

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

Saturday May 22, 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			0
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	X		1
CA1276	SAT 9:00 am Barn Studio "Heart Circle"	Donna		Annica	1

**Attendees: Officers, Committees and Visitors**

Title	Name	Present	Proxy	Votes	Visitor's Name
Chair	Shari	X		1	Paul
Vice-Chair	Carol G	X		0	Zoe
Secretary	Renée	X		1	
Treasurer	Clare			0	
WSO Rep	Carol G	X		0	
Committee	Chair	Present	Proxy		
Website / Zoom	Chris	X			
Workshop Coordinator	Kira				
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Literature Depot Host	Carol G	X			
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 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition, and 5<sup>th</sup> Concept. Shari welcomed the IGR's, proxies, 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.) 11 of 13 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

**Minutes:**

**Motion:** (Renée/Evie) Approve the minutes of the 4/24/21 meeting as written. (9-0-2)

**7th Tradition:** Shari announced the two ways to contribute to the Intergroup's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: Venmo @Clare\_treasurer and PayPal mbacatreasurer@gmail.com.

**REPORTS**

**Chairperson** - Shari yielded her report section to our visitor Zoe, a member of GEBACA (Greater East Bay ACA) Intergroup, who came today to present service opportunities for our fellowship to volunteer for before and during the 2022 Annual World Convention in

April 2022 in San Francisco. A flyer outlining the various service positions was presented for leads and fellow travelers including Volunteer Coordinator Team, Accessibility Team, A/V and Website Team, Decoration Team, Activities/Entertainment Team, Fundraising Team, Hospitality Team, House Share/Accommodations/Transportation Team, Literature Team, Merchandising Team, Printing Team, Program Development Team, and Registration Team. The flyer will be available on our website and sent out with the [Conscious Contact Newsletter](#) this month. Volunteers can contact Zoe directly at [holdfam@gmail.com](mailto:holdfam@gmail.com) or through the ACA SF Bay Area Intergroup at [acasfbayarea.org](http://acasfbayarea.org). A link to the convention website was shared: [tinyurl.com/sf2022](http://tinyurl.com/sf2022). This is where one can access service opportunities, merchandise, a FB group and sign up for the email list. So far, the most popular slogans on merchandise are "Talk, Trust and Feel" and "Actor not Reactor." Zoe asked that we take this information to our meetings to let the fellowship know of these exciting service opportunities and post the flyer on our Intergroup website.

**Motion:** (Renée/Carol) Post the 2022 AWC flyer on our website. (11-0-0)

**Vice Chairperson** – Carol reported on following up on the meetings with no IGR last month. She emailed someone attending the Authentic Men's meeting who said he would bring up the IGR open position at the next business meeting. The group wants to stay a part of Intergroup and have their meeting Zoom information listed on the website.

**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** – Claire was absent and submitted a written report. Contents of the report will appear later in these minutes.

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

**WSO Representative** – Carol reported on attending the 2021 ABC as our Intergroup's delegate. This was Carol's first ABC and she said it was a quite a 2-day event on Zoom. She submitted a written report and summarized that there were 96 voting delegates from 19 countries, with worldwide representation. Notable new member groups were from South Africa and India. The Trustees had already approved the international literature fund before the conference to assist new countries in supplying literature to members. There were 5 new female Trustees and they are still seeking one more Trustee from outside North America. All officers were recertified as well as committee chairs and new Trustees. Reports from all committees were given and a new publication "The Loving Parent Guidebook" should be available to order in July. Carol suggested making this book part of our Literature Depot. She also suggested the Delegate Binder be posted on our website. In next month's report, Carol will share the results of all the ballot proposal voting.

**Motion:** (Renée/Jeanne) Post the Delegate Binder and Carol's AWC report on the website. (11-0-0)

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

- **Sunday 3:30pm "Adult Loving Parent"**: Jazmin said the meeting has changed due to lower attendance of 3-5 people. Co-Secretaries Mary Anne and Jennifer are sharing duties. Jennifer added that the 6-month Secretary position will be open in June. This meeting needs support.
- **Sunday 6:00pm "Laundry Lists"**: Cate has not been attending this meeting and will be stepping down as IGR and is looking for a replacement. Shari and Carol are sharing Secretary duties and there were 5 newcomers last week. Correction of the time on the [adultchildren.org](http://adultchildren.org) meeting list was made.
- **Monday 9:30am "ACA Scotts Valley" meeting**: Renée reported attendance is steady at 14-18 and all is well with the meeting.
- **Monday 5:30pm "Stepping up in ACA"**: Beverle was absent.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm "Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child"**: Evie reported attendance is 5-8 and the meeting needs support. It has become a hybrid meeting and last week only 2 people showed up in person. Since the Church where it meets requires \$25/week rent payments, more attendance is needed for the meeting to be self-supporting.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"**: Jennifer said she had no report as she has not attended recently. Carol said they are looking for some help with the Secretary position as Kyle will be out of town during the summer.
- **Wednesday 9:30am "Serenity Seekers"**: Rebecca reported holding firm at 20-25 attending. Shari is the new Secretary. At the business meeting, the transition to in-person meetings was discussed and they are looking for a new larger meeting space. Service positions are all filled.

- **Wednesday 6:00pm “Freedom from the Past”:** Patt reported attendance was down to 5 last week. His meeting needs support. There is a new Secretary Gary and the format has changed to include a 5-minute silent period after reading the BRB. The group is discussing whether or not to continue reading Tony A’s 12 Steps or changing that reading.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”:** Jeannie as proxy reported attendance is holding steady at 8–12 women per week. They read the BRB and Elli is the new Secretary. Periodically, a newcomer shows up.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”:** Carol reported attendance is still strong with many regular attendees and a few newcomers. They use a rotating format as originally set up. The group needs help with the Secretary position occasionally, and Cate volunteered to help.
- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”:** Annica, as proxy, reported the meeting has grown in its 5 years from 4 to 20 attending currently. Newcomers show up occasionally and they have a great Secretary. No talk of in-person meeting as yet. They will be needing a Secretary and Zoom Host at the end of June.

**Treasurer’s Report**– Shari read Clare’s Treasurer’s Report. Highlights include: collected \$60 in 7th Tradition at *the Somatic Inner Child Workshop*, paid a year in advance for our website hosting, paid a year in advance for our Zoom account. We now accept PayPal ([mbacatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mbacatreasurer@gmail.com)) as well as Venmo ([@clare\\_treasurer](https://venmo.com/clare_treasurer)). Our ending cash balance as of 5/20/21 was **\$978.44**. Additionally, we have in reserve: \$65.56 in Outreach, \$56.41 in Events, \$150 in Travel, and \$800 in Prudent Reserve.

#### 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** –Carol is the new Host for the Literature Depot. She reported 3 sales in May since she took over and read the inventory: 7 BRB, 8 Workbooks, 6 Strengthening My Recovery, 5 Laundry List Traits workbook, and 4 Newcomer Booklets.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported hits on the website were a little lower in May with only 2200 so far, and there were 3380 in April. Currently there are 80-130 hits weekly.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari reported the next Virtual Speaker Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm and the theme will be “The Summer of Self Love.” There will be 3 speakers, fun, fellowship, and a Sponsorship Corner immediately following the Speaker Meeting. The flyer will be posted on the website later today. If you would like to speak or recommend a speaker, please email [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com).
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Kira was absent and did not submit a written report. Shari gave a report that the Somatic Inner Child Workshop went very well with 25 people attending. Feedback was fabulous and they collected \$60 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions. The next workshop will be a reprise of “Grief Unraveled” with preference given to those on the wait list and people who have not yet attended that workshop. The Somatic Inner Child workshop will likely be repeated due to its popularity. There will be a short 1-hour service workshop on “How to be a Secretary” coming soon. It was suggested by Annica that the workshops be offered at another time other than Sunday afternoons. Contact Kira at [mbacaworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:mbacaworkshops@gmail.com).
- **Fun Night Committee** – Cate said they have a lot of fun during the Fun Night planning meetings. Last Fun Night they played “5 Things” and there were 16 attendees. Rebecca reported the next Fun Night on June 12<sup>th</sup> will be “Movie Madness” which is a mix of improv theater and charades. There is a flyer on the website and bring your own popcorn!
- **Outreach Committee** – Last month’s meeting discussion on our local ACA’s social media presence yielded the idea to restart the Outreach Committee. Jennifer said she would like to participate but not Chair the committee. The Outreach Committee needs a Chair and more members, so please announce at your meetings. Jeannie was asked to provide a brief description of the Outreach Committee’s mission. Members are asked to email [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com) if interested in participating.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion on Intergroup’s Facebook page which was discussed at last month’s meeting will be transferred to the Outreach Committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Request for Intergroup to consider a “round table” forum discussion group for hybrid and in-person meeting transitions. Paul suggested this to coordinate what’s required in the different venues and what restrictions are present. He brought up the issue of insurance for meetings at certain venues and that perhaps the Intergroup or WSO might help with the payment of that insurance. He suggested a Facebook group to share the information discovered by each meeting as it moves toward in-person meetings again. Discussion followed and Shari suggested an open forum at 1pm just before the June Intergroup Meeting on Zoom to share information discovered about the in-person transition. She volunteered to conduct the meeting at 1:00. It was suggested to submit information via email to [acamontereybay@gmail.com](mailto:acamontereybay@gmail.com) if you are unable to attend this open forum. After more discussion, it was decided to email a Google form to our mailing list to gather information prior to the meeting next month. Carol, Cate, Paul and Annica volunteered to participate in constructing the Google form and they will meet independently. This topic will be placed on the June meeting agenda.

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

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

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renée H.  
Recording Secretary 5/23/21