

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 25, 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"	Peg	X	Jeannie	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"	Birch	X		1
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"				0
CA1373	WED 7:00 pm "ACA@UCSC"	Ava			0
CA1170	THU 5:30 pm Quaker Mtg House "Women in Recovery"	Kira			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
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	
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				
Workshop Coordinator	Open				
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Literature Depot Host	Carol G	X			
Retreat Committee	Jeannie	X			
Fun Task Force	Shari	X			

Opening: Shari opened the Zoom meeting at 2:01pm. She announced this meeting was being recorded and a banner was displayed to all participants. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited and members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings, the 9th Tradition, and 9th Concept. Shari welcomed the IGR's, committee chairs and there were no 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 voting members were present, meeting our one-less-than-2/3 quorum requirement of 8.

Minutes:

Motion: (Renée/Carol) Approve the minutes of the 8/28/21 meeting as written. (11-0-0)

7th Tradition: Shari announced the two ways to contribute to the Intergroup's 7th Tradition: Venmo @Clare_treasurer and PayPal mbacatreasurer@gmail.com.

REPORTS

Chairperson - Nothing to report.

Vice Chairperson –Nothing to report.

Secretary – Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Clare was absent and submitted the September Treasurer’s report. The balance in the account is \$1,265.19, not including a recent literature purchase of \$708.64 and the \$500.00 Retreat deposit. Reserves include \$65.56 for Outreach, \$56.41 for events, \$150 for travel and \$800 in prudent reserve.

Motion: (Beverle/Renée) Accept the Treasurer’s Report submitted for September 2021. (11-0-0)

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

WSO Representative – Carol submitted her final WSO Representative report as she is stepping down from this post after serving more than a year. This vacancy can be announced at meetings by the IRGs. Carol reported the new Loving Parent Guidebook has been a huge success with WSO working weekends to catch up on filling orders for the new book. A new 6-page study guide for the Loving Parent Guidebook will soon be available providing guidance on how to organize study groups around this new book. Ballot proposals for the 2022 ABC are being accepted and the deadline is September 30th. IRGs are encouraged to bring this information to their home meetings if members want to see changes in ACA worldwide.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports (given in reverse order this month):

- **Sunday 3:30pm “Adult Loving Parent”:** Jazmin said the meeting attendance is consistently 6-8 attending and runs for 1-1/4 hours. Sometimes the sharing time is extended to 4 minutes each to fill the time. They get an occasional newcomer.
- **Sunday 6:00pm “Laundry Lists”:** Jeannie as proxy reported the meeting reads and shares on a Laundry List Trait, including the Other Laundry List Traits, each week. There are 17-18 in attendance with 1-2 newcomers. Khyeira has nearly completed her 3 month term as Secretary, so the meeting is looking to fill this position.
- **Monday 9:30am “ACA Scotts Valley”:** Renée reported the meeting is consistently at 10-12 in attendance.
- **Monday 5:30pm “Stepping up in ACA”:** Beverle said attendance is a little lower due to the Bonfire and the summer months. Dottie is the new Secretary.
- **Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”:** Birch reported the meeting will resume its 2nd Monday of the month meeting in person at the outdoor Staff of Life Café. They have been discussing starting a Loving Parent Guidebook study group with 6 men indicating interest in this new book study. Birch expressed his gratitude for the technical expertise of the current and past Zoom hosts for this meeting going back online.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child”:** Evie reported this hybrid meeting last week had 5-7 in person and 3-5 online attendees. Masks are worn inside the church building.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm “Tony A Meditation”:** Jennifer reported the group attendance is 7-10 consistently. She will be stepping down as IGR for the group as she has taken on other service commitments, but she will serve until a replacement is found.
- **Wednesday 9:30am “Serenity Seekers”:** Rebecca said attendance hovers at 16-20. In their business meeting, it was voted to change the 7th Tradition donation split to 60% WSO and 40% Intergroup. The Secretary’s term ends in October. The Literature person is selling Loving Parent Guidebooks.
- **Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA@UCSC”:** Ava was not present today but Shari reported there were 4 attendees at the meeting this week. They are expecting an increase in attendance when UCSC resumes in late September and flyers are posted on campus.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”:** Kira texted in her report that 8-10 people are attending. They will need a new Secretary soon, and they are voting to add reading the 12 Steps to the meeting format.
- **Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”:** This meeting continues to need support.
- **Friday 7:15pm “Friday Night ACA”:** Carol reported the meeting is lovely with around 10 people attending and an occasional newcomer. The Secretary position is rotating each week along with the meeting format among 4 members consistently.
- **Saturday 9:00am “Heart Circle”:** Donna reported the meeting was back up to its normal attendance of 22 this morning. All is going well.

Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 7:30pm Monday Night Book Study”
- Wednesday 6:00pm “Freedom from the Past”
- Thursday 7:00pm “Serenity Seekers”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot** –Carol submitted the Literature Depot report. Current inventory is 4 BRB, 12 yellow workbooks, 6 Strengthening My Recovery, 9 Laundry List workbooks, 4 Loving Parent Guidebooks, and 37 Newcomer Booklets. An order for 20 Loving Parent Guidebooks will be placed soon to keep up with demand. Discussion followed, prompted by recent requests for selling books in different venues, about pricing of the books for both Intergroup Events and Non-Intergroup Events according to Carol’s recommendation:

Suggested Pricing for ACA Literature at Events	Non-IG Event	IG Event
BRB hardcover	15	13
Strengthening My Recovery softcover	10	10
Twelve Step yellow workbook	10	10
Laundry List Workbook	12	11
Loving Parent Guidebook	14	12
Newcomer Pamphlet	1.50	Free

Motion: (Renée/Donna) Adopt the above Suggested Pricing book sales at events. (11-0-0)

Background history on the beginning of the Intergroup and the Literature Depot was shared by Renée in answer to Donna’s questions about book pricing in the meetings.

- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris did not attend today’s meeting but sent in her report. Shari reported the website is averaging 2600-2800 hits/month, 90-100/week, and 86 average hits/day. Issues on the first page’s appearance of the website will be remedied as soon as Chris is able. The event flyers are accessible through the Events Calendar. Questions and website updates can be directed to acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari reported the next quarterly Speaker meeting will be on Sunday, October 17th and the theme is “Action Coming from Love.” There will be 3 speakers and a Sponsorship Corner immediately following the meeting at 7pm. If you would like to speak at future speaker meetings or recommend a speaker, please email acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Workshop Coordinator**–Open position. IGRs, please announce this open position at your meetings. Workshops continued monthly with a very successful September workshop (63 attended) on introducing the Loving Parent Guidebook. The next workshop will be October 10th at 2:00-3:15pm on “Boundaries,” presented by Carol. A flyer will be distributed soon and posted on the website. There will be no pre-registration for the “Boundaries” workshop.
- **Retreat Committee** – Jeannie’s report was emailed and will be posted on the website. The Committee positions have been filled with only 2 open positions – Beverages Coordinator and Bonfire Master. IGRs please announce this at your meetings. Evie volunteered to be co-Chair of Evening Entertainment along with Shari. Victoria volunteered to be the Hospitality Coordinator. Desi is revising the logo and flyer. If anyone is interested, please use mbacaretreat@gmail.com. The Retreat contract was signed and the deposit delivered on September 20th during a site tour. Prices were set at \$225 for the entire package and \$50 for Saturday only Commuters (food not included but available for purchase or BYO). Details of pricing and more information is being drafted for an online Information Page containing links to various waivers needed. Registration opens online November 1st. The next **Retreat Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, September 26th at 10:00am on Zoom ID 851 6351 4642 PC 145936**. All are welcome to attend and all attendees will be able to vote on the business at hand. The event flyer is in the final draft stages and Registration link opens November 1st. Both the workshop program and the flyer are in progress. The Committee will be meeting twice a month until the Retreat is held February 4-6, 2022. The next two meetings will be held October 10th and 24th at 10:00am on Zoom. Birch asked about the Retreat Center’s Covid protocols, and a link will be provided on the Information Page to explain them. A waiver will be available to read prior to registering for the Retreat.
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position. No Outreach activities this month to report.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari reported the last Fun Night was probably the best one yet playing “Name That Tune” with Paul as host. Join us for the next Fun Night on October 9th at 7pm. A flyer will be out shortly and posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- Shari gave a history of ACA literature study groups being sanctioned by the Intergroup on 9/22/2018 (Laundry List Traits) and 2/23/2019 (Step Study) so the flyers announcing these study groups could be posted on the website and the ACA logo could be printed on the flyer. She delineated the difference between Intergroup sponsored monthly workshops and Intergroup sanctioned literature study groups. Discussion followed about the workshops, including sanctioning an upcoming Step Study workshop. Everyone got their questions answered. Shari asked that two new Loving Parent Guidebook study groups (daytime and evening) be sanctioned by Intergroup.

Motion: (Shari/Renée) Monterey Bay ACA Intergroup sanctions the two upcoming 20-week Loving Parent Guidebook study groups. (10-0-0)

Motion: (Carol/Evie) Monterey Bay ACA Intergroup sanctions the upcoming 16-week Step Study. (10-0-0)

Flyers for all these groups will be posted soon on the website. Rebecca appreciated receiving the information about the different types of workshops and the Intergroup's criteria in selecting workshops. The group was reminded that the next Intergroup workshop will be on October 10th on "Boundaries."

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

Shari polled the group on "What is your favorite part of Fall?"

Motion: (Carol/Beverle): Adjourn the meeting (10-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée H.

Recording Secretary 8/29/21