

Minutes Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)

March 25, 2023 1030 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Zoom only meeting.

A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions

Present: Shari K-Chair; Marcus H-Secretary; Zoe H-Communications Officer; Jesse-Webmaster, Treasurer ; Denise P-C Public Information Officer; Darren C. IGR- Wed 11am-12:30pm *Wednesday People of Color*; Dawn IGR-Tues 7-8:30pm *Berkeley Tuesday Night*; Carla IGR- Thurs 7-8pm *Clothesline Group*; Allison – Thurs 4-5:15pm *Turtle Island ACA*

B. Standard Meeting Readings

- . GEBACA Mission Statement.
- . Concept III
- . Tradition Three
- . Tradition Three Meditation

C. Review and Approval of Agenda

Approved as written

D Review and Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Corrections:

- A. Introductions: add Treasurer to read “Jesse-Webmaster, Treasurer;”
 - F.5: add this month to read “welcome to Allison who is representing the Turtle Island meeting this month. “
 - G.2: add Discussion to read “**Discussion**: The ABC/AWC Study Group...”
- Minutes approved as amended.

E. Guest Input None

F. Trusted Servant's Reports (3-4-minute reports)

1. GEBACA Chair Report chair@gebaca.org

Carmen and Shari worked on letter updated from a 2020 letter, to be sent out to welcome new Intergroup Reps to Intergroup. There were several small editing suggestions. It will be edited and sent out and if no further suggestions, be used as written.

Working on getting itemized register of things done last year to be sent to the accountant for taxes. Co-chairs are working with the accountant to prepare the taxes. GEBACA received \$300 from the IRS. IRS said we need to give them more information for the year 2019 – that request will be sent to the accountant.

Quarterly Speaker meetings. We have not done a QSM in awhile or had an events coordinator for awhile. If a meeting(s) wants to do an event, GEBACA can support that. The Chair is working to get with some Fellow Travelers to do an in-person meeting/event in July.

2. Secretary secretary@gebaca.org

Report on WSO Monthly Teleconferences: A written report will be sent later in month.

3. Treasurer's Report treasurer@gebaca.org

February15- March 18 Report

Income

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 7th Tradition - Meetings | \$ 332.77 |
| Book Sales | 47.53 |
| Total Income | \$ 380.30 |
| GROSS PROFIT | \$ 380.30 |

Expenses

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|----------------------|------------|
| ZOOM | \$ 180.40 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 180.40 |
| NET OPERATING INCOME | \$ 199.90 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 199.90 |
| Balance Cash on Hand | \$4,419.30 |

Year to Year Profit and Loss Comparison

50% drop in 7th Tradition contributions from Meetings.

30% drop in 7th Tradition contributions from Speaker Meetings.

50% drop in Net Income or Gross Profit

Last month \$648 came out in reconciliation/discrepancy. This was done to close and zero out an unused old Shopify account. It did not change our main ledger nor Quick Books.

4. Literature Report

literature@gebaca.org

Sales and inventory: Literature person has made some deliveries. We will look for a written report later. We will no longer process our Literature Person's purchases through PayPal and use Vinmo which does not charge fees.

5. Communication Report

communications@gebaca.org

Update Contact List: please send any updates to the Communications Officer.

The Berkeley 5:30pm Sunday Solutions meeting has started back up and is face to face.

It is posted on the website.

A Michigan Intergroup event and a WSO event were submitted to possibly go into the monthly Announcement email. In the past we have included GEBACA events, WSO events and some events hosted by either SF or Monterey Intergroups. More events than those will make the email long and be a lot of work to include. It was agreed that links to WSO and Intergroup events can be put in the Announcement and on the website. The Announcement has been an excellent source of information for the meetings and our members.

6. Website Report

webmaster@gebaca.org

Group e-mail: It was discussed whether we will use gebaca-all@gebaca.org.

Motion made that 2 new email addresses (intergroup@gebaca.org and officers@gebaca.org) to be launched by the next Intergroup meeting. Passed by Unanimous Consent

The letter to member meetings asking if they wanted their 7th Tradition links posted on the website meeting list was approved. This is an update on a past motion.

Zoom: We now have an account manager at Zoom who may help us retrieve expired meetings. There has been Zoom disruption at Berkeley Tuesday night meeting. Zoom informed GEBACA that the Benicia meeting information was posted on Twitter and the webmaster inquired of the meeting if they had been disrupted. Only URLs will be posted on the website which is already being done, however some meetings may have old postings. An email with

some security tips, including a WSO document, will be sent. It will be discussed at the next meeting if GEBACA will do a Zoom Security training.

- 7. Public Information info@gebaca.org
- 8. H&I hospital-institution@gebaca.org
- 9. Diversity and Inclusion Committee diversity@gebaca.org
- 10. ABC Delegate Report
- 11. Intergroup Rep Updates

G. Old Business

- 1. Diversity Statement – feedback from meetings and further discussion: Many meetings are busy voting on the Ballot Proposals and have not had time to look at the Diversity Statement. We will discuss at the next meeting.
- 2. Roles and Responsibilities Review
- 3. Remaining items for discussion from Goals for 2023
 - a. Facilitate the setting up of member Study Groups for Steps, Traits and Loving Parent Guidebook
 - b. Create a defined pathway for GEBACA to sponsor Group or member initiated workshops
- 4. Changing regions - on hold

H. New Business

- 1. Visiting member meetings

I. Group Conscience on 2023 ABC Ballot Proposals 7-12

Proposal 2023 – 7 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by IG667, Bronx, NY USA No

Issue: We propose that sales gross revenues (defined as all sales revenue minus the cost of goods replenishment) generated from all sales be devoted 95% to WSO service work and earmarked for service to poor and underserved communities around the world, and 5% to ongoing literature development/deployment. The Board would retain discretion over the use of 7th Tradition Contributions that are about \$300,000/year.

0-Yes 8-No 1-Abstention

Proposal 2023 – 8 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by IG667, Bronx, NY USA No

Issue: We propose that the World Service Organization undergo a reorganization to create two subsidiaries/related entities:

- A. ACA Literature Production Organization
- B. ACA Literature Distribution Organization

0-Yes 9-No 0-Abstentions

Proposal 2023 – 9 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by IG667, Bronx, NY USA No

Issue: We propose that the World Service Organization pay for an Independent Service Audit (ISA) (WSO 4th Step Inventory), and publish the result as an independent Annual State of the Fellowship report at the ABC based on (confirmed by an independent audit) the criteria listed in the Resources/Implementation section below:

0-Yes 9-No 0-Abstentions

Proposal 2023 – 10 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by IG667, Bronx, NY USA No

Issue: We propose that no Trustee be allowed to be employed or work as an independent contractor for the WSO or any subsidiary/related entity for 5 years following the end of their term.

0-Yes 8-No 1- Abstention

Proposal 2023 – 11 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by IG667, Bronx, NY USA No

Issue: We propose that all new ACA literature production and all changes to existing literature shall be approved by a super majority of not less than 60% of all registered groups at the concept phase before significant resources are allocated to its development or production. Said approval to be specifically obtained by a Literature Production Survey of all active registered groups.

0-Yes 9-No 0-Abstentions

Proposal 2023 – 12 Submitted on September 28, 2022, by WEB0546 No

Issue: The "singleness of purpose" of AA's 12 Steps is guiding chronic alcoholics to abstinence with lifestyle stability. The original 12 steps were not designed to carry the heavy burdens of multi-generational, unprocessed grief from trauma resulting from abuse/neglect perpetrated upon adult children victims through family dysfunction. Thus, we propose that "The 12 Steps for Trauma Recovery and Emotional Sobriety" be approved as an alternative set of 12 steps for healing adult child trauma.

0-Yes 9-No 0-Abstentions

J. Announcements None

Next GEBACA Meeting: Saturday April 22, 2023
Zoom only - Meeting ID: 116 286 465
10:30am-12 noon <https://zoom.us/j/116286465>