

**MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, February 22, 2020 2:00 pm

Palo Alto Medical Foundation, 2025 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz

**Attendees: Intergroup Representatives**

Group#	Intergroup Member Meeting	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"				0
CA1264	MON 9:30 Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Jeannie	X		0
CA1377	MON 11:00 "Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship"	Laura	X		0
CA1371	MON 5:30 Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"	Beverle	X	Allison	1
CA1308	MON 7:00 Quaker Meeting House "Authentic Men"				0
CA682	MON 7:30 Palo Alto "Monday Night Book Study"	Rachel			1
CA1233	TUE 12:30 Red Church "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"	Troy			1
CA1373	WED 7:00 "ACA@UCSC"	Ursula	X	Zoom	1
CA477	WED 7:30 Palo Alto "Wed. Night Book Study"				0
CA1169	WED 9:30 Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Darren	X		1
CA1170	THU 5:30 Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Tamara	X		1
CA1241	THU 6:00 Salinas "Freedom from the Past"	Mark	X	Zoom	1
CA971	THU 7:00 Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"				0
CA1075	FRI 7:30 Los Gatos "Friday Freedom"				0
CA1276	SAT 9:00 Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Sue	X		1
CA1354	SAT 10:10 "Saturday Serenity" San Jose				0
CA1015	SAT 4:00 "Circle of Hope" Palo Alto	Jean S	X		0

**Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors**

Title	Name	Present	Proxy	Votes	Visitor's Name
Chair	Jean S	X		1	Mary Ann
Vice-Chair	Laura	X		1	
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Emily	X		1	
WSO Rep	Tamara	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Web	Chris	X			
Literature	Tamara	X			
H&I	(vacant)				
Boundaries Workshop	Jean S	X			
Potluck Speaker Meetings	James	X			
Outreach	Jeannie	X			

**Opening:** Jean S opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with the ACA Serenity Prayer, followed by members reading our Mission and Commitment to Service statements, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. A new representative was present from Wed 9:30 Live Oak "Serenity Seekers" named Darren. 12 voting members were initially present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Laura/Jeannie): Approve minutes of 1/25/20 meeting with two corrections: remove **IGR Report** for Los Gatos meeting and list Los Gatos meeting under **Meetings not Represented**. (11-0-1), Approve-Reject-Abstain)

**REPORTS**

**Chairperson –Jean S**

- The Chair of the Intergroup's H&I (Hospitals & Institutions) Committee is open and will remain open until someone volunteers. Intergroup has had a request for a meeting to be started at Soledad Correctional

Training Facility, a men's maximum-security facility. Renée mentioned she has contact information for the person at the prison to contact to begin the meeting. No volunteers came forward.

- The first Sponsorship Corner was held at last week's potluck speaker meeting. It was well received with 8 people in attendance, both sponsors and those seeking sponsors. Jean shared the text of the introduction. The text is attached to these minutes.
- San Francisco Bay Area Intergroup will host the 2021 ABC/AWC conference in April at the Burlingame Crown Plaza Hotel. Send an email to [SF2021.host@gmail.com](mailto:SF2021.host@gmail.com) to get on their email distribution list. Logo contest is underway, and anyone is welcome to submit entries by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. Zoom information { +1 669 900 6833, Meeting ID: 863 797 937 } was distributed to join the monthly meetings. Next planning meeting will be Sun. March 8<sup>th</sup> 12:15 – 1:15pm and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday until the conference.
- 16-week Step Study starts Saturday, Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:30pm at PAMF.

**Vice Chairperson** - Laura requested any changes to the meeting schedule be submitted to her.

**Secretary** - Renée offered the groups a 2020 ABC Ballot Proposal package containing the ballot proposals, a ballot, and instructions to the meetings to use as part of the ABC Ballot Proposal process.

**Treasurer** – Emily distributed the financial reports and updated the current general fund balance to \$1,083.50. Reserve balance for Events was \$56.41, reserve balance for Outreach was \$65.56 and reserve balance for Travel Fund was \$650.00. Emily will update the headers on the reports to reflect each reserve's approved limit (Events \$300, Outreach \$200).

**Motion:** (Emily/Laura): Add \$200 to the Travel Fund.

Discussion followed concerning having enough funds to make a deposit on holding a retreat early in 2021 as voted by the fellowship. (8-4-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain). Minority opinion was voiced, and another vote was taken. (5-7-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain). Motion failed.

Sue inquired about the format of the financial report saying her group wondered why the group name was not listed when making an Intergroup contribution. She also asked if the financial reports were available on the website. The information was present on the report and shown to Sue for clarification. Web Chair Chris verified she had posted the financial reports on the website this morning.

**Motion:** (Jean/Laura) Table the issue of donating to PAMF for free use of their conference room. (12-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

Jeannie suggested each IGR check the last time their group donated to the Intergroup.

Jean S was added as a second signer on the new Intergroup bank account as voted on last month.

Venmo is up and running seamlessly. Emily said Venmo is rad.

#### **WSO Representative Report:**

Tamara reported that WSO has voted to hire a firm to deal with increasingly complicated tax issues. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions and literature sales were at record highs in January.

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

- **Monday 9:30 "ACA Scotts Valley" meeting:** Jeannie reported average attendance of about 10 with 1-3 newcomers per month. There will be no meeting Monday as the room is unavailable.
- **Saturday 9:00 "Heart Circle" Barn meeting:** Sue reported a thriving, fabulous, honest meeting with average attendance of 17 and 1 newcomer. All positions are filled and there is literature available for sale.
- **Wednesday 6:00 Salinas "Freedom from the Past":** Mark reported all positions are filled and parking remains an issue.
- **Wednesday 7:00 ACA@UCSC:** Ursula reported about 10 average attendance with 1-3 newcomers per month. The meeting celebrated its one-year anniversary this month. If anyone wants to attend this meeting and needs directions or a ride, please call Ursula or any regular meeting attendee for help locating the meeting.
- **Thursday 5:30 "ACA Women in Recovery":** Tamara reported the meeting is thriving with over 20 attending weekly. The meeting voted Tamara to be the ABC Delegate with a travel fund of \$1,000.
- **Monday 11:00 "Scotts Valley Quiet Fellowship":** Laura reported the meeting is in a nice space and asked for support with more attendance at the meeting. The average attendance is 3 with 2 newcomers this month. Chris posted this on the website as a meeting needing support. No meeting will be held Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> as the room is not available. She will continue running the meeting through 2020 but is aware there should be rotation of leadership for a meeting to stay healthy.
- **Monday 5:30 "Stepping Up in ACA":** Beverle had a proxy, Allison, give the report. The meeting is doing well with average attendance around 10 with some newcomers. All service positions have been recently rotated. There is literature for sale.
- **Saturday 4:00 Palo Alto "Circle of Hope":** Jean S. reported an increase in attendance to 16-20 with newcomers. She said her meeting's "last date updated" on the WSO website continues to show 2017 even

though there have been several updates posted since then. She will call WSO to clarify. She suggested others check their meeting's last date updated.

- **Wednesday 9:30am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"**: Darren, the new IGR, reported average attendance is around 25 with some newcomers. He mentioned the meeting is co-ed and he is willing to learn all about his new role as Intergroup Representative.
- **Meetings not represented:**
  - Monday Night Book Study" Palo Alto 7:30 pm
  - Tuesday Red Church "Inner Loving Parent" 12:30pm
  - 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 does not have an IGR
  - Mon 7:00 PM "Authentic Men" does not have an IGR
  - Sunday 3:30 PAMF "Adult Loving Parent" does not have an IGR
  - Friday 7:30 PM "Friday Freedom" Los Gatos does not have an IGR
  - Saturday 10:10 AM San Jose does not have an IGR

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Committee**
  - Tamara reported inventory:
    - 12 BRB
    - 19 Step workbooks
    - 9 Strengthening our Recovery
    - 15 Laundry List workbooks
    - 73 Newcomer pamphlets
  - Literature Depot Host position is still available.
- **Website Committee** – Chris was welcomed by the group.
  - Chris updated the website with Zoom instructions and new events.
  - She wants to know what data is being requested by the IG so she can report it each month.
  - The number of hits was up in January.
  - She asked who sends her information to be updated. It comes from the gmail account monitored by Jean S and Renée.
- **Speaker Meetings** – James (not present)
  - 42 people were counted in attendance at last Sunday's potluck speaker meeting.
  - Jean S gave a report of a smoothly run meeting with 3 speakers, with good food and enough set up and clean up help.
  - The Sponsorship Corner was successful with 8 people present after the meeting ended.
  - James needs help on this committee with flyer creation and finding speakers.
  - Jean made a request that at least one of the 4 quarterly speaker meetings be help over the hill.
  - Next potluck speaker meeting will be Sunday, April 19 from 5-7PM at Resource Center for Nonviolence.
- **Outreach** – Jeannie
  - Outreach Committee meeting was held Feb. 3 at 1:00 PM and the report is on the website.
  - KSQD, the UCSC radio station, is running a PSA. KSQD has not responded to requests for updated times of the PSA. Attempts to contact them will continue.
  - Meeting attendance data will continue to be collected through October 2020. Data is being analyzed.
  - A letter to the IGRs asking for Outreach Committee participation was distributed.
  - A Public Outreach flyer and instructional memo was distributed to the IGRs.
  - The Los Gatos Weekly Times published a weekly notice of the Los Gatos meeting.
  - The Good Times in Santa Cruz has been contacted multiple times with no response to voice mails. Attempts to contact them will continue.
  - Next Outreach meetings will be March 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Renée's house.
- **Healthy Boundaries Workshops**
  - Jean has booked the next Healthy Boundaries workshop on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Scotts Valley Water District. Details to follow on times and another date in the Silicon Valley.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Committee Chairs for upcoming events were discussed:
  - Retreat Committee: Evie is co-chair, looking for another co-chair. Renée volunteered to handle Registration, Jeannie has drafted job descriptions and volunteered to be Program Chair and

handle contracts. Tamara and Beverle volunteered to be on the committee in some capacity. Many others are needed to complete the immense amount of work to put on a 2021 Retreat.

- Inner Child Workshop: no volunteers
- Relationships Workshop: Jean S volunteered to chair.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Retreat venue tours have begun by Jeannie, Renée, Evie and Beverle. A brief report was given about accommodations, pricing and dates available for Mission Springs Retreat Center in Scotts Valley. Redwood Glen Retreat Center in Scotts Valley will be toured this Tuesday and information will be brought to next IG meeting on site selection, pricing, and dates.

Two voting members left at this time, unable to extend their meeting time.

**Motion:** (Jean/Emily) Extend the IG meeting by 10 minutes to adjourn at 3:40PM. (10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain),

**Motion:** (Laura/Tamara) Approve \$900 for the Retreat Committee to place a deposit on a Retreat venue before the next IG meeting. Jean made a friendly amendment to increase the deposit amount to \$1,000 which was agreed to by Laura.

Discussion followed. (10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion:** (Laura/Renée) To adjourn. (10-0-0, Approve-Reject-Abstain)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm, closing with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée H.

Recording Secretary 2/23/2020