

MBIAA IGR MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2019

- **Meeting called to order on zoom at 7:00pm**
- **Serenity prayer and reading of the 12 traditions were observed.**
- **Attendees: 27 Voting Members: 25 Previous Meeting: 30**

New IGRs: Leslie for Sunrise. Mary for Wild Women. Welcome!

Birthdays: Marcia, October 1, 38 years.

Steering Committee Intro:

Daniella, Chairperson

Jana, Central Office Admin

Amalia, Treasurer

Michelle, PI/CPC

Brian, Men's 12 Step

5 IGR's at Large

Jessica, Recording Secretary

Previous Minutes Reviewed by Jessica and were approved.

Chairperson's Report by Daniella

Good evening everyone and thank you for your attendance and continued participation at the intergroup level, and for representing the voice of our fellowship. Jana has been working hard to gather information regarding the birthday meeting so all groups may have an informed say, as well as help coordinate logistics for our upcoming dog show event. This past year and a half has created hurdles in uncharted territory for our fellowship and fellowships around the world, and as a whole we have come up with some pretty cool solutions and ways to flourish despite that. I appreciate everyone's continued commitment to representing your groups and the fellowship, and working together to continue to be of service to our community.

Treasurer's Report by Amalia

(See handouts provided)

September Gross \$4526.73

September Expenses -\$4211.58

September Net \$315.15

Office Administrator's Report by Jana D

Last week I attended the Central Office Seminar on Zoom. It was attended by approximately 260 paid workers from the United States and Canada. I always find it very informative.

Each morning they have a meeting much like an AA meeting for paid workers only. This time it really struck me that many of these workers are feeling the tremendous pressure we feel to keep things going smoothly in this difficult time. And that our members are feeling the stress of this time and calling with many complaints and problems in their meetings. Many of these paid workers have felt the need to step down and are currently looking for replacements. I have felt the same throughout the time of Covid

I would like to say that while I do feel the pressure, I feel that my attitude at my job is holding steady because of the support of the Steering Committee and the IGRS.. I think we have successfully led by example to give guidance to this fellowship to navigate these uncharted waters safely. Thank you all so much, particularly Daniella, all of you here at the IGR meeting. I will have a summary of what was covered during the seminar to be presented at our next meeting.

I am currently putting together a summary of things that I learned and will try to have it ready for presentation next month. It was good to know that all of these men and women are just doing the best they can and that our fellowship has stepped up to face all of the changes that have taken place.

Later in the meeting we will have some info regarding the Birthday meeting.

Things continue to go well financially and the plans for the Dog show are going well. I hear a lot of positive feedback when I make announcements at meetings. Mark B has generously volunteered to set up a photobooth. Photos will be emailed to Central Office and fellows can pick up their picture there. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the dog show, if you are interested please email me at info@aamonterey.org.

Committee Reports:

12 Step Phone Lists:

- **Brian, Men's 12 Step:** Nothing new at this time. If any man here would like to be added to the phone list, my contact info is in the chat.

Website, Jeremy - The website is as up to date as possible and is running smoothly. The flyer for the dog show has been posted on the events calendar.

IGR's at Large:

Brandon: Forcefully encouraged 2 new IGRs, one is here tonight.

Susan: Working with Carmel Valley on their zoom management, and continuing to make Dog Show and IGR announcements.

Allison: Announcing Dog Show and IGR

Jane and Brianne: Nothing new to report at this time.

Liaison Reports:

Michelle-PI/CPC: Nothing new at this time, it's been a quiet month. I feel tremendous gratitude to be a part of this community and I am thankful to all of you here. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Flossie, IGR/GSR Liaison: Nothing to report at this time due to absence.

Mark, H&I : Caroline has agreed to fulfill the service commitment at Chomp. We ordered more pink cans have arrived and will be delivered to the Central Office on October 13. We need a coordinator to get AA into prisons.

Cindy, MBAR Chairperson: Our last committee meeting was very successful with more volunteers in attendance. We have an upcoming MBAR Event: BBQ on Sat October 30. The flyer is included in tonight's packet. More details to come.

Old Business:

Oak Newton Park dog show update: Jana met with Claudia and has gotten so many people to volunteer, and we are so thankful to Mark for volunteering to be our photographer. It's going to be a fantastic event, we're really looking forward to it and seeing you all there.

New Business and Housekeeping:

Upcoming annual budget meeting: Jana, Daniella and our treasurer Amalia and 2 other members are setting a date for this month to have our budget 2022 meeting. We will bring that to you at our next meeting to take information back to your groups and we can have a vote in December.

November is gratitude month! The Central Office will have gratitude packets available for pick up for in-person meetings starting November 1. Virtual meetings can choose a system that best works for each group, i.e. ask them to make an extra Venmo contribution that has Gratitude Month in the notation.

In the past we have allotted a portion of our gratitude month to GSO. We can vote tonight to continue that this year, or choose to let members make separate contributions to GSO and let our gratitude contributions remain in our local fellowship. We can vote on that issue this evening.

A motion that 100% of the Gratitude Month 2021 contributions be given to the Central Office and the funds will stay in our fellowship. This motion was seconded, and voted, and approved.

Birthday Meeting:

Our birthday meeting which has been special to many members sobriety belongs to all our fellowship. As mentioned Jana had worked hard gathering all the details we may need to have an informed vote about how to continue our birthday meeting. We hope to present this information as clearly as possible and answer questions to the best of our ability so IGR's can take this back to their groups to vote, and at our November IGR meeting, we can have an informed group vote decision. This meeting belongs to everyone, and having a community wide group consciousness is very important.

Things with COVID and our county's policies have fluctuated over the months and continue to be subject to change. We hope to stay as up-to-date and accurate as possible with the information.

In bringing this vote to your groups please take into consideration these many consequences.

The risks, (sickness, breaks of anonymity, bad publicity at a county level, etc.) far outweigh the benefits.

We need a solid venue that we can afford and better covid numbers. Who knows what the numbers will be two weeks after Halloween not to mention Thanksgiving. Many alcoholics are in the high risk group, i.e. older, and in poor health.

If there is an outbreak, we will need to provide the county of Monterey contact tracing information such as name, phone/and/or email address. Who will be collecting this information from the attendees?? Not to mention the attendees will have to go to the county testing at the airport for a covid test. WHERE IS ANONYMITY IN THIS???

We have discussed all of this at the Steering Committee level.

We could lose money due to capacity limits, and we would need to turn people away.

The current High School Protocol is as follows:

1. Masks required - This may involve some policing on our part. We should also take contact tracing info at the door.
2. Social distancing - Seating as distant as possible.
3. Custodian must sanitize before and after the meeting

Cafeteria is now charging \$442.00 (due to extra custodial charges for sanitizing before and after the event) That is up from \$292.43. Our September virtual birthday meeting brought in \$117.

Social distancing will probably limit attendance to approximately 125 people which, among other things, will mean that we will lose money on this event on an ongoing basis and people will be turned away.

The earliest we could meet there is November 27th (Thanksgiving weekend- traditionally a low attendance meeting anyway.)

The holiday meeting and banquet would be December 18th instead of the last Saturday which is December 25th.

Our attendance at our last zoom birthday meeting was 35 people.

Have checked with 5 other facilities. One is looking promising, but we have no solid reservation at this time.

IGR's:

We are asking you to take the information presented above back to your meetings, announce the information to your group with the pros and cons. Take a group conscious vote on either:

Keep the birthday meeting on zoom.

OR

Given the information presented we go back to our in-person Birthday Meeting for November/December with acknowledgement of the given pros and cons. Keep in mind that if we vote to go back in-person for November's Birthday Meeting, the host group will have 2 weeks to coordinate. For December, the Steering Committee hosts the annual holiday banquet. Projected date for the Holiday Banquet is December 18th.

(Groups can include how many months in advance we go back in person so this topic doesn't have to be discussed every month. Example: Since it is October, we vote that we want to go back to in person birthday meetings for November and December to be voted on again in December for January and February 2022. OR We vote to go back to in-person birthday meetings starting December 18th, with the Holiday Banquet, and January 29, to be voted on again in January regarding February and March 2022.)

Bring your group conscious vote back to the IGR meeting in November, and we can move forward from there. Collecting a fellowship wide group consciousness is vital to keep in spirit of our traditions and by-laws. The birthday meeting belongs to all of us, it is important that all voices are heard and counted.

This month's birthday meeting is 10/30/21

Meeting Room Opens 30 min Before and Stays Open 30 min after for Fellowship. MBAIAA will now be mailing chips to those celebrating an Annual Birthdays chips available are 1-60yrs!!! Send Jana an email with your address and she will ensure your chip is in the mail!!

10/30/21 7:00pm

Meeting ID: 652-224-0517

Password: Sobriety Group: Marina Women

Speaker: TB

7th Tradition Observed

Next Meeting 11/09/21

MBAIAA
Profit & Loss
September 2021

	Sep 21
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
BIRTHDAY MEETINGS	
50-50 Raffle	90.00
7Th Tradition	27.00
	117.00
Total BIRTHDAY MEETINGS	117.00
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	
Group Contributions	4,128.03
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Total GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	4,128.03
LITERATURE SALES	438.10
SPECIAL EVENTS	99.00
	99.00
Total Income	4,782.13
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	
COG-Books	255.29
COG-Pamphlets	0.11
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00
	255.40
Total Cost of Goods Sold	255.40
Total COGS	255.40
Gross Profit	4,526.73
Expense	
ACCOUNTING	97.66
ANSWERING SERV.	125.80
BIRTHDAY EXPENSES	51.00
COMPUTER & SOFTWARE	174.18
INSURANCE	140.00
INTERNET SERVICES	
Internet access	74.62
	74.62
Total INTERNET SERVICES	74.62
LITERATURE	553.88
OFFICE SUPPLIES	97.64
Payroll	
Payroll Wages	2,200.00
Taxes	-332.00
	1,868.00
Total Payroll	1,868.00
POSTAGE	
Stamps	58.00
	58.00
Total POSTAGE	58.00
RENT	821.00
Sales Tax Paid	49.80
TELEPHONE	100.00
	100.00
Total Expense	4,211.58
Net Ordinary Income	315.15
Net Income	315.15

MBAIAA
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through September 2021

	Jan - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
BIRTHDAY MEETINGS		
50-50 Raffle	1,428.00	576.00
7Th Tradition	578.02	922.09
Book Raffle	0.00	252.00
Total BIRTHDAY MEETINGS	2,006.02	1,750.09
CONFERENCES		
MBAR	150.00	0.00
Total CONFERENCES	150.00	0.00
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS		
Group Contributions	29,153.82	23,261.26
Total GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	29,153.82	23,261.26
INTEREST INCOME	0.58	3.25
LITERATURE SALES	2,632.53	2,097.44
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS		
Grateful Givers	9,440.77	8,929.62
Gratitude Month	0.00	332.00
Total OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	9,440.77	9,261.62
SPECIAL EVENTS		
Detroit Raffle	0.00	713.65
SPECIAL EVENTS - Other	464.00	0.00
Total SPECIAL EVENTS	464.00	713.65
STEERING & IGR 7TH TRAD	0.00	64.20
Total Income	43,847.72	37,151.51
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold		
COG-Books	-2,905.82	602.79
COG-Pamphlets	8.39	9.70
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	0.00	9.25
Total Cost of Goods Sold	-2,897.43	621.74
Total COGS	-2,897.43	621.74
Gross Profit	46,745.15	36,529.77
Expense		
ACCOUNTING	97.66	0.00
ADVERTISING		
Monterey County Weekly	790.72	343.10
Total ADVERTISING	790.72	343.10
ANSWERING SERV.	1,411.00	1,243.24
BANK CHARGES		
Insufficient Funds Fee	12.00	0.00
Total BANK CHARGES	12.00	0.00
BIRTHDAY EXPENSES		
Bday rent	14.95	635.04
BIRTHDAY EXPENSES - Other	459.00	229.09
Total BIRTHDAY EXPENSES	473.95	864.13
CENTRAL OFFICE SEMINAR	25.00	41.02
COMPUTER & SOFTWARE	582.07	518.55
COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRA...	473.48	707.44

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	Jan - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 20
INSURANCE		
D&O Insurance	733.00	700.00
General Liabili	196.00	0.00
INSURANCE - Other	980.00	1,120.00
Total INSURANCE	1,909.00	1,820.00
INTERNET SERVICES		
Internet access	768.50	0.00
Web host/Domain Name	0.00	687.58
INTERNET SERVICES - Other	229.86	599.50
Total INTERNET SERVICES	998.36	1,287.08
LITERATURE	2,707.86	2,283.63
NON-PROFIT FEES		
RRF-1 Register of Charity	0.00	200.71
Total NON-PROFIT FEES	0.00	200.71
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	382.36	206.42
Office Maintenance	220.00	0.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	650.29	490.43
Payroll		
Payroll Wages	18,752.00	19,028.00
Taxes	-1,798.58	-3,172.73
Total Payroll	16,953.42	15,855.27
POSTAGE		
Stamps	204.83	318.56
Total POSTAGE	204.83	318.56
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-3.64	0.00
RENT	7,389.00	8,210.00
Sales Tax Paid	2,021.16	195.73
SPEC. EVENTS EXPENSES	219.72	274.34
TELEPHONE	1,054.26	802.03
UNCATEGORIZED EXPENSES	0.00	175.73
Total Expense	38,572.50	35,837.41
Net Ordinary Income	8,172.65	692.36
Net Income	8,172.65	692.36