

ACA Monterey Bay Intergroup Retreat Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, 5/2/25 10:00-11:13am

Present: Evie, Carol, Beverle, Shari, Jeannie, Renee, Dottie

Evie suggested we record the meeting with the intention to use the Zoom automated transcription. Carol started the recording to her computer. Transcription is an 'account' setting on zoom (which had not yet been set).

Evie opened the meeting with the ACA Serenity Prayer

April 25 minutes were approved Motion by Beverle/Renee Unanimous

Old Business –

- **We agreed to do a ceremony with the dissolving bowl**
- **What to name the bowl**
 - “Letting Go” was chosen with 6 out of 7 in favor
- **Program / timeline for the day:**
 - Shari shared the schedule she is working on to inform the facility what to do when
 - We discussed possibly having coffee outside the Gazebo if it could be there for early but not replenished. Main coffee location in Lower CE that will be replenished throughout the day.
 - Note: We are NOT to go into the dining hall to get coffee (only at lunch time)
 - No decision was made to have a second coffee set up
 - Shari shared a schedule for the committee to do at what time. Question whether to have a 7am centering prayer together was not settled.
 - Reviewed timeline between icebreaker and workshops. Need to make sure we wrap up so people can get to workshops on time.
 - Jeannie mentioned when she circulates the contact list, she will also talk up joining the retreat committee for future retreats.
 - Shari mentioned weather prediction is temp in 70's
 - While 7th Trad basket is being passed people can start writing their items on the dissolving paper.
 - Bowl ceremony will be done in Lower CE. Bowl and papers will be placed on 2 tables to be placed on the wall by the side exit for this in the afternoon after the dividing walls are down and most of the tables have been removed. Bowl can be placed after lunch. People can find the paper and write at one of the tables. Because the paper is fragile it can't be carried around by participants during the day. Since the bowl is big, 2 people could approach, one from each side, and drop in their papers.
- **Welcome and readings timeline**
 - Evie presented timeline 9:25-9:45 includes welcome, Serenity Prayer, reading only The Solution, explaining the day. Welcome: Evie; Prayer, Reading, Jeannie: Facilities 2 minutes; Shari: Program 2 minutes.
- **Writing implements**

- Renee has pens she is bringing for registration; confirmed these can be used for writing on dissolving paper.
- **Raffle donations** - participants bringing donations need to bring them to Lower CE
- **Future retreat** Beverle
 - Another retreat? Too late to get on anyone's calendar this year per Jeannie. We could have Upper CE on Sat Oct 11 (a Saturday)
 - Voted: once a year only unanimous.
 - Voted: would we return to Redwood Glen? 6 out of 7 say yes
 - If we want to go somewhere else we need to get started now; Redwood Glen won't schedule that far in advance but others with repeat customers give preference to repeat events
- **Map** - Carol displayed an updated map including First Aid Kit and Lost & Found (in Lower CE). Members suggested blocking out extraneous items (pellet range etc.). Carol to make changes and email.
- **Program** – Evie had sent a draft and will make changes over the weekend and send a revision
- **Email to registrants** - Carol will work with Evie to send with schedule, map, advice about don't get coffee in the dining hall
- **Registration** – Carol reported 58 are registered and all have paid

Next meeting Friday, May 9 at 10:00am

(Any urgent decisions can be made via email)

Evie closed the meeting at 11:13 with the Unity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carol G. May 5, 2025