

MBAR Committee Meeting October 11, 2025

Chair: Jennifer

Recording Secretary: Michael

1. Call to Order & Attendance

- Jennifer opened the meeting around 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Attendees included Leslie, Samantha, Carolyn, Tony L., Chris H., Don C., Annie, David O., and Philip E.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes were approved with a correction to the financial balance—updated to \$16,649.55

3. Financial Report – Leslie

- Current balance: \$21,374.55
- Expenses: \$6,013.14
- Remaining balance: \$15,366.41
- Bingo raised \$3,266.27 with \$661.68 in expenses (net \$2,381.45).
- Banners: \$117.75, Mint Mobile: \$184.98
- Goal: Raise an additional \$7,000 to reach \$11,500 fundraising target. Leslie thanked everyone and reminded the team that Bingo continues to perform strongly and that careful expense tracking keeps MBAR on solid footing.

4. Event Highlights

- Bingo: Samantha reported great turnout and positive feedback. Chris H. organized a successful bake sale. Annie helped sell Bingo tickets and managed the 50/50 raffle with Dean
- Al-Anon Gathering: Don C. shared it was a great event. More meet-and-greets are planned for the future.
- MBAR Registration: want Numbers up compared to last year but should open registration before Nov 7

5. Fundraising & Planning

- Committee agreed to do three-four fundraisers for 2026 and keep outreach momentum strong.
- Carolyn will work with CPA to close out the Non-Profit Tax Committee report once the bill is received.
- The 7th Tradition QR code was shared in chat for easy donations.
- Ongoing fundraising goal remains \$7,000 more by convention season.

6. Venue & Event Planning

- Carolyn asked about breakfast and dinner pricing for upcoming events.
- Marriott top venue for dinner
- Cooper Molera and First Presbyterian Church were discussed as backups; the church offers a \$450 five-hour block if needed.
- Jennifer will confirm catering details changing out items like vodka sauce and other entree options with Marriott and check if breakfast can be included for few favorable

7. Convention Pricing & Registration

- Committee agreed to set the weekend registration price at \$130 for Friday through Sunday.
- This includes meetings, dance, ice cream, breakfast, and speaker dinner.
- Motion passed unanimously at 11:00 a.m.
- The National Convention last year was \$200, so the new price represents strong value.

8. Upcoming Chili Cook-Off (January 17, 2026)

- Samantha will lead planning and begin logistics three months in advance.
- \$25 entry fee for participants, \$10 door fee for tasting.
- Expecting about 25 entries.

- Judges will vote on the Grand Prize, and the event will include raffles, bake-sale items, and soft-drink sales.
- Tony L. will handle setup and decorations, while Annie, Leslie, Dean will manage raffle and ticket sales.
- Chris H. will do Baked goods/corn bread

9. Other Discussion Items

- Donations: In-kind donations will be tracked this year for simplicity.
- Sponsorships: Carolyn will explore sponsorship / sponsee donation options for newcomers and coordinate speaker confirmations.
- Dance: Committee discussed setting a suggested donation rather than fixed ticket pricing.
- Future event suggestion: Potluck or “Good Deed” social night with simple fellowship focus.

10. Motions & Agreements

- Motion: Set registration at \$130 — approved unanimously.
- Motion: Schedule Chili Cook-Off for Jan 17 — approved unanimously.
- Approved dinner price at \$55 through Marriot for ease
- Discussion on using the Economy of Scale principle to increase participation and keep pricing accessible.

11. Closing

Jennifer thanked everyone for their hard work and service, reminding the group how far MBAR has come since last year’s events. The meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.