

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday February 27, 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			0
WEB0287	SUN 6:00 pm "Laundry Lists"	Cate	X		1
CA1264	MON 9:30 am Scotts Valley "ACA Scotts Valley"	Renée	X		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 "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	Jess
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	Elli
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Clare	X		1	
WSO Rep	Carol G	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Website / Zoom	Chris	X			
Literature	(vacant)				
Workshop Coordinator	Kira	X			
Inner Child Workshop	Evie	X			
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Outreach	(vacant)				
Retreat Co-Chairs	(vacant)				

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:00. She announced this meeting was being recorded, although the Zoom function to record was not activated. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited and members read the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 2nd Tradition, 2nd Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Shari welcomed the IGR's, officers, committee chairs and visitors. Shari welcomed Jess, the new Literature Depot Host. Roll call was taken and voting rights clarified. 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.) 10 of 12 voting members were present to start and the 11th voting member arrived later, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 7.

Minutes:

Motion: (Renée/Cate) Approve the minutes of the 1/23/21 meeting as written. (9-0-1)

7th Tradition: Clare announced there is a new Intergroup 7th Tradition Venmo account @clare_treasurer.

REPORTS

Chairperson - Shari shared an email from ACA Greater Western Region 2's Chair Rich. She asked who would like a copy emailed, and she will email Carol and Donna a copy of Rich's letter. Renée explained the ACA service structure which includes the Region, between WSO and the Intergroups in the inverted pyramid model.

Vice Chairperson – Carol had no report today.

Secretary – Renée thanked Carol for producing the January 23rd meeting minutes and doing a great job on them.

Treasurer – Clare reported Emily turned over the Treasury the first week of February after doing an amazing job. The records were organized and Clare was grateful for the clean transition. She has ordered new checks and a new debit card for the checking account. She has set up a new Venmo account: @clare_treasurer for 7th Tradition contributions. The balance in the general fund is \$1900.55. The Prudent Reserve stands at \$800.00. The other reserves are: Outreach \$65.00; Events \$56.00 and Travel \$150.00. If a group needs a receipt for a Venmo contribution, the group treasurer can print a screen shot of the Venmo transaction or the email confirming the transaction as proof of their donation.

Motion: (Clare/Patt) Donate \$500.00 to WSO. **(Amended to \$800.00)** (10-0-0)

Renée made a friendly amendment to increase the donation to \$800.00 since the ABC would again be virtual this year, so no travel expenses would be incurred by Intergroup. The friendly amendment was accepted by Clare and seconded by Patt.

Clare continued with her report to announce she has a new email mbacatreasurer@gmail.com for all communication regarding the Intergroup Treasury.

WSO Representative – Carol reported about the ABC Ballot Proposals for which she has designed a simple online tool for our Intergroup members to vote on the proposals. The link to vote on the proposals is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScE-32ixPmevjX1nX-0-r-23GtA0up-nllmu7IRuT8i90xfPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link. The 2021 ABC (Annual Business Conference) will be held virtually on April 24-25. This is the business meeting at which the selected ballot proposals will be voted on. The 2021 AWC (Annual World Conference) will be held virtually on May 1-2. So far there have been 20 responses using this voting tool. The voting must be completed by March 31, and the issue will be revisited at next month's Intergroup meeting. Intergroup will vote as a separate group at our next meeting on March 27th. The IGRs will have until March 31 to submit their group conscience on the ballot proposals to WSO. Instructions will be reviewed at the March 27th meeting.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Cate reported attendance is averaging about 16. The current Secretary is in the beginning of a 6-month term.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA Scotts Valley" meeting**: Renée reported a new Secretary is needed and the other positions are filled.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping up in ACA"**: Beverle reported averaging between 10-15 attendees. Shari is the new Secretary who is doing a great job. The meeting is a Read/Share format on the Steps, Traditions, and Strengthening My Recovery.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: Evie reported 6-10 people regularly attend. They have 8-10 minutes for non-dominant handwriting, drawing, or journaling during the meeting. The meeting is looking for a Zoom host service position.
- **Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"**: Patt reported an average of 8-10 regulars. The Secretary may be leaving, so they are looking for a new Secretary.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Rebecca reported attendance between 20-25. The group opened a Venmo account for 7th Tradition contributions. Under discussion is whether to close the chat during the meeting.
- **Friday 7:15pm "Friday Night ACA"**: Carol reported a nice meeting with consistent attendees. The Fun Night Task Force agreed to move Fun Night once a month to Saturday to not conflict with this meeting. The members of the meeting wanted to express their gratitude for this consideration.
- **Saturday 9:00am "Heart Circle"**: Donna reported average attendance between 20-15 in this lovely meeting with little drama. The group recently opened a Venmo account for 7th Tradition contributions.

Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 7:30pm Monday Night Book Study"
- Monday 7:00 pm "Authentic Men"
- Friday 7:30 pm "Friday Freedom" Los Gatos
- Thursday 5:30 pm "Women in Recovery"
- Thursday 7:00pm "Serenity Seekers"
- Wednesday 7:00pm "ACA @ UCSC"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** – Jess reported on the Literature Depot Inventory: 15 BRB, 15 12 Step workbooks, 11 Strengthening My Recovery, 10 Laundry List Workbooks, and 6 Newcomer Booklets. Jess is the temporary Host for the Literature Depot and would like the groups to keep announcing for a permanent Host.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported last month there were 2396 website hits, averaging 113/day. This is down from a high in October of 3515 hits. If there are any changes to the Zoom meeting schedule, please send an email to acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari shared the next Virtual Speaker Meeting will be on April 18 from 5:30-7pm. The theme will be Awakening to Wholeness. There will be 3 speakers, lots of fun, a giveaway, and a Sponsorship Corner immediately following the meeting.
- **Outreach** – No meeting or report this month.
- **Inner Child Workshop** – Evie reported on the February 22nd Inner Child Non-Dominant Handwriting Workshop. She found it personally challenging, but she facilitated the event with the support of her fellow travelers. 53 people attended and feedback was very favorable. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the website and it was suggested the workshop be offered periodically in the future.
- **Retreat Committee** – No updates. The Retreat is on hold due to COVID-19.
- **Workshop Coordinator Task Force** – Elli reported the Task Force wrapped up its business this month and Kira has already jumped into her new role as Workshop Coordinator by assisting with the Inner Child Workshop. Elli has met with Kira and she believes Kira is getting good support from the ACA community. Since its work is complete, Elli suggested dissolution of the Workshop Coordinator Task Force.
- **Workshop Coordinator** – Kira expressed her gratitude for the support of the ACA community and she enjoyed helping with the super successful Inner Child Workshop. She has created a workshop survey for the IG fellowship and this survey link will be in this month's newsletter so we all can participate in letting her know the types of workshops desired by our fellowship. She has developed a workshop evaluation form which has already been used at the Inner Child Workshop. The evaluation form is a good feedback tool for the workshops, containing both praise and areas for improvement so the workshops can continue to grow into excellent venues for recovery. Kira is working on systems for evaluation and survey tracking, and contacts and resources for workshops. She is developing recommended guidelines for facilitators to help the flow of workshops. The next workshop will be the ABCs of Sponsorship on March 21 from 2-3:30pm where there will be 4 speakers followed by Q&A and some readings from the BRB. Kira has a new email specifically for workshops: mbacaworkshops@gmail.com. In April, a Grief Workshop is in the planning stages.

Motion: (Elli/Renée) Dissolve the Workshop Coordinator Task Force (11-0-0)

- **Fun Task Force** – Shari reported the Fun Night Scavenger Hunt was a riot with 16 people attending. The Friday Barn Meeting has asked that the Fun Night be moved to Saturday night to avoid conflict with their meeting. The Task Force complied with this request and the next Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday March 13 from 7-8pm where we will be playing Zoom Scattergories. There will be an Irish theme in deference to St. Patrick's Day with extra points scored for Irish references in your answers. Patt expressed her gratitude for Fun Night and said this is exactly what this Intergroup needed. Cate added that April 17th will be Trivia Night so contact her for input on that event. The Fun Task Force will meet on March 2nd.
- Carol expressed gratitude that the workshops are being resuscitated. Shari shared there are plans to start a monthly Newcomers Meeting which will be included on the next Intergroup agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- The newsletter naming contest entries were shared in a poll and voted on by the voting members. The top three entries were: Service in Action, Happy Traveler, and Conscious Contact. The winner was "Conscious Contact" submitted by Rebecca J. Congratulations, Rebecca!

NEW BUSINESS

- The listing of meetings on the acamontereybay.org website includes meetings which do not have IGRs and are not members of the Monterey Bay ACA Intergroup. Discussion about whether or not to list these meeting on the website began but was tabled due to time constraints. This topic will be included under Old Business on next month's agenda.

Please send any agenda items to acamontereybay@gmail.com

Shari went around the Zoom room and asked each person to share in one word, "How do you have fun?"

Motion (Carol/Donna): Adjourn the meeting (11-0-0)

The meeting was closed at 3:31 with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée H.
Recording Secretary 3/2/21