

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, January 23, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 983 5204 7458 PC: 417838

Attendees: Intergroup Representatives

Group#	Intergroup Member Meeting	IGR Name	Present	Proxy	Votes
CA1277	SUN 3:30 pm PAMF "Adult Loving Parent"	Jazmin	X		1
WEB0287	SUN 6:00 pm "Laundry Lists"	Cate	X		1
CA1264	MON 9:30 am Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Renee			0
CA1371	MON 5:30 pm Scotts Valley "Stepping up in ACA"	Beverle	X		1
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 Red Church "Inner Loving Parent – Inner Child"	Evie	X		1
CA1416	TUE 7:00 pm "Tony A Meditation"	Jennifer H	X		1
CA 1169	WED 9:30 am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Rebecca	X		1
CA1241	WED 6:00 pm Salinas "Freedom from the Past"	Patt	X		1
CA1373	WED 7:00 pm "ACA@UCSC"				0
CA1170	THU 5:30 pm Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"				0
CA971	THU 7:00 pm Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 pm Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Carol G	X		1
CA1075	FRI 7:30 pm Los Gatos "Friday Freedom"				0
CA1276	SAT 9:00 am Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Donna	X		1

Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors

Title	Name	Present	Proxy	Votes	Visitor's Name
Chair	Shari	X		1	Darren (outgoing IGR)
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	Elli
Secretary	Renée			0	Kira S.
Treasurer	Emily	X		1	Clare T.
WSO Rep	Carol G	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Website / Zoom	Chris				
Literature	(vacant)				
Relationships Workshop	(vacant)				
Inner Child Workshop	Evie	X			
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari - temp	X			
Outreach	Jeannie-temp				
Retreat Co-Chairs	(vacant)				

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:00. She announced this meeting was being recorded. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited and members read the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 1st Tradition, 1st Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Shari welcomed all the old and new IGR's, committee chairs and visitors. 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.) 11 of 12 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 7. Roll call was taken and voting rights clarified. Shari welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also shared that Renée is missing the meeting due to having broken a leg which required surgery. She was not home yet as of this morning. Carol will be doing the minutes for today's meeting. The group sends love and get-well wishes to Renée.

Minutes:

Motion: (Carol/Beverle): Approve the minutes of the 12/26/20 meeting as written. (11-0-0)

7th Tradition: Emily shared in the meeting's chat how to contribute to Intergroup 7th Tradition via Venmo @Emily-Feucht.

REPORTS

Chairperson –

Shari presided over the **elections of officers for 2021.**

Chair	Shari volunteered to be chair for 2021; Patt seconded	Vote: (11-0-0)
Vice-Chair	Patt nominated Carol; Shari seconded	Vote: (11-0-0)
Secretary	Shari reported Renee has agreed to continue Cate seconded	Vote: (11-0-0)
Treasurer	Clare T. offered to take the position, with the caveat that if after 1-3 months, in the event that she finds it beyond her abilities, she would step away. She will give it her absolute best. Cate seconded	Vote: (11-0-0)

Emily will orient Clare to her Treasurer duties.

The group thanks Emily for her service as Treasurer.

Clarified Clare is the voting Treasurer for the remainder of the meeting.

Website Chair	Chris volunteered to continue her duties for 2021 Carol seconded	Vote: (11-0-0)
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ABC Ballot Proposals - Preview

Shari demonstrated where the 18 ACA ballot proposals for the 2021 annual worldwide business conference in April are available for review: <https://acawso.org/category/ballot-prep/> Six of the 18 proposals will be chosen for the April ABC agenda. This is an opportunity for our local meetings and Intergroup to influence the agenda for the April meeting. There are also 3 town halls, each reviewing 6 of the proposals. The recordings will be available at this same website. Shari has created a summary document on the 18 proposals which reps can take to their meetings for review and polling. Voting will be available Feb 15-March 31. Shari will be emailing more information. Renée has spearheaded this in the past. Carol stated that if a meeting has a WSO rep, it is their job to poll the meeting and vote on behalf of the meeting. Intergroup has a WSO rep (Carol) and we will poll among ourselves how we want to cast our votes as an Intergroup.

Vice Chairperson – Looking forward to this year.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – Emily reported that the current balance is \$1,279.05. The Monday night Palo Alto group donated \$200. There were some contributions from the speaker meeting. Emily clarified that a donation to WSO was made in September. The group thanked Emily for her service.

Motion: (Carol/Beverle): Accept Treasurer's report. (11-0-0)

WSO Representative – Carol listened to the last WSO meeting. Highlights of the meeting included information on literature: A new trifold, "ACA for Professionals", is likely to be published soon. [Loving Parent Guidebook](#) should come out this year. The spine of the new BRB printings will include "Dysfunctional Families". Soft cover will be the first. Volunteers who would like to participate in literature review can send an email to literature@acawso.org.

2021 ABC (Annual Business Conference) April 24-25. This is the meeting at which the selected ballot proposals will be voted on. 2021 AWC (Annual World Conference) will be May 1-2. Carol will find out if there is a fee -- probably not since it's all Zoom.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) reports:

- **Sunday 3:30pm "Adult Loving Parent"**: Jazmin reported they read from the BRB. There are 2 alternating secretaries. All positions covered.
- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Cate reported this has always been a zoom meeting. It is well attended. The group reads all four of the Laundry Lists, including the 'Flip Side' recovery descriptions.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA Scotts Valley" meeting**: Cate, the new meeting secretary, reported in Renee's absence. Someone volunteers to do a reading and share on a topic, followed by individual sharing. It's a great way to start the week.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping up in ACA"**: Beverle reported Shari is the new Secretary starting in January. Beverle is the official contact for Scotts Valley Water District, where meetings were held before COVID. She has contacted the Water District to let

them know the two Monday SV meetings would like to reserve the same day and times when they reopen the Community Room for public use. At this time they have no schedule for reopening. The room has wifi which would support hybrid meetings.

- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: Evie reported 6-12 attending. All service positions are filled except for new Zoom host. They read chapters 8 and 15 from BRB plus Strengthening My Recovery.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"**: Jennifer is the new rep. They have a 15 minute meditation and read from Tony A's Laundry List book, followed by individual sharing. (This meeting recently joined Intergroup and Jennifer volunteered to be the IGR).
- **Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"**: Patt reported they finished reading the BRB and have started over. Attendance 8-11, solid attendance.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Rebecca and Darren reported the meeting has rotating themes. Attendance about 15. The group is healthy financially, and has generous service. Recently have discussed challenges due to individuals' variable internet service.
- **Friday 7:15pm "Friday Night ACA"**: Carol reported a consistent attendance of around 12, with variable topics including meditation, non-dominant handwriting, Laundry List workbook, speaker. Very pleasant meeting with consistent attendees.
- **Saturday 9:00am "Heart Circle"**: Donna reported a robust meeting with 25+ attending. They read the Strengthening My Recovery of the day offering, followed by individual sharing.

Meetings with no current IGR: ○ Monday 7:30pm

"Monday Night Book Study"

- Wednesday 7:30 pm "Wednesday Night Book Study" Palo Alto
- Monday 7:00 pm "Authentic Men" ○ Friday 7:30 pm "Friday Freedom" Los Gatos ○ Saturday 10:10 am "Saturday Serenity" San Jose
- Thursday 5:30 pm "Women in Recovery" ○ Thursday 7:00pm "Serenity Seekers" ○ Wednesday 7:00pm "ACA @ UCSC"

○ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** – No report this month as Renée is indisposed. No volunteers to chair Literature Committee at this time.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris displayed a report showing tally of visits to our website increased last March and have stayed higher since. People are relying on this resource to get the latest zoom information on our meetings. Average 120 per day, 2638 for December. Question was asked if we could have a link for donations; Chris responded this is not an option offered by the host. Discussion on options may be taken up offline and brought forward as an agenda items.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari stated she would like to be the committee chair for the remainder of 2021. There were no other volunteers
Confirming Shari as chair of Speaker Meetings for 2021 Vote: (11-0-0)
The latest meeting had 76 attendees and 28 staying for the 'sponsor corner'.
- **Outreach** – No report this month. The January meeting was postponed. We still need a chair.
- **Inner Child Workshop** – Evie reported the group has met monthly, finalizing the script and workflow. It will include meditation and non-dominant handwriting. The workshop is scheduled on Zoom for **Sunday, February 21 at 2:00-3:30 pm** using this Zoom ID. Shari will lead the meditation. Any IGR's who would like to participate in the readings please contact Evie. Shari displayed the flyer, which is on acamontereybay.org.
- **Retreat Committee** – Two Co-Chair positions are open. Beverle, who had been on the committee last year, reported that the venue had sent a letter indicating they would let us know when they reopen. Evie said she may return to this committee after the Inner Child workshop.
- **Task Force Reports:** ○ Workshop Coordinator (Elli) – Committee including Shari, Renee, Evie, Carol and Elli developed a list of tasks for this role. Elli set up Google Drive where the materials can be stored. She introduced Kira S., a strong candidate for the position.
 - Kira S. holds service positions in various meetings. She has quite a bit of administrative experience including organizing a retreat and monthly meetings, leading group trainings, customer service, problem solving. She describes herself as a get-it-done person. She is also excited to attend the workshops.

Motion: (Carol/Clare): Kira to be our Workshop Coordinator. (11-0-0)

- Orientation Task Force (Carol) – committee including Shari, Patt, Renee, Evie, Darren put together an orientation updated for 2021, conducted 1/16 with our new IGR's including a role-play on how motions are processed. One orientee expressed appreciation for getting information on what she was stepping into; the spirit was fun, which was also appreciated.

- Mentorship – (Carol) Several returning IGR’s had completed a Google form from Cate, offering to be mentor / buddy to new reps. New reps were given a list with contact information, either for formal buddy relationship or just to reach out with a question.
Shari suggested that those attending meetings which do not have an IGR might mention the buddy / support available should someone want to participate as an IGR going forward.

Old Business

Fun Task Force - Shari described some possible activities including online games, dance party (zoom) etc.

Motion: (Shari/Cate): Form a Fun Task Force to identify and plan fun events (11-0-0)

Volunteers to participate: Cate, Evie, Rebecca, Donna

Shari will let everyone know when the task force meets. All are invited to participate.

New Business

- Zoom meeting# and password (Carol) – suggesting that the workshops and speaker meetings use a different meeting number and password. Shari mentioned that the workshops are already being handled, and Shari will handle the speaker meetings that way. Carol also volunteered to assist for any other needs going forward. It will not affect the Inner Child workshop. Speaker meetings and workshop zoom information will be on the website and flyers. Since the public-facing meetings are already being handled this way there is no need for further action.
- Use Intergroup Rep followup page as a communication to all on the ACA Monterey Bay email distribution list to provide broader communication.

Motion (Carol/Patt): Use the Intergroup Followup sheet as a newsletter to all on the email list (11-0-0)

The group agreed to have a contest to “name the newsletter” - to promote involvement by ACA members.

Shari asked members to submit any agenda items for next meeting, which is February 27.

Shari closed the meeting asking each attendee for one word describing how they were feeling after today’s meeting.

Motion (Carol/Patt): Adjourn the meeting (no vote was counted)

The meeting was closed at 3:32 with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. on behalf of Renée H., Recording Secretary 1/24/21