

**Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup
June 22, 2019
Minutes**

Attendance: Barbara, Concord; Shari, Fremont; Starr, Fremont; Tim, Danville; Paul, Berkeley; Joe, Oakland; Michelle, Concord; Robin, Benicia; Sarah, Rio Vista.

- A. Open with ACA Serenity Prayer
- B. Barbara read the opening readings, GEBACA Mission Statement, intergroup purpose, tradition six, tradition six meditation, and concept VI.
- F. Approval of today's Agenda and May's minutes
- H. Recruitment efforts to fill Vice Chair and Event Officer
 - a. Head Hunting strategies for 2020 Board
 - i. Discussion on ongoing recruitment efforts. Paul from the events position will not be with GEBACA next month. Barbara will send out a list of the roles and responsibilities with the contact information of the officers of GEBACA. The list should also include how much time is spent on these positions. This would allow an interested member to contact the officers for more information and clarify the role and dispel fear.
 - ii. Continued announcements at meetings
 - iii. See website under "About Us" for description of roles and responsibilities
 - iv. Paul discussed what the role of the Events Chair is and stressed that it is more of a coordinator position, like working with the home groups for the speaker meetings. This position should be a team approach.
 - v. Barbara voiced concerns that no one is stepping up for Vice Chair. If no one does, there is no GEBACA. Barbara stressed the spirit of rotation and to ask people at their home groups at their business meetings for people to do service outside of their home groups.
 - vi. Build a pitch on the website. "there is a lot going on, this is a very active intergroup", maybe do a video for the website. Michelle offered to help with a pitch for the July Speaker meeting. She will videotape her pitch and send it to Paul and or Barbara.
 - vii. Have officers talk about the positions at the speaker meeting, emphasizing service in ACA.
 - viii. Good discussion on ACA focus of self-care. Member suggested pitching service as a pathway to growth and self-care once a person has had some growth through step work. Service is a great way to get out of isolation. WSO committee also noted the self-care focus in ACA holds us back as a community from being productive.

I. Trusted Servant's Reports

- 1. Literature Report
 - a. Carmen has book inventory of \$847, ship inventory of \$420, sales of \$1021. and, purchasers of \$453.73. Great job Carmen and Mike in selling books!
- 2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Monthly Reports. Cathy is not available. Deferred until next month.
 - b. Liability Insurance with Acord cost \$315- adding Directors and Officers for \$1,000,000 coverage is an additional \$262.50 - expires 7/13/19. Voted yes to the additional insurance unanimously by all members. Barbara will work with Cathy to renew our insurance policy and add this additional coverage.

3. **Communication Report**
 - a. **Updating Contact List.** Zoe sent out updated contact list. Corrections have been made. It is a challenge if you are not the contact person trying to change the contact information due to security. It is vital to have an updated contact person for the newcomer reaching out to ask if meeting is active. Joe mentioned that in his group, they made the intergroup the contact person, and this position rotates.
4. **Website Report**
 - a. **Possible hiring a website assistant.** Starr exchanged emails with Jim (WSO webmaster). They also use word press. They use Shopify and they still need some connection for exchanging monies like PayPal. Jim said that you can have a generic PayPal and Starr is asking him more about that. Tim said his friend that owns a small company and they use Strip and he said that it was user-friendly. Starr will look into this as well.
 - b. **E-commerce – Starr is working with Jim.** Jim helped SF ACA retreat with PayPal setup to a generic account.
 - c. **Marcus did not get trained yet.**
5. **Events/Activities**
 - a. **Fellow Traveler Workshop Proposal**
 - i. **Zoe, Marcus and Barbara discussed workshop via email.** Suggested to call it a co-sponsorship workshop. Discussed the comments by attendees. Barbara mentioned that there was a difference in opinion about whether to do a suggested donation versus 7th tradition. Motion made and passed to keep suggested donation for workshop with explanation of what the cost is on the flyer to put on the event.
 - ii. **Discussion about having a meeting format in the workshop.** Suggested to have a statement of how to behave with the conversations, i.e., be loving and respectful, but leave out the crosstalk statement because this would stifle engagement. Motion made to read a brief description of what ACA is and that shares should be loving and respectful, start the workshop with a prayer and end with a prayer. Starr added that we should say “feel free to share your experience at the workshop, but respect the anonymity of the people who speak here.” Motion approved.
 - iii. **Barbara suggested reading the affirmations on ACA sponsorship.**
 - iv. **Zoe found ACA members from SF that may be interested in presenting.**
 - v. **The dates available are Sept 7, Sept 21 and Oct 19th.** Barbara, Zoe, and Marcus will come up with a date and presenters.
6. **Intergroup Rep Updates**
 - a. **Berkeley Sunday looking to make a contribution.**
 - b. **Oakland struggling with filling service position.** Members are wondering why they are volunteering for a speaker meeting. They wanted feedback from the intergroup. Communicate back to Oakland that intergroup is putting it on and groups can volunteers. A member suggested ACA members get a service sponsor for guidance and support.
 - c. **Rio Vista had their anniversary celebration.** Small group, very active, and have recently added a meditation just prior to the meeting.
 - d. **Fremont voted on a quarterly speaker/potluck meeting**
 - e. **Concord decided to read the COMLINE from WSO on predatory behavior in meetings as part of their book study.** Have a preamble of why they are reading it- safety in meetings. It is the COMLINE for March on the WSO website.
7. **WSO June meeting report**
 - a. **How to Approach Addressing Predatory Behavior?**

- i. WSO is having town hall meetings getting feedback on this from groups.
- ii. Creates Safety meetings
- iii. Some examples of predatory behavior, people trying to sell you things, someone wanting to be everyone sponsor, sexually inappropriate behavior.
- iv. Barbara recommended members read the COMLINE on WSO website and bring it to your meetings.

F. Quarterly Speaker Meetings

1. July 13, 2019

- a. Location - Oakland Kaiser
- b. Updates
 - i. Barbara has utensils
 - ii. Paul will send out a Google doc spreadsheet with volunteer opportunities. Still need more.
 - iii. Paul has stand-alone speakers.
 - iv. Raffle prizes- need the \$50 from intergroup. Suggested Target or Whole Foods. Having a few people help with raffle would be best.
 - v. Barbara will get the readers.
 - vi. Paul will send an update regarding parking to be added to flyer. There is street and covered parking.

2. October 12, 2019

- a. Facility - John Muir Concord
- b. Speakers
- c. Host groups

Next Meeting: July 27, 2019 Time: 10:30-12noon

Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

If you are unable to join in person, join by Phone: Call 855-880-1246 and use Meeting ID 919 237 0898. Or join via the ZOOM App: 919 237 0898
