

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday April 24, 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	X		1
WEB0287	SUN 6:00 pm "Laundry Lists"	Cate			0
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	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		Jeannie	1
CA971	THU 7:00 pm Red Church "Serenity Seekers"				0
CA1313	FRI 7:15 pm Barn Studio "Friday Night ACA"	Carol G		Dottie	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			0	Paul
Secretary	Renée	X		1	Megan
Treasurer	Clare	X		1	
WSO Rep	Carol G			0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Website / Zoom	Chris	X			
Workshop Coordinator	Kira				
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Literature Depot Host	Jess				
Fun Task Force	Shari	X			

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:00pm. She announced this meeting was being recorded. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited and members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings, and the 4th Tradition, and 4th Concept. Shari welcomed the IGR's, officers, committee chairs and visitors. 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.) 12 of 13 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

Minutes:

Motion: (Beverle/Patt) Approve the minutes of the 3/27/21 meeting as written. (12-0-0)

7th Tradition: Shari announced the way to contribute to the Intergroup 7th Tradition Venmo account is **@Clare_treasurer**.

REPORTS

Chairperson - Shari reminded the group that Zoe from the San Francisco 2022 AWC Planning Committee will be attending our May Intergroup meeting to present volunteer opportunities to our fellowship.

Vice Chairperson – Carol is currently attending the 2021 Annual Business Conference as our IG654 Delegate.

Secretary – Renée requested that any visitors attending today's meeting please put their email in the chat if they wish to receive a copy of today's meeting minutes.

Treasurer – Clare presented the Treasurer's report and a summary of recent financial activities:

Our ending cash balance as of 4/24/21 is \$1,395.41.

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

Motion: (Donna/Evie) Accept the Treasurer's Report. (12-0-0)

When asked if Clare had done any research regarding starting a PayPal account for the Intergroup, Clare replied she had forgotten to do so and apologized. That information will be discussed at next month's Intergroup meeting. Shari spoke with a bank representative who said it would be feasible to have a PayPal account attached to our IG bank account.

Shari reported that Carol had audited the 2021 financial records for the Treasury, finding no discrepancies. The remaining 2 years of financial records will be audited soon.

Clare's email is mbacatreasurer@gmail.com for all communication regarding the Intergroup Treasury.

WSO Representative – Carol is currently attending the 2021 Annual Business Conference as our IG654 Delegate.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 3:30pm "Adult Loving Parent"**: Jazmin said the meeting is going well with co-Secretaries Mary Anne and Jennifer. Attendance is typically between 6 - 9 people.
- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Cate was absent.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA Scotts Valley" meeting**: Renée reported attendance is steady at 15-18 and Kayla is the new Secretary.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping up in ACA"**: Beverle reported attendance averaging 12. Joanie is the new Secretary and it's a wonderful meeting.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: Evie reported this is a hybrid meeting with a few people attending virtually from Ocean View Park (3-4 people). There is time for journaling or drawing and 5-10 attend virtually. There were 2 newcomers this month.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"**: Jennifer reported approximately 10 regulars attending. There were some newcomers from outside the area attending this month.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Rebecca reported 25-26 attending. Dottie is the current Secretary and her term is over at the end of April. The group voted to change their practice of alternating genders in the Secretary position due to fewer men attending.
- **Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"**: Patt reported average attendance is down to 8. It is a book study and there is a new Secretary Gary Z.
- **Thursday 5:30pm "Women in Recovery"**: Jeannie as proxy reported it is a heartfelt meeting studying the BRB with 12-15 attending. There are co-Secretaries and they had a couple of newcomers in April. The meeting is looking for a Literature person.
- **Friday 7:15pm "Friday Night ACA"**: Dottie as proxy reported there are 15-20 in attendance with a rotating format.
- **Saturday 9:00am "Heart Circle"**: Donna reported the meeting is going well with some new faces, and 20-25 attending.

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"

Clare gave an amendment to the Treasurer's Report: There is an open PayPal account using the email mbacamontereybay@gmail.com. The PayPal account was successfully tested during the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** – Jess, absent today, is the temporary Host for the Literature Depot. She will relinquish the service position at the end of April. Carol is considering taking on this role. Jess reported no sales for April. Use acamontereybay.org to order literature for the groups.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris received a bill from **bluehost** for 3 years of maintenance of our website and domain name in the amount of \$356.51. Chris could not foresee any reason why not to continue with **bluehost** for the next three years.

Motion: (Renée/Beverle) Pay the **bluehost** bill for \$356.51. (12-0-0)

Chris reported the website has been very active with 2,659 hits in April, 110 hits per day. When asked what a “hit” was, Chris replied when someone opens the webpage. We cannot determine the location of the inquiry but we can tell what the person accessed on the website.

- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari reported the Virtual Speaker Meeting went well with 51 people attending. Jeannie, Beth, and Jeff were the speakers. There was one newcomer at her first ACA meeting and she was gifted a piece of ACA literature of her choosing. The next Virtual Speaker Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18th. If you would like to speak or recommend a speaker, please email acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Workshop Coordinator** – Shari read Kira’s report as Kira was absent today. The “Grief Unraveled” workshop held on April 18th was filled, well received, and will be presented again June 13 as there were additional requests to attend. The next workshop is “The Somatic Inner Child” to be held on Sunday, May 16th from 1-3pm. A flyer is on the website. In July, a boundaries workshop is planned. Kira is seeking a facilitator for a workshop on “How to be a Zoom Secretary.” Contact her at mbacaworkshops@gmail.com. Shari said Kira is doing a great job at her new service position.
- **Fun Task Force** – Cate was absent today so Shari reported on the last Fun Night held April 10th where they played “Triviarades” with 20 people in attendance. It was fun and fabulous. Donna shared she can’t wait to have in-person Fun Nights. All were invited to attend the Fun Night planning meetings where Evie, Donna, Rebecca, Cate, and Shari plan future Fun Nights. The next Fun Night is May 8th where we will be playing “5 Things.”
A motion resulted from a subsequent discussion regarding task forces vs. committees.

Motion: (Renée/Donna) Establish a Fun Night Committee (12-0-0)

OLD BUSINESS

- Meetings listed on the website: Carol sent a report on the status of her efforts at contacting all the meetings listed on our website to determine if the meetings are on Zoom or closed. Monday Night Palo Alto Book Study lists no Zoom numbers. Jean S will follow up and report to Carol. Saturday 4pm Circle of Hope continues to be a closed Zoom meeting and is investigating going hybrid in July. Wednesday Palo Alto Book Study has held no meetings since March 2020 and will start up again when meetings are in-person. Saturday 10:10 San Jose Serenity Seekers has no IGR but is actively meeting on Zoom and is listed correctly on our website. Monday 7pm Authentic Men was not listed on Carol’s report. Jean S wanted to list the relatively new ABCs of ACA on Thursdays at 7pm on the website. She provided the Zoom information during the meeting: Zoom ID 823 1698 0902 PC 092020.

NEW BUSINESS

- Audio recordings of workshops and speaker meetings: Various members expressed opinions and concerns regarding the pros and cons of recording the workshops and speaker meetings. Discussion points included less vulnerable shares with recordings, archiving and maintenance of recordings, anonymity and privacy issues, distribution protocols, and audio only vs. video recordings. Several in the group were adamant about not recording these events. No motion was presented at this time as a result of the discussion, and then a visitor suggested that voting on a motion of no recordings would put this issue on the record. A friendly amendment regarding all workshops and Speaker Meetings that are put on by MBACA Intergroup was added and accepted and seconded.

Motion: (Evie/Jennifer) We do not allow recordings of Speaker Meetings and workshops sponsored by Monterey Bay ACA Intergroup. (12-0-0)

- Intergroup Facebook page: Discussion regarding concerns about starting and monitoring an Intergroup Facebook page ensued. Discussion points included needing a continuous monitoring of the page to ensure anonymity, compliance with parameters, and

content; setting up a task force to research the feasibility and work involved in setting it up and monitoring it; permanence of posts and no retractions; an information-only page without postings and directing inquiries to the website; increased exposure to Zoom-bombing with Facebook presence. Since the topic was originated in the Outreach Committee, it was suggested to return it back to Outreach. Shari asked for volunteers to re-start the Outreach Committee as there has been no Committee meeting since January. Jeannie, who was a former interim Chair on the Outreach Committee, explained that the Outreach Committee's purpose was introduce ACA to the public. The Committee did this through letters to professionals, informational flyers with website listings, outreach packets, publishing meetings in newspapers, and PSAs on local radio stations. Jennifer said she might be interested in being a volunteer on the Committee, but not in being the Chair. Shari said this discussion would be placed on Old Business on next month's agenda.

- New Business from the floor: Paul stated that this Intergroup could do the fellowship a service by coordinating the progress of transitioning meetings from Zoom to in-person. Intergroup could provide a forum to share about how the transition was going so that we could all benefit from the experience of others. Shari said this would go on next month's agenda for discussion.

Please send any other agenda items to acamontereybay@gmail.com.

Shari reminded the group that Zoe from the 2022 AWC Planning Committee would be our guest next month to present volunteer opportunities for the 2022 Annual World Convention in San Francisco.

Shari went around the Zoom room and asked each person to say one word about SERVICE.

Motion (Renée/Rebecca): Adjourn the meeting (12-0-0)

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Renée H.
Recording Secretary 4/25/21