "Wed. Night Book Study"				0
CA1169	WED 9:30 Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Di	X	(via Zoom)	1
CA1170	THU 5:30 Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Kelly	X		1
CA1241	THU 6:00 Salinas "Freedom from the Past"				0
CA971	THU 7:00 Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Michelle			0
CA1075	FRI 7:30 Los Gatos "Friday Freedom"	Jeannie	X	Evie	1
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	Jean S	0	
Vice-Chair	Jeannie			0	
Secretary	Carol G	X		0	
Treasurer	Emily	X		1	
WSO Representative	Evie	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Web	Evie	X			
Literature	Beverle	X			
H&I	(vacant)				
Boundaries Workshop	Jean S	X			
Potluck Speaker Meetings	James				
Outreach	Jeannie				
Open House	Emily	X			

**Opening:** Jean S., proxy for Renée as Chair, opened the meeting at 2:05pm with the ACA Serenity Prayer, followed by members reading our Mission and Commitment to Service statements, 12 Traditions & 11th Concept, and *Behavior Goals for ACA Business Meetings*. Roll Call / 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 initially present, of a possible 15, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 9. An additional voting member arrived later for a total of 10.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Laura/Beverle: Approve minutes of 10/26/2019 meeting  
(9-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

**REPORTS**

**Chairperson** – Jean on behalf of Renee

- Need IGRs for:
  - Wed 6:00 "Freedom from the Past" Salinas
  - "Wed Night Book Study" Palo Alto 7:30
  - Thurs. 7:00 "Serenity Seekers" Red Church

- Meetings not in Intergroup: if you go to any of these meetings, ask if they want to join and send a representative.
  - San Jose Sat. 10am; Boulder Creek Tuesday evening; Saturday New Life Center
  - Tuesday Tony A meditation meeting has decided not to join at this time.
- WSO has sent an email to each meeting contact explaining how to make a proposal for the Annual Business Conference. Proposals are due by 11/30.
- Registration is open for ABC/AWC (Boca Raton, FL in April) – see adultchildren.org website
- San Francisco Bay Area Intergroup bid to host the 2021 ABC/AWC conference was accepted. Our Intergroup is invited to join the host committee. Send an email to [SF2021host@gmail.com](mailto:SF2021host@gmail.com) to get on their email distribution list. The next organizational meeting will be 1/12/2020 12:15-1:15. We will need to vote at the December meeting to decide if we want to join.

**Vice Chairperson** – No report in Jeannie’s absence

**Secretary** – Carol distributed printed copies of our Intergroup Rep Confidential Contact Info list and will email one to Di who attended by Zoom. We will revise the contact list in January as there will probably be new members.

**Treasurer** – Emily

- As of today our balance is \$1,055.64, not including our reserves.
- The \$500 donation to WSO voted last month has been made. (Next donation due will be May 2020.)
- Emily noted that the San Jose 10am meeting did donate to Intergroup at the recent potluck-speaker meeting.
- Emily reported she will complete opening the bank account next week after providing the bank with a copy of the minutes authorizing the opening of the account, signed by the secretary. (This was provided to Emily at the meeting.)
- Discussion ensued about possibly sending a representative to ABC-AWC in April, which could cost as much as \$1200-\$1400.

**Motion:** (Kelly/Laura): Send a delegate to ABC/AWC next year.  
(9-0-1, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

**Motion:** (Beverle/Laura): Establish a travel fund for Intergroup.  
(10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

**Motion:** (Kelly/Laura): Seed the travel fund with \$500 and check with our meetings about sending a delegate to ABC/AWC next year.  
(10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

Discussion included questioning whether people at meetings feel this is a good use of their donations, and also suggesting that it’s an investment in our area having representation there. Last year it was possible to attend ABC and vote remotely. It was suggested that we get a group conscience or other input on this from the meetings we represent to bring to the December meeting. Emily will meanwhile calculate our average monthly net income to present as part of next month’s discussion, as this can help us plan how much is reasonable to put into the fund while maintaining other activities.

**WSO Representative** – Evie

- Evie read some of the highlights from the monthly ACA WSO call.
- When asked what the tone and flow of the meeting was like, she responded she has not been able to be on a Saturday call yet and was reading from the meeting minutes.

**IGR (Intergroup Representatives) reports:**

- **Monday 9:30 “ACA Scotts Valley” meeting:** Beverle reported average attendance of 15 including some newcomers. The meeting often includes morning snacks and is a wonderful group.
- **Wednesday 7:00 ACA@UCSC:** Ursula (as Renee’s proxy) reported that the meeting had a slow summer, with 2-3 per meeting, but attendance has swelled since students returned. September attendance was 15-20, mostly college students. Community is really strong, good job of reaching out to younger people. They will work on carpooling to get some students to other meetings during the week. Beverle has offered to pick up attendees on her way from Scotts Valley to the meeting. The location is hard to find the first time.
- **Tuesday Red Church “Inner Loving Parent”:** Troy reported a core group of 7, with some newcomers.
- **Thursday 5:30 “ACA Women in Recovery”:** Kelly reported the meeting is well attended by 16-25 with 4 or 5 newcomers the last 2 meetings. They will be voting at the next business meeting whether to move to Emeline complex, as the church has lots of activity which has moved the group out of its original meeting room.
- **Monday 11:00 “Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship”:** Laura reported this meeting average attendance of 3.5. Laura is secretary, treasure and IGR. Meeting needs support to be sustainable. It follows soon after another ACA meeting in the same room.

- **Monday 5:30 “Stepping Up in ACA”:** Carol reported attendance has dropped to 7-10. The meeting focuses on Steps and the Traditions, and Strengthening our Recovery, with topic chairs at the majority of meetings. There are frequently newcomers. Service positions are filled.
- **Saturday 4:00 Palo Alto “Circle of Hope”:** Jean S. reported summer attendance has been low (4,6,7). Most meetings have newcomers. They are getting ready to turn over all service positions. She has had multiple terms as secretary and is ready for someone else to take this on. It is hard to rotate secretary duties since there is no storage for materials.
- **Wednesday 9:30 “Serenity Seekers”:** Di reported a strong meeting with attendance in the 20’s during summer, now a little less, including lots of regulars. Very strong meeting.
- **Friday 7:30 Los Gatos “Friday Freedom” Los Gatos 7:30 pm:** Since Evie, who is Jeannie’s proxy, does not attend the meeting, Jean reported it’s a friendly meeting, easy to find the room and people go out to dinner at Denny’s afterwards.
- **Meetings not represented:**
  - Monday Night Book Study” Palo Alto 7:30 pm: Rachel nor proxy attended today.
  - Wednesday 6:00 Salinas “Freedom from the Past” does not have an IGR
  - Wednesday 7:30 Palo Alto Book Study does not have an IGR
  - Thursday 7:00 PM “Serenity Seekers”: does not have an IGR
  - “Friday Night ACA” at the Barn Studio: Michelle nor proxy attended today
  - Mon 7:00 PM “Authentic Men”: Chris nor a proxy attended today
  - Saturday 9:00 “Heart Circle” Barn meeting: Annica nor proxy attended today.
  - Sunday 3:30 PAMF “Adult Loving Parent”: James nor proxy attended today.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Committee**
  - Beverle reported inventory and noted we would need to order BRB’s soon:
    - 8 BRB
    - 19 Step workbooks
    - 10 Strengthening our Recovery
    - 8 Laundry List workbooks
    - 52 Newcomers pamphlets
- **Website Committee – Evie**
  - Will bring report on site hits next month.
  - Has added new meetings, will update again with meeting information as provided to her.
  - Will look into organizing to post all the meeting handouts provided in electronic form (in addition to agenda & minutes that are currently being posted).
- **Hospitals and Institutions Committee – Pat H has resigned this position**
  - The Roundtree meeting (Wednesday evening) is available for someone to take over; anyone interested in this position will need to undergo orientation and probably background check by County for permission to conduct meetings at correctional facilities.
  - (Renee reported last month that the Camp, a recovery center in Scotts Valley, is interested in having a Monday meeting.)
  - (The Saturday meeting at New Life Center on Westside is an H&I open meeting.)
  - Nobody present offered to be H&I chair.
- **Speaker Meetings – James not in attendance**
  - From last meeting: Resource Center for Nonviolence is reserved for 3 future speaker meetings, 5-7pm with 4:30 setup:
    - February 16, 2020      April 19, 2020      July 12, 2020
- **Boundaries Workshop - Jean**
  - Update of materials from the September workshops for posting and possible re-use still in process.
- **Outreach – Jeannie not in attendance**
- **Open House – Emily**
  - Open house January 5, 2020 1:30 – 4pm at Scotts Valley Water District
  - The plan is to have snacks but not a full meal.
    - Committee will purchase some food from events budget funds.
    - IG reps are asked to bring a potluck style dessert.
  - Q&A panel of officers and interested reps will speak 3-5 minutes each about Intergroup; let Emily know if you want to be one of the speakers.
  - Raffle: IG reps are asked to donate crafts or other things they may have at home

- It will be bring-your-own-beverage.
- IG reps are asked to bring extra folding chairs if they can as the room has only 50 chairs.
- A flyer will be forthcoming.

**Motion:** Extend meeting 15 minutes to finish the agenda.

(8-2-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- WSO questionnaire re: Intergroups asks us to poll our fellowship about how WSO can support our Intergroup.
- Zoom testing – Di joined remotely today and will forward her comments to Jean. Jean asked that we continue to pass the flyer at meetings to encourage others to attend this way.
- Bumper stickers  
**Motion:** (Carol/Ursula): Remove from future agendas as there is no movement (10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)
- Renee will offer orientation for new IG reps for an hour in advance of the January meeting, 1pm January 25 at PAMF on Soquel Drive. Zoom attendance will be available.
- Boundaries workshop materials final version for posting still pending.
- Potential new event: sponsor/sponsee gathering – table to next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Retreat in Santa Cruz – Discussion suggested we might re-poll our meetings on what events they want in 2020. Next meeting we will come up with a list.
- Changeover of officers for Intergroup. Elections are held at 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 meeting. We should inform our meetings and potential IGR's of available positions.
- New IGR information folders will be available at Orientation and at January Intergroup meeting.
- Members submitting written committee reports please email them to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com) for posting.

#### **NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS (December 28, 2:00-3:30 at Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center)**

- **Financial:**
  - **Report on bank account progress**
  - **Report average monthly net income**
  - **Do we want to add money to the travel fund? What feedback came from our meetings?**
- **Old business**
  - **Progress on “final” version of Boundaries Workshop documentation (no due date but to not lose track of this)**
  - **Outreach – collect meeting attendance data from reps recorded on the new form**
  - **Events for 2020: create list of possible for vote at meetings (items from last poll: Sponsor/sponsee gathering, Retreat in Santa Cruz)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion:** (Laura/Troy) To adjourn (10-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm, closing with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G., Recording Secretary 11/25/19

Revised 11/30/19 to include ACA@UCSC report which was missing