

MONTEREY BAY ACA INTERGROUP IG# 654 MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, October 23, 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		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	Kay	1
CA1416	TUE 7:00 pm "Tony A Meditation"				0
CA 1169	WED 9:30 am Live Oak "Serenity Seekers"	Rebecca	X	Paul	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"	Jeannie	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	
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			
Workshop Coordinator	Open				
Potluck Speaker Meetings	Shari	X			
Literature Depot Host	Carol G	X			
Retreat Committee	Jeannie	X			
Fun Task Force	Shari	X			

Opening: Carol, filling in for Shari, opened the Zoom meeting at 2:01pm. The ACA Serenity Prayer was recited. Carol announced this meeting was being recorded. Members read aloud the Mission Statement, Commitment to Service, 10th Tradition, 10th Concept, and the Guidelines for ACA Business Meetings. Carol welcomed everyone 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: (Shari/Beverle) Approve the minutes of the 9/25/21 meeting as written. (10-0-1)

7th Tradition: Carol 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 October Treasurer’s report. The balance in the account is \$1,409.74, 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. Please email Clare if you have any questions about the Treasury.

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

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

WSO Representative – Open position. Shari mentioned that it will be important for this position to be filled, especially because the Annual Business Conference/Annual World Conference will be held in San Francisco in April 2022. Please contact Carol or Renée if you have any questions regarding this open position.

IGR (Intergroup Representatives) Reports:

- **Sunday 3:30pm “Adult Loving Parent”:** Jazmin reported last Sunday’s meeting attendance was 5, which was a little lower than normal. There are usually 6-10 attending this strong meeting where Chapters 8 & 15 are read from the BRB.
- **Sunday 6:00pm “Laundry Lists”:** Peg reported the meeting has a new Secretary (Jeannie) and she is supported by her tech team of Lorna and Carol. Peg expressed her thanks to these women and reported a few newcomers attending the meeting. Shari thanked this meeting for their October 7th Tradition contribution to Intergroup.
- **Monday 9:30am “ACA Scotts Valley”:** Renée reported the meeting has a core group of attendees and no newcomers this past month. She invited anyone to drop in and join them on Monday mornings at 9:30.
- **Monday 5:30pm “Stepping up in ACA”:** Beverle said attendance is a little lower due to competition with the Bonfire, but there is a loyal core group and the meeting continues to do well.
- **Monday 7:00pm “Authentic Men”:** Birch reported the meeting will resume meeting in person at the Quaker Meeting House. Every 2nd Monday, they have a social meeting at the Staff of Life Café. Two new small book study groups have sprung out of this meeting reading the Loving Parent Guidebook. They are doing a one-month trial reading a modified Serenity Prayer based on Step 2 and suggested stylistic changes mentioned in the Loving Parent Guidebook. The group will vote on adopting that prayer at the next business meeting. Here is the prayer: “Highest Power, thank you for the serenity to accept the people I cannot change. Thank you for the courage to change the one I can. Thank you for the wisdom to know that one is me.” Birch summarized at it is a solid meeting with vulnerable shares.
- **Tuesday 12:30pm “Inner Loving Parent-Inner Child”:** Kay, as proxy for Evie who is travelling, reported this hybrid meeting has had some newcomers, some of whom have stayed. Last Tuesday there were 3 Zoom attendees and 7 in person attendees, and there are usually 10-12 people attending. There is one tech savvy member who has managed to use the large screen in the Fireside Room to see the Zoom participants. Kay welcomes input after the meeting about any hybrid experience to enhance their meeting. They have recently imposed a 5-minute “after the meeting” time period when everyone sits in place and converses with the Zoom participants.
- **Tuesday 7:00pm “Tony A Meditation”:** This is an open IGR position. Carol reported there have been less than ten people attending which has made for a small and tight group with a wonderful meditation and readings from Tony A’s book.
- **Wednesday 9:30am “Serenity Seekers”:** Paul, as proxy for Rebecca who is travelling, shared attendance is healthy, even if it’s heavily gender skewed. The Secretary’s term is up in October and there was one newcomer last week.
- **Wednesday 7:00pm “ACA@UCSC”:** Ava was not present today. Beverle reported she had been contacted by the UCSC administration informing her of the availability of a number of meeting rooms on the 3rd Floor of the Bay Tree Bookstore building on campus. It’s possible for the meeting to start in person as soon as the group conscience allows. Requirements are the attendees must be vaccinated, wear masks, maintain 6-foot distancing, fill the room to only 80% capacity, and use hand sanitizer. It is unknown if the meeting will be a hybrid. Kay requested information on parking availability if the meeting goes back to in person.
- **Thursday 5:30pm “Women in Recovery”:** Kira resigned as the IGR. Jeannie is the newly elected IGR. Jeannie reported attendance was down last month with 7-9 attending, mostly from out of the area on Zoom. One newcomer attended last month and Jeannie would like this meeting added to the list of meetings needing support in the Conscious Contact newsletter.

The co-Secretary positions are open. This BRB study has great shares after reading each week. The meeting's 7th Tradition contributions are all going to WSO, so Jeannie will bring this up at the next business meeting.

- **Thursday 7:00pm "Serenity Seekers"**: This meeting continues to need support. Paul has been the Secretary for about 6 months and they continue to struggle with five people attending last week. The meeting has been mentioned in the Conscious Contact newsletter and Paul asked that it continue to be listed as needing support.
- **Friday 7:15pm "Friday Night ACA"**: Carol reported the meeting has dipped in attendance to 9-10 and is considering moving back into the Barn at their next business meeting after researching what rules might apply to in person meetings held there.
- **Saturday 9:00am "Heart Circle"**: Donna reported the meeting was at its lowest attendance today that she remembers. They will be electing new service positions at the end of the year. It's a well-loved meeting and they recently donated 7th Tradition funds to Intergroup.
- **Monthly Bonfire Meeting "Whether or Not"**: The Bonfire Meeting voted to start meeting twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 6:00pm at Twin Lakes Beach at the end of 7th Ave. It was mentioned that there is concern that this meeting conflicts with the 7:00pm and the 5:30pm Monday meetings.

Meetings with no current IGR:

- Monday 7:30pm Monday Night Book Study"
- Tuesday 7:00pm "Tony A Meditation"
- Wednesday 6:00pm "Freedom from the Past"
- Thursday 7:00pm "Serenity Seekers"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Literature Depot**—Carol reported she has sold 16 Loving Parent Guidebooks in October. The current inventory is 6 BRB, 9 yellow workbooks, 6 Strengthening My Recovery, 8 Laundry List workbooks, 8 Loving Parent Guidebooks, and 33 Newcomer Booklets. She mailed out 4 Newcomer Packets this month. It was an active month in the Literature Depot.
- **Website/Zoom Committee** – Chris reported an average of 2400-3000 hits on the website in the month, a daily average of 80-100 hits. Her term as Webmaster will be up in December. Several members reported not being able to find today's Intergroup Meeting on the website Calendar, so Chris will research this. Renée reported that there is a new Retreat Information Page linked to the website providing pricing and other information about the Retreat. Shari suggested having a notice of the Retreat on the opening page of the website. Questions and website updates can be directed to acamontereybay@gmail.com.
- **Virtual Speaker Meeting** – Shari thanked Renée for filling in during the last Virtual Speaker Meeting on October 17th as she was travelling. All speakers finished early, so there was time for sharing before the Sponsorship Corner. The next Virtual Speaker Meeting will be Sunday, January 16th, 2022. 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. Shari reported Carol did an excellent job at presenting the Boundaries Workshop this month and the evaluations showed high marks. Carol learned about managing breakout rooms on Zoom and hopes to present that workshop again in the future. She thanked Shari for her support with the workshop. We are looking for someone to step forward to host a workshop in November or December on dealing with the holidays. Please email mbacaworkshops@gmail.com with your ideas.
- **Retreat Committee** – Jeannie said the Information Page on the website looks wonderful and contains important Notes about Commuters being allowed to bring their own food or eat with the group, bedding will not be provided, and no refunds will be made. If someone is registered and unable to attend, it will be up to the registrant to find a replacement and inform the Registration person of the substitution. There are still two positions open on the Retreat Committee: Beverage Coordinator and Bonfire Master, both easy to execute positions. Job descriptions for these are located on the website. The Registration link to register will open December 1st, which has been changed from November 1st. A second flyer containing the new logo will be posted on the website soon. The next **Retreat Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, October 28th at 1 pm on Zoom ID 851 6351 4642 PC 145936**. All are welcome to attend. The Committee voted to open a separate checking account to segregate funds from Intergroup funds and Shari (Treasurer) and Renée (Registration) are co-signers on this account. The program is still in development. We are currently looking of a Journaling facilitator and suggestions should be sent to Jeannie at jeaniemac40@gmail.com.
- **Outreach Committee** – Open position. No Outreach activities this month to report.
- **Fun Night Committee** – Shari reported the last Fun Night was the game "Read My Lips" and it was harder to play on Zoom than they thought it would be and attendance was down. The next Fun Night will be the 2nd Saturday in November on November 13th and the game will be determined at the next Committee meeting and posted on the website Calendar.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion was held about the Triple Winners Meeting (AA, Al-Anon, ACA) held Tuesdays at 5:30pm that is listed under the Announcements Section of the website. This meeting has now been listed as a “closed” AA meeting, not allowing anyone who is not an alcoholic to attend.

Motion: (Renée/Kay) Remove the Triple Winners Meeting listing from the acamontereybay.org website. (11-0-0)

Kay asked how the proof of vaccination status at the proposed UCSC in person meeting would be determined. Beverle will follow up and find out.

Paul asked if an orientation would be available for incoming IGRs which might be a factor in recruiting for next year’s IGRs. Carol said she is prepared to offer IGR Orientation when needed, either one-on-one or as a group.

Shari said there are two new meetings happening in our area that are not listed on the website meeting schedule, not all of which have a WSO registration number. This shows the need for an Outreach Committee to contact these meetings. She asked that this subject be on the agenda at next month’s Intergroup Meeting.

Paul asked if Intergroup might have something to offer struggling meetings besides the “Conscious Contact” newsletter announcement, specifically identifying what makes a successful meeting and any suggestions from the IGRs. He asked that this be placed on the agenda at next month’s Intergroup Meeting.

Birch asked that the conflicting meeting times for the Monday evening meetings be placed on the agenda at next month’s Intergroup Meeting. He thinks that communication has been inadequate and wants feedback on this subject. He thinks having multiple meetings at the same time feels divisive.

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

Carol polled the group what’s your favorite thing about the rain?

Motion: (Shari/Beverle): Adjourn the meeting. (11-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renée H.

Recording Secretary 10/24/21