

**MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday March 27, 2021 2:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 811 5940 7814 PC: 995074

**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"	Kira	X		1
CA971	THU 7:00 pm Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 pm Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Carol G	X		1
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	Jean S
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Clare			0	
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. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited and members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition, 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Shari welcomed the IGR's, officers, committee chairs and a visitor Jean S. 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.) 11 of 13 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Carol/Patt) Approve the minutes of the 2/27/21 meeting as written. (11-0-0)

**7th Tradition:** Shari announced the way to contribute to the Intergroup 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Venmo account is @clare\_treasurer.

## REPORTS

**Chairperson** - Shari shared her excitement about the many Intergroup activities. She received an email from a woman named Zoe who had asked to attend our May Intergroup meeting to present volunteer opportunities to our fellowship regarding the 2022 AWC to be held in San Francisco in April 2022. Zoe will give a brief presentation in May. The AWC Team is looking for volunteers in the following areas: Volunteer Coordinator, Accessibility Team, A/V and Website Team, Decoration Team, Entertainment/Fun/Thursday Evening Field Trip Team, Fundraising Team, Hospitality Team, House/Share/Accommodation/ Transportation Team, Literature Team, Merchandising Team, Printing Team, Program Development Team, and the Registration Team. The 2022 AWC will be held at the San Francisco Hilton in the Financial District.

**Vice Chairperson** – Carol had no report today.

**Secretary** – Renée had no report today.

**Treasurer** – Clare, who was absent today, sent in the Treasurer’s report and a summary of recent financial activities:

We made a donation to WSO for \$800.

We made \$73 in 7th Tradition at Sponsorship Workshop.

Our ending cash balance as of 3/21/21 is \$1,344.41.

Additionally, we have: \$65.56 in Outreach, \$56.41 in Events, \$150 in Travel, \$800 in Prudent Reserve.

We now have a new debit card.

**Motion:** (Renée/Donna) Audit/reconcile the Intergroup bank account. (11-0-0)

Carol and Shari volunteered to conduct the audit/reconciliation.

Clare’s email is [mbacatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mbacatreasurer@gmail.com) for all communication regarding the Intergroup Treasury.

**WSO Representative** – Carol reported the ABC Ballot Proposals voting results for our meetings were summarized and emailed to the IGRs affected. There were 34 voting responses from 10 meetings. Carol gave a live demonstration of how to submit the votes to the WSO. A link to the input site is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021\\_ABC\\_Ballot\\_English](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021_ABC_Ballot_English). Carol will be available to answer any questions about input of the group votes until the deadline of midnight March 31<sup>st</sup>. Her number is 831-706-0600.

### IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 6:00pm “Laundry Lists”**: Cate reported attendance is averaging 12-15. The group voted, as they usually do, to cancel their meeting on the night of the Potluck Speaker Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Cate asked Chris to please make a note on the website. Cate appreciates learning about the Flip Side of the Laundry Lists as these give people hope of recovery.
- **Monday 9:30am “ACA Scotts Valley” meeting**: Renée reported a \$200 donation to WSO was made and there are 12-15 in attendance each week. A new Secretary Kayla stepped up.
- **Monday 5:30pm “Stepping up in ACA”**: Beverle reported between 10-15 attendees. The meeting has a rotating format covering the Steps, Traditions, Strengthening My Recovery, and a speaker.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child”**: Evie reported attendance is low at 5-10 people. This is a hybrid meeting with a few people attending virtually from a local park.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm “Tony A Meditation”**: Jennifer reported 10-15 regulars attending. The meeting includes a 10-minute meditation.
- **Wednesday 9:30am “Serenity Seekers”**: Rebecca reported 25+ attending with a healthy 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. There has been discussion of anonymity regarding contributions via check. In April, a new Secretary will be starting and there was discussion about going back to alternating genders with the Secretary position, but there are fewer males attending currently.
- **Wednesday 6:00pm “Freedom from the Past”**: Patt reported stable attendance at 7-10. They read from the BRB.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”**: Kira is the new IGR for this meeting. It is open to all people identifying as female. It’s a BRB study with 15-20 in attendance. They have 2 co-secretaries and a new Treasurer and some newcomers that have returned.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”**: Carol reported there was a newcomer at the meeting last night. They have a rotating format throughout the month.
- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”**: Donna reported there are still 20-25 attending and the group has agreed to keep a contact list.

## Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 7:30pm Monday Night Book Study”
- Monday 7:00 pm “Authentic Men”
- Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”
- Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA @ UCSC”

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** – Jess is the temporary Host for the Literature Depot and she has informed Intergroup she can continue her service through April and would like the groups to keep announcing for a permanent Host. Carol is considering taking on the Depot and will let IG know when she has decided.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported lots of activity on the website with 2,700 hits so far in March, about 102/day and 536/week. If there are any changes to the Zoom meeting schedule, please send an email to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com). She received a letter from our website company Blue Host confirming our information. She forwarded it to the Secretary.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari shared the next Virtual Speaker Meeting, “Awakening to Wholeness,” will be on April 18 from 5:30-7pm. There will be a Sponsorship Corner immediately following the meeting, 3 speakers, and lots of fun. There is a flyer for the Potluck Speaker meeting on the website.
- **Outreach** – This committee is on hold. At the last meeting held, the topic of creating a Facebook page for our Intergroup was discussed and a member has since asked about the status of the Facebook page. Shari has volunteered to help with the administration of the page and has checked with the moderator of another ACA related Facebook group for information and guidelines. Volunteers are needed to continue development of this project. A temporary page could be presented at the next IG meeting if there is enough manpower. Jennifer expressed concern after watching a recent documentary (“The Social Dilemma”) about how social media affects people, especially addicted people, and she requested a more positive way to connect with other ACAs. The topic will be placed on next month’s agenda under New Business for further discussion and the IGRs were asked to bring this topic up at their groups and report back next month.
- **Inner Child Workshop** – Evie reported she has been asked when the next Inner Child workshop will be presented. She would be happy to facilitate this workshop again so Kira, Workshop Coordinator, and Evie will talk about possibly scheduling this again.
- **Retreat Committee** – No updates. The Retreat is on hold due to COVID-19.
- **Workshop Coordinator** – Kira said the “ABCs of Sponsorship” held last Sunday went very well with 45-50 attendees. It was publicized at the Step Study so several more people heard about it and attended. 12 evaluations were received and were all positive about the speakers and topics. Their favorite takeaway was, “There are no rules in ACA.” A grief workshop will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Pre-registration is required for this workshop starting April 2 through April 10. In May, a somatic inner child workshop involving art and movement will be offered. Kira brought up the possibility of having mini-workshops about an hour in length, for example, “How to be a Secretary.” Anyone interested can contact her by email at [mbacaworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:mbacaworkshops@gmail.com).
- **Fun Task Force** – Donna reported the last Fun Night’s Scattergories game was so much fun with 16 people participating. She used Rebecca’s lockdown camera to display the dice on the Zoom screen. Cate will host next month’s Fun Night on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm where we’ll play Triviarades – a combination of Trivia and Charades. The Fun Night Task Force meets this Wednesday at 4pm.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Meetings listed on the website:** Carol reported she has not been able to complete her research but is still working on contacting all the meetings for updates. One meeting, “Friday Freedom” in Los Gatos, has notified Intergroup they have closed. She will continue contacting meetings and report on her progress next month.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Polling for the ABC Ballot Proposals was performed so all voting IG members could vote on the 18 proposals. The results were: all but #15 got a “yes” vote. #15 got a “no opinion” vote. Results will be submitted to WSO by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- A delegate to the 2021 ABC was discussed. Carol, our WSO Rep, volunteered to attend the ABC and vote for our Intergroup.

**Motion:** (Renée/Cate): Carol to be the WSO Delegate for IG654. (11-0-0)

It was suggested the registration information for the ABC and the AWC be included in the minutes.

<https://www.acaworldconvention.org/> There is not a fee to register for the ABC or the AWC but there is a place to optionally make a 7th Tradition contribution. WSO wants people to be individually registered and not share their registration link with anyone.

Shari asked our guest, Jean S, if she would like to say anything to the group. Jean reported the “Circle of Hope” meeting on Saturdays at 4pm is doing well and the Thursday “ABCs of ACA” has 3-9 people attending. In May, these two meetings will discuss becoming hybrid meetings (Zoom and in-person).

Agenda items for next month so far include:

- Audio recordings of workshop and speaker meetings
- Discussion regarding an Intergroup Facebook page.

Please send any other agenda items to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com).

Shari went around the Zoom room and asked each person a question: “What seeds of service are you planting?” The group answered individually.

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

The meeting was closed at 3:27pm with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renée H.  
Recording Secretary 3/28/21