

Draft Minutes Greater East Bay ACA Intergroup (GEBACA)
June 24, 2023 10:30 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Zoom only meeting.

A. Serenity Prayer and Introductions

Present: Shari K-Chair; Carmen B-Diversity and Inclusion Committee; Marcus H-Secretary/Inter Group Representative (IGR) *Thurs. 7pm Oakland* ; Jesse-Webmaster/Treasurer; Zoe H-Communications Officer; Dean P- Literature Officer; Irma-IGR Fri 6:30pm *Benicia ACA*; Carla-IGR Thurs 7pm *Clothesline Group*; Sarah D-IGR Sun 10:30am *A Breath of Fresh Air*; Terri-IGR Tues 4pm *Tuesday People of Color*

B. Standard Meeting Readings

- . GEBACA Mission Statement.
- . Concept VI
- . Tradition Six
- . Tradition Six Meditation

C. Review and Approval of Agenda

Approved as written

D. Review and Approval of May 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
2. Secretary secretary@gebaca.org
 - . Report on June 10 Monthly WSO Board Teleconference Report
 - WSO Board Goals for next period
 1. Financial & Business Stability:
 2. Strengthening the Conference & WSO Relationship:
 3. Volunteer Recruitment, Retention & Engagement:
 - Health & Safety Advisory team
 - Start developing a service academy to include in October's strategic session.
 4. Fellowship & Public Engagement
 - Plans to increase intergroup and region engagement with our committees .
 5. Long Term Strategic WSO Business & Service Structure
 6. Effective & Healthy Functioning of the Board: We are significantly reduced to 5 trustees. Assessing our current capacity and are hoping for new board members.
 - . The next Teleconference will be in September.
 - . Total Income for the first 4 months of \$812,592 exceeds the budgeted amount by 12.2% or \$88,292. Higher than expected 7th Tradition Contributions in the first four months of this year are responsible for \$76,458 of that extra income. Contributions so far this year are about 26% of Total Income compared to 17.5% for the same period last year. This is a very promising improvement if it can be sustained!

- . 5,000 books sold in May.
- . There is a need for service on WSO level. Some committees are pausing work due to lack of members. Please consider participating in WSO service.
- . The ABC was very successful. Carmen B, Marcus H and Edmundas L were Co-chairs. A floor motion was passed to create a BIPOC Working Group to increase BIPOC representation in Literature. This will be discussed further at the August 5 Quarterly Business Meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report treasurer@gebaca.org

May-June

Income

7th Tradition - Meetings \$ 19.11

Total Income 19.11

GROSS PROFIT \$ 19.11

Expenses

Taxes & Licenses \$ 500.00

Zoom 15.99

Total Expenses \$ 515.99

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ -496.88

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4. Literature Report literature@gebaca.org

Sales and inventory: 1 book sold for the month.

5. Communication Report communications@gebaca.org

Update Contact List

- . 9 emails sent to IGRs that have not attended in the past year.
- . 8 emails sent to contact people for meetings that do not have IGRs requesting they ask their meeting to elect an IGR. Received 1 reply.
- . The Communications Officer will re-contact the 9 IGRs to ask if they want to continue receiving the Communications E-mail as the meeting contact.

6. Website Report webmaster@gebaca.org

- a. Discussion took place on what makes a meeting a GEBACA meeting in order to be posted on the GEBACA website. It was decided the meeting needs to be registered with WSO as represented by GEBACA #IG648.
- b. Shari and Zoe will work on a welcome letter for new meetings. Suggestions were to encourage new meetings to have an IGR, mention new suggested guidelines for 7th Tradition contributions, and inform them GEBACA has \$100 each for 5 new meetings budgeted per year (either \$50 literature credit and \$50 for general use, or \$100 for general use).

7. Public Information info@gebaca.org

8. H&I hospital-institution@gebaca.org

9. Diversity and Inclusion Committee diversity@gebaca.org

.Meets 2nd Thursday 6:15-7:15pm

- a. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting will be added to the GEBACA website under Thursday meetings.
- b. Diversity Statement: The Committee will gather feedback for one more month on the 3 options. A recommendation will be brought to the July IG meeting.
- c. Diversity Event: Unity in Diversity: The Many Faces of ACA event will be held on September 16 from 12pm to 5pm. There will be a speaker meeting and two panels (“Healing from Generational Trauma” and “Healing from Social Dysfunction Through Our Loving Parent.” The Committee is requesting volunteers to do cultural presentations (music, dance , poetry etc.) of about 5 minutes each.

10. Intergroup Rep Updates

Thurs 7pm Clothesline Group – Carla IGR Carla has been announcing the call for feedback on the Diversity Statement at each meeting and asking people to email her for the draft statements but has received no response. She and Jesse posted the statements on the website so a link could be given in the meeting chats. They were also read at the business meeting.

Fri 6:30pm Benicia ACA - Irma IGR Discussions have been taking place about whether to close chat during the meeting. A temporary compromise is to close it during the Loving Parent Guidebook (LPG) portion of the meeting then open it at the end.

Tues 4pm Tuesday People of Color - Terri IGR The meeting is discussing whether to shorten from 90 minutes to 75 minutes.

Thurs 4pm Turtle Island - Zoe Another LPG meeting is starting out of the Turtle Island meeting on Tuesdays at 6pm.

G. Old Business

- 1 Diversity Statement – Feedback from meetings and further discussion.
2. Roles and Responsibilities Review – Officers can email to the Chair their ideas on any potential changes to their Roles and Responsibilities description and we will talk about it at the next meeting.
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. Volunteers needed to implement this service.
 - b Create a defined pathway for GEBACA to sponsor Group or member-initiated workshops. Report from the Working Group established in June:
 1. The meeting/workshop needs to be approved by a GEBACA registered meeting and at least one or more workshop presenters from the same meeting.
 2. The content cannot be therapy-oriented or affiliated with an outside enterprise.
 3. Consistency with ACA principles is required.
 4. A presentation from either the workshop or meeting must be made at an IG meeting with an outline and sample materials, if any.
 5. IG will then take a group conscience on whether to host the event.

The Working Group had questions on how the 7th Tradition would be handled and whether an individual could host. These topics will be discussed further by the Working Group and suggestions be brought back next month.

4. Changing regions - on hold
5. Visits to member meetings as GEBACA representatives: IG volunteers needed. No one has signed up as yet to visit meetings. Suggestions included:
 - a. Have a buddy system with 2 people going to a meeting.
 - b. Write up a document of talking points including what an IGR does..
 - c. Make a list of the 17 meetings that currently don't have IGR's and make those priority to visit.
6. Changing the length of Intergroup meetings

H New Business

1. Use GEBACA insurance for in-person meetings:

The Literature Person shared his experience. Insurance for a meeting can cost over \$400 per month. As a service to meeting, they can use the GEBACA insurance policy. The insurance company is called and given the address where the meeting takes place. The company then sends a copy of the insurance policy to that address declaring coverage for the meeting at that address. The Literature Person will e-mail a copy of the insurance to the GEBACA list.
2. How to encourage more involvement in GEBACA. Key positions need to stay filled per non-profit status requirements.

I. Announcements

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