

**Minutes for Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)**  
**September 24th, 2022 1030 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Zoom only meeting.

**Meeting Agenda**

**A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions**

Present: Shari K-Chair; Carmen B-Treasurer; Marcus H-Secretary; Zoe H-Communications Officer; Dean P.-Literature Officer; Peggy S-IGR Pleasant Hill Monday *One Day at a Time*; Colleen K-IGR for Thursday *Becoming Your Own Loving Parent*; Dawn-IGR for Berkeley *Tuesday Night*

**B. Standard Meeting Readings**

- . GEBACA Mission Statement.
- . Concept IX
- . Tradition nine
- . Tradition Nine Meditation

**C. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Approved as Written

**D. Review and Approval of August's Meeting Minutes.**

Approved as Written

**E. Guest Input**

**F. Trusted Servant's Reports – 3-to-4-minute reports**

1. GEBACA Chair Report. [chair@gebaca.org](mailto:chair@gebaca.org).

Chair and Treasurer have been working on taxes with an accountant. Taxes and forms have been filed for all the years back to 2018 GEBACA's first year. Several forms had not been filed going back to 2018. The taxes require four forms each year to be filed. Last meeting we agreed to hire an accountant to do our taxes in the future.

2. Secretary. [secretary@gebaca.org](mailto:secretary@gebaca.org)

Monthly WSO Board Teleconference Report

- . From the previous month: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions increased by approximately \$4,000 out of a \$23,000 total for the month.
- . Net Income Year-to-date Loss of approximately \$40,000 compared to a budgeted \$2,800 increase. Much discussion of need for increased 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. There is a cash reserve. ACA receives only about only 15-17% of income in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The Finance Committee suggested that online meetings use a virtual basket like PayPal and then pause the meeting for 1-3 minutes to give members a chance to contribute at the time. There are 2,756 meetings and 107 Intergroups.
- . Attended the Quarterly ABC Committee which is setting up the Quarterly ABC meetings. Intergroup can register to have a delegate; the next ABC is Nov. 12. That will be added to new business for today.

3. Vice Chair. [vicechair@gebaca.org](mailto:vicechair@gebaca.org). **Open position**

4. Treasurer's Report. [treasurer@gebaca.org](mailto:treasurer@gebaca.org)

August Financial Report

Cash on hand	\$7,032	
Income:	99	
Expenses:		
Taxes & Licenses	1,971.84	(from 2018 to present)
Zoom	80.50	
Total Expenses:	\$2,052.34	
Net Income:	- \$1953.34	

5. Literature Report. [literature@gebaca.org](mailto:literature@gebaca.org)

Sales and Inventory

- . No new sales for the month.
- . We will look at the actual cost for literature from WSO with our discount so we can figure how to set our discounted price to members. Coleen will help Dean with this and we will discuss it in October.

6. Communication Report [communications@gebaca.org](mailto:communications@gebaca.org)

Update Contact List

Great job on communications. Many people have commented on how much they like the emails that are sent out.

7. Website Report. [webmaster@gebaca.org](mailto:webmaster@gebaca.org)

Jeremy stepped down and Jesse will take the Webmaster position. He's not able to attend most GEBACA meetings but will be here in November for elections.

8. Events/Activities. [eventofficer@gebaca.org](mailto:eventofficer@gebaca.org)

Open position.

9. 2022 ABC/AWC liaison. [holdfam@gmail.com](mailto:holdfam@gmail.com)

10. Public Information. [info@gebaca.org](mailto:info@gebaca.org).

11. H&I. [hospital-institution@gebaca.org](mailto:hospital-institution@gebaca.org).

12. Young person liaison. [youngpeople@gebaca.org](mailto:youngpeople@gebaca.org)

Open position.

13. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. [diversity@gebaca.org](mailto:diversity@gebaca.org)

"Unity in Diversity" event

The Committee will host a half day ACA Unity in Diversity on Saturday, November 5, from 1-5pm. It will feature two panels and a speaker meeting with Kvann S (AZ).

Panel 1: Healing from Childhood Experiences of Discrimination

Panel 2: Addressing Social Dysfunction through ACA Recovery

Please mention at local meetings. The information and a flier are on the GEBACA website and an announcement is on the WSO Calendar. We will likely collect a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

14. Intergroup Rep Updates

- . *Fremont Thursday Clothesline Group* may be going back in person soon.
- . *Pleasant Hill Monday* is strong and meeting in person.
- . *Loving Parent Thursday* is usually 10-14 people. It gets a lot of newcomers each week. It does a rotating set of exercises. Struggling to get a different set of people to do service.
- . *Berkeley Tuesday* online usually about 20 people. There is some difficulty filling the service

positions with some delay but people do step up.

- . *Turtle Island Thursday* is starting a second meeting. The meeting will stay online because people from other states attend.
- . *Fremont Saturday Morning* is working on going to hybrid.
- . *Oakland Thursday* is 15-20 people down from its online peak but a solid core of consistent members. There is a little delay filling some service positions. Staying online for right now.

## **G. Old Business**

1. Region 2 – new California Region is applying for certification. We just updated on the WSO website but did not put an affiliated Region. We may discuss that in October.
2. Possible literature fund for newcomers for meetings
3. Taxes – All our tax paperwork will go into a google doc so we can access it.
4. October QSM: no group volunteered to host it so we let it go for October and support the Diversity Half Day.
5. Joining Forces with SF Intergroup: it might need to go out to all the groups to decide. We would need to figure out how to work the non-profit status. We will leave it on the agenda for possibly more discussion.

## **H. New Business**

### 1. Proposed budget – Treasurer and Chair

- . A new agenda item was added for a professional to do our taxes for \$500.
- . Literature purchases budgeted at \$1000, slightly reduced from last year.
- . Free Literature Fund the same at \$500. (Discussion: This was partially for H&I and we have never used it. It was also used for in-person giveaways at in-person QSMs. We should keep some of this on the budget.) Agreement to reduce to \$250 by Unanimous Consent (not reflected in totals below)
- . The new meeting support was kept at \$100 per meeting and at a total of \$400. (Discussion: We supported 2 meetings this year and 3 meetings last year. Mainly used to purchase lit.)
- . Zoom we have 2 monthly accounts one @ \$17/mo (100 participants) and one @ \$69/mo. (500 participants) plus an annual. (Discussion: We haven't used the over 100 person. When we added the 500 person we said it was temporary and we could remove it at any time. We will keep the 500 person addition until after the Diversity event. We will discuss dropping the 500 person one to 100 person at our October meeting.)
- . QSM budgeted at \$200 in case we go back to in-person.  
Workshops at \$100 in case we go back to in-person.
- . ABC Delegate support at \$200. (Discussion: Next year ABC/AWC will be online so we may not need this.) Agreement to remove by Unanimous Consent (not reflected in totals below)
- . Annual total at \$4764  
Projected Income \$3,900  
Projected Net - \$864
- . Discussion on the shortfall is reflected above.
- . A modified budget will be brought to the October meeting.
- . Our Prudent Reserve is set at \$2000 for 3 months insurance, Zoom and PO Box.

### 2. Distribution of Donated Literature

- . Literature has been donated to Intergroup by meetings that have closed. An ad hoc committee was formed with the Literature officer, Communications officer and the IGR for Thurs 6-7pm

- Becoming Your Own Loving Parent* meeting. The committee came up with a proposal.
- . Motion passed unanimously: The donated unused ACA literature will be offered to those in financial need through announcements at meetings and the monthly GEBACA email announcement. Colleen will receive requests at <literature@gebaca.org> and will reply regarding availability. One book will be given per person. If the requested literature is available, Dean will make arrangements with the Fellow Traveler to deliver the book via mail or by meeting half-way. Intergroup will pay mailing costs. Trifolds and trifold holders will be offered to the in-person meetings. Any left over, will go to the Quarterly Speaker Meetings. A portion of the chips will be offered to the in-person meetings. As more in-person meetings begin, chips will be given to them until they are distributed. Passed unanimously
  - 3. Contribution to WSO Intergroup has a balance of \$7,000 including \$2,000 prudent reserve, leaving \$5,000 for donation. We will look at giving 60% or \$3,000 to WSO and holding 40% in reserve for possible future donation to the Region when we decide our regional affiliation.
  - 4. ABC Delegate There are now Quarterly Business Conference meetings, the next one . November 12 and one in January/February each about 4 hours each.
    - . Motion passed unanimously that Peggy S IGR (Pleasant Hill *One Day at a Time* will be the Intergroup ABC Delegate.

#### **I. Announcements**

1. Elections for GEBACA 2023 is November 19<sup>th</sup> – please share with groups
2. Share the word regarding 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations to WSO
3. Diversity Day – November 5<sup>th</sup> 1-5 on zoom. See [www.gebaca.org](http://www.gebaca.org)

**Next GEBACA Meeting:** October 22, 2022  
Zoom only  
10:30am-12 noon