

Minutes
Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)
January 23, 2021 10:30am-12 noon

Meeting Agenda

A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions

Present Shari K-Chairperson; Carmen B-Treasurer; Marcus H-Secretary; Jeremy C-Webmaster; Carol L-Communications Officer and IGR Brentwood Wed 6pm; Stephanie-Events & Activities Officer and H & I Officer; Hannah J-Young People Liaison; Rene'-IGR Stockton Spanish Mon 4:30pm; Zoe H-IGR Oakland POC Tues 4pm; John F-IGR Oakland Thurs 7pm; Jim R-IGR Benicia Fri 6:30pm; Chris E-IGR Fremont Thurs 7pm

Present after Introductions Samantha-Vice Chairperson; Denise PC-Public Information Officer; Dean P-Literature Officer; Efrosini-IGR Stockton Spanish Sat 9am

B. Review and Approval of January Agenda

Motion to approve-Marcus H. Approved by unanimous consent

C. Review and Approval of Annual Meeting and November Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve-Hannah J / Second-Marcus H. Approved by unanimous consent

D. Trusted Servant's Reports

1. GEBACA Chair Report

WSO January Board Meeting

- a) The 2021 ABC/AWC will be entirely online.
Annual Business Conference-Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th
ACA World Convention - Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd
2022 ABC/AWC will be at the San Francisco Hilton, Financial District.
It will likely be hybrid face to face/online
- b) Ballots are out for 2021 ABC Proposals. Voting will be from February 15 through March 31.
Town Halls will be held:
Sunday, January 24th – Proposals 7 through 13
Monday, February 1st - Proposals 1 through 4 plus 6,
Saturday, February 6th - Proposals 5, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
See the ACA/WSO website events calendar for Zoom information for each one.
- c) IT Committee looking for a part time special worker. If interested email websserver@adultchildren.org
- d) Ad hoc Committee for Representation, Equity, and Accessibility has a lot of activity.
- e) Public Services Committee, Jim B chair, was kind of inactive however with the addition of a new member from GEBACA they are going to have more frequent meetings and more activity.
- f) Member Services Committee Teen subcommittee is doing a lot of outreach.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a) November Profit and Loss Report (screen shared by Treasurer)

Total Expenses \$ 50.69

Net Income \$ 302.31

Cash on hand in Wells Fargo Account \$6331.53

Motion to accept report-Jim R / Second-Shari K. Passed by unanimous consent

b) December Financial Report

Profit Loss

Total Income \$455.08

Total Expenses 17.28

Net Income \$437.80

Cash on hand in Wells Fargo Account \$6,769.33

Motion to Accept Report-Denise PC / Second-Zoe H. Passed by unanimous consent

c) Donations from the January Quarterly Speaker Meeting

9 donations for \$128 total

d) Report on Insurance

Report was moved to Old Business for discussion.

3. Literature Report

Literature Officer not present at time of report

4. Communication Report

a) An updated GEBACA Communications List with the new officers was sent out.

People have sent in changes and a corrected list will be emailed out.

b) A town hall on 2021 ABC ballots will be held tomorrow with others coming up in February.

c) New meeting "Becoming Your Own Loving Parent"

Thursdays, from 6-7PM starting Jan. 7th WEB meeting

5. Website Report

Webmaster shared screen.

A new column had been added to the Regular Meetings Page with an embedded online link to a page with meeting information and a link to go online to the meeting. Proposal to change the Covid Online Meeting Page and use a 12 Step plugin that provides a way to filter so it displays by day, location etc: <https://wordpress.org/plugins/12-step-meeting-list/>. An example was shown from another website:

<https://aca-arizona.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any>

Motion to add the links to the regular meeting list and update Covid Online List to use the 12 Step plug-in with filter. Motion-Jeremy C / Second-Shari K. Passed by unanimous consent

6. Events/Activities Report

a) 2021 Quarterly Speaker Meetings (QSM)

1a) January 9, 2021 Summation hosted by Danville and Concord. Vice Chairperson reported an ACA anniversary countdown was held. There's a possibility of singing happy birthday next time. People attended from all over, including Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Colorado. The Events & Activities Officer co-chaired the event. The 2 main shares ended about 7:15pm so there was time for 3-minute individual shares. Attendance at its highest point was 82 people which is the most we have had at a QSM.

There was discussion about asking people to always have their video on, wearing headphones and having a reading on addressing predatory behavior. People were asked to take these questions back to their meetings to get feedback. We could then discuss them at our next meeting.

2a) April 10 QSM will be hosted by Fremont

b) Public Information Officer gave a report on the WSO Public Services Committee meeting

she attended. They had discussed doing ACA plugs on the radio and outreach to therapists, the Spanish speaking community, and other 12 step programs.

Motion that the Public Information Officer monitor the <information@gebaca.org> email and respond to inquiries. Motion-Shari K / Second-John F. Passed by unanimous consent

- c) The Young People Liaison will attend meetings this weekend with people who may be interested in starting a Young People's Meeting.

7. Intergroup Rep Updates

- a) Fremont Thursday 7pm Clothesline Group reported that on the 3rd Thursday they use the Inner Parent Workshop format and are exploring different ways to do introductions.
- b) Fremont Saturday 9:30am The Breakfast Club reported they extended their end time from 10:30 to 10:45. The Webmaster reported he had added that to the website meeting listing.

E. Old Business

Whether to Continue Liability Insurance for Face to Face Meetings

Discussion: This was raised last year when we were in the red. We are doing much better this year. Some meetings are meeting face to face now and with the vaccine more may be meeting in-person again soon. There was a question if the liability insurance covers online meetings.

Motion to keep insurance in place as is. Motion-Shari K / Second-John F. Passed by unanimous consent.

F. New Business

1. GEBACA 2021 Goals

- . Continue to use Intergroup Group Inventory data to guide our work.
- . Begin Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information and Youth outreach programs. We are looking at public service, H&I and youth outreach.with our new officers.
- . Help provide study group and sponsorship resources.
- . Increase diversity representation
- . Continue to use GEBACA Mission Statement to guide our work in preparation for Annual Meeting

We want to do a GEBACA workshop this year. WSO website will be looked at for possible topics. The possibility of including other 12 Step groups in the workshop was discussed. Shari K, Jeremy C, Stephanie and Samantha will work on gathering information on workshop topics.

The takeaway was that we gather ideas in the next couple weeks then come up with 3 or 4 to introduce to the groups so that they can give us a group conscience on which topics are preferred. It will be decided at the February GEBACA meeting what our workshop will be.

2. WSO 2021 Ballot Proposals

IGR's are encouraged to take the ballot proposals to their groups. They can be found on the WSO website and the Chair has them in an email.

3. Paypal/Venmo accounts

Discussion: Treasurer at WSO has Venmo and Paypal. Venmo requires social security number which could be a problem when we change officers. Paypal allows nonprofit accounts; an official GEBACA account could be set up. Venmo does not allow non-profit accounts;they point customers to Paypal and are owned by Paypal. Venmo allows 2 bank accounts on one Venmo. A lot of people and maybe younger people use Venmo. Another Intergroup uses Paypal. People seem more

comfortable with Paypal.

Motion to open a GEBACA Paypal account and to open a Venmo personal account that would be transferred over to the next officer at the end of the year. Motion-Shari K / Second-Jeremy C.

Passed by unanimous consent

Motion that Marcus's information be removed from the Zoom account and it be put under the GEBACA account. Motion-Jeremy C / Second-Jim R. Passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned.