

Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup

July 27, 2019

Attendance: Barbara, Concord; Shari & Starr, Fremont; Michelle, Concord; Tim, Danville; Joe, Oakland; Carmen, Concord; Efrosini, Stockton; Rene, Stockton; Robin, Benicia

- A. Open with ACA Serenity Prayer and Introduction
- B. GEBACA Mission Statement, Tradition seven, tradition seven meditation, and concept VII were read.
- C. Review and Approval of today's Agenda
- D. Review and Approval of June Minutes
- E. Recruitment efforts to fill Vice Chair and Event Officer
 - a. Head Hunting strategies for 2020 Board

- i. Actually going up to people and ask them to be of service to the meeting. We are doing great work but have to rotate. We have to have the spirit of rotation. Make service position list available in groups. Discuss the benefits and losses if Intergroup closes. ACA self-care progresses to giving. We are growing from hurting, to healing, to helping. After members get some time and step work in the program, then they can be of service that is from a place of healthy love.
 - ii. Have a speaker meeting focus on service at the home groups

I. Trusted Servant's Reports

1. Literature Report

- a. Carmen has \$557.00 in literature. \$86.00 worth of Spanish literature. Mike's literature 216.00. Chip inventory is \$520.00. Total for book inventory \$859.00. Total in literature and chip sales is \$416.00. Literature and chip purchases WSO \$544.07.
- b. No changes to the prices. We are able to ship to individual home, but the purchase to be a minimum of \$100.00, which would be a total of \$140.00 from Intergroup. Some groups order straight from WSO. Starr looking into to getting Shopify
 - i. Can be sent to any mailing address by Literature Officer

2. Treasurer's report – May and June

- a. Cathy is on vacation. Barbara has gotten over \$800.00 in monthly contribution. We have over \$5000.00. Barbara suggested sending monies to the WSO. She will talk to Cathy.
- b. Rent for next quarter will be paid
- c. Carmen mentioned having a free books at the speaker meeting to those who can't afford
- d. Have a standard as a beginner's packet.
- e. Literature is donation-based in Oakland group
- f. Barbara suggested having the literature person from intergroup use judgment to give book to those in need.
- g. Suggested to have a reserve for groups needing support, i.e., meeting starter kit that includes books, rent, etc.

3. Communication Report

- a. Updating Contact List.
 - i. New meeting started in San Pablo, June 5th. Small meeting and meets Tuesday at 1030am. Barbara will add to the contact list.

4. Website Report

- a. Possible hiring a website assistant. Barbara will ask Sharon who is in ACA to do website part-time. She is looking for website work and is doing things for WSO website. Starr will quantify time spent on website and group will set a time frame for work to be budgeted for.
- b. E-commerce. Starr set up a pseudo shopify account; it still requires SSU, name, and DOB to sign-up. Cost is \$29 per month. Can't use tax ID number for intergroup. Barbara will tell Cathy to close Wells Fargo. Carmen agreed to give Starr her personal info (SSU, DOB, and name) and it was agreed to start to use Shopify. Starr will get the account going.
- c. Update Meeting list on website- San Pablo meeting and change **time** for the Pleasanton ~~for Wednesday~~.
- d. Add Newcomer information from WSO website to GEBACA website. Can we have a link to newcomer info from WSO?
- e. On the area where we have disbursements to the Region, place "make checks payable to Greater Western USA Region."
- f. Clean up flyers that are old on webpage.
- g. Revisit and disperse content on front page. Starr will talk to Cathy.
- h. Adding a search box
- i. Suggestion to have literature form as a live document to fill it out and email it to Carmen directly

5. Events/Activities

- a. Fellow Traveler Workshop Revised Proposal
- b. November 10th Sunday. 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Oakland Kaiser Conference Rooms. We have 2 speakers, looking for a 3rd person. Focus is fellow traveler and co-sponsor. The script has been put together. Suggested donation to cover expenses such as printing costs. Kaiser is free, should look into a donation to Kaiser. Zoe would like to have flyers for the next speaker meeting, and info about GEBACA.
- c. Suggested to talk about service position opportunity at the workshop.
- d. Paul said to be prepared that sometimes other groups will say they have the conference room. Kaiser sometimes has events and will ask 12 step groups to go somewhere else. Barbara will mention this to Zoe and Marcus.
- e. Suggested to tell people to take pictures of a nice colorful copy of a flyer, but also refer people to GEBACA website.
- f. Starr suggested having a QR code at the bottom of the flyer. Scan to take you to the website.

6. Intergroup Rep Updates

- a. Concord- using Com-line on predatory behavior for their meetings to bring awareness of safety issues in ACA. Barbara will send it out. You can also get it online at WSO. They will read a preamble that they voted on each meeting. Sponsorship talk once a month after the meeting.
- b. Renee in Stockton, people are on vacations, optimistic. They would like to find Spanish speakers.
- c. - Efrosini, about 10 women, had a newcomer come. Working on a yellow book.
- d. Tim - Alamo - almost one year in new venue. Going strong. They should be able to make a contribution to WSO and Intergroup in the near future.
- e. Robin - Benicia. Finishing up the yellow book for the second time and discussing doing something different. Will bring up using the Com-Line.
- f. Joe- Oakland- appreciated the speaker meeting. Joe said it helped to bring awareness that intergroup is here. They ask for a raise of hand if anyone is currently sponsoring, is a sponsee, or engaged in co-sponsorship to encourage sponsorship in the meeting. ~~If anyone has~~
- g. Fremont - wrapping up Step Study. Stayed with 12 people. Regular meeting going strong.
- h. Paul - Berkeley, doing well 25-35 people. Issues with people asking for

business help; interested in Com-line to create boundaries.

7. WSO July meeting report

- a. Make checks payable for the region – Greater Western USA Region
- b. Put this information on the GEBACA website

F. Quarterly Speaker Meetings

1. July 13, 2019

- a. Review event. Wonderful event. Thanks to Joe for communication. Great turn out. Learned lessons, no meeting level buy-in for responsibility to bring things. Should intergroup provide things if groups do not or are not able. Kaiser was helpful. Group voted and approved \$50 donation to Kaiser. Paul will send out address to Barbara.
- b. Fellowship break was appreciated after first speaker
- c. Suggestion to record. Some speakers would not want to be recorded. Place on the agenda at a later date.
- d. Suggested to announce that it will not be recorded

2. October 12, 2019

- a. Facility – John Muir Concord
- b. Speakers. Barbara will reach out to Cathy regarding speakers.
- c. Host groups .

C. Announcements

- a. Update on the SF Exploratory Committee bid for the Annual Meeting in the bay area for April 2021. Barbara is looking into Pleasant Hill as a possible location. Barbara would like to be co-chair for this if it is approved for the Bay area.
- b. Barbara will be calling in for the August meeting. Approved for all members to do a zoom call.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2019 Time: 10:30-12noon

ZOOM Meeting information: Phone: Call 855-880-1246 and use Meeting ID 919 237 0898. Or join via the ZOOM App: 919 237 0898
