



**Monterey Bay Area Roundup (MBAR)  
2026 Committee Meeting  
Saturday, February 14, 2026 – 10:00 AM  
Zoom ID: 330 100 7207 | Password: 2026  
Recorder: Michael B.**

**I. Opening**

- a. Meeting opened with a reading of the Serenity Prayer and the 12 Traditions (read by Dawn).

**II. Minutes**

- a. January 10 meeting minutes were distributed late and some members could not access the link. **Group conscience:** defer approval of the January 10 minutes to the next meeting after fixing sharing/link access.

**III. Celebrations & Chair's Remarks**

- a. Celebrated sobriety anniversaries: Arthur (27 years) and David (21 years). Chair thanked the group for covering meetings during a recent bereavement.

**IV. Treasurer's Report (Leslie)**

- a. January net collections: \$2,961.
- b. Chili Cook-Off net: \$1,593.53.
- c. Registrations/PayPal: \$1,258.67.
- d. Bank balance reported ~ \$17,998.41; with recent transfers noted balance reported as ~\$18,004.44.
- e. Fundraising progress: \$5,979.10 raised toward benchmark; approx. \$5,500 remaining to reach target used as 2024 benchmark.
- f. **Group conscience:** accept Treasurer's report as presented; Treasurer to reconcile and distribute an updated report to members before next meeting.

**V. Registrations & Website (Edwin)**

- a. Registration site is live and receiving registrations; minor reorganization of registration options performed.
- b. **Group conscience:** continue registration promotion; organizers to ensure registration page remains updated and user-friendly.

## VI. St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser — Planning Decisions (led by Samantha)

- a. Event format: traditional potluck with corned beef & cabbage as main protein; raffles and 50/50; fellowship activities.
- b. Catering options considered:
  - i. Option A: Hire Tim to provide corned beef & cabbage (turnkey; quoted cost \$800).
  - ii. Option B: Community-provided corned beef (volunteers bring/prepare).
  - iii. **Group conscience:** decision: Use Tim to provide corned beef & cabbage. Leslie donated \$800 to cover Tim's cost; motion passed.
- c. Venue and supplies budget:
  - i. Pool house rental: \$250 (confirmed).
  - ii. Decorations/supplies (soda, water, ice, etc.): \$100 proposed.
  - iii. **Group conscience:** decision: approve \$350 allocation for event logistics (covers venue and supplies/decorations).
- d. Suggested contribution (admission):
  - i. Past suggested contribution was \$10.
  - ii. **Group conscience:** decision: set suggested contribution at \$15 (to reflect rising costs and offset revenue lost by foregoing a formal bake sale).
- e. Bake sale/dessert approach:
  - i. Bake sale netted meaningful revenue previously (~\$408).
  - ii. **Group conscience:** decision: no formal bake sale this year; encourage potluck dessert donations and position prize/raffle table to encourage circulation and raffle sales.
- f. Raffle pricing and structure:
  - i. Prize raffle tickets: \$2 each.
  - ii. 50/50 raffle: \$1 per ticket; \$5 for six tickets bundle.
  - iii. **Group conscience:** maintain these ticket prices.
- g. Pool usage:
  - i. Phil indicated pool opening is possible but carries liability.
  - ii. **Group conscience:** decision: close pool for the event to avoid liability and distractions.
- h. Trash & venue cleanliness:
  - i. Group responsibility to manage trash and clean-up per pool house rules.
  - ii. Volunteers offered to monitor trash and manage disposal.

## VII. Outreach & Marketing

- a. Flyers: preliminary flyer exists; needs updated suggested contribution and final details.
- b. **Group conscience:** finalize flyer, print/distribute widely, and announce actively at home meetings to maximize attendance and registrations. One member offered to print flyers in bulk; others to assist with distribution.

## VIII. Motions / Votes (Group Conscience Outcomes)

- a. Defer approval of January 10 minutes until next meeting — **approved**.
- b. Use Tim for corned beef & cabbage and accept Leslie's \$800 donation to cover cost — **approved**.
- c. Allocate \$350 for event logistics (venue + supplies/decorations) — **approved**.
- d. Set suggested contribution at \$15 — **approved**.
- e. No formal bake sale; proceed with potluck desserts and raffle fundraising — **approved**.
- f. Close the pool for the event — **approved**.

**IX. Action Items (assigned, due dates implied ASAP prior to event)**

- a. Fix minutes/agenda sharing and redistribute January 10 minutes for review
  - i. Assigned: Meeting Chair / Secretary
  - ii. **Due:** Before next meeting
  
- b. Reconcile and distribute updated Treasurer's report (including PayPal/Wix transfers and final bank balance)
  - i. Assigned: Leslie (Treasurer)
  - ii. **Due:** ASAP / before next meeting
  
- c. Confirm Tim's catering logistics and payment application of Leslie's \$800 donation (pickup/delivery timing, staffing)
  - i. Assigned: Samantha (event lead) & Tim
  - ii. **Due:** ASAP
  
- d. Confirm and pay pool house rental (\$250); confirm pool closure with Phil and document any venue requirements
  - i. Assigned: Samantha / Dean (venue liaison)
  - ii. **Due:** ASAP
  
- e. Finalize event budget (apply \$350 allocation) and share expense plan
  - i. Assigned: Samantha & Leslie
  - ii. **Due:** ASAP
  
- f. Finalize and distribute updated event flyer (include \$15 suggested contribution, no bake sale, raffle info, volunteer needs, registration call-to-action)
  - i. Assigned: Samantha (content) → Kathleen (design/distribution)
  - ii. **Due:** ASAP
  
- g. Print and distribute flyers; announce fundraiser and registration at home meetings
  - i. Assigned: Outreach volunteers / All members; print volunteer (offered in meeting)
  - ii. **Due:** Ongoing; begin immediately
  
- h. Raffle & prize coordination (prepare tickets, set up prize table near pool area, assign ticket sellers)
  - i. Assigned: Raffle lead (volunteer to be confirmed; suggested Samantha + Tony/Catherine support)
  - ii. **Due:** Prior to event
  
- i. Volunteer coordination for food pickup/transport, event setup, on-site trash monitoring and final trash haul-off
  - i. Assigned: Volunteer coordinator (Samantha to identify and confirm volunteers); trash volunteers include Ali and others who offered support
  - ii. **Due:** Confirm roster prior to event
  
- j. Outreach push to increase registrations (scripted announcements for meetings; promote conference & fundraiser)
  - i. Assigned: All members (especially those who make meeting announcements)
  - ii. **Due:** Ongoing

- k. Decide and communicate Seventh Tradition wording for announcements (“These funds go towards our meeting expenses and Al-Anon/EMBAR activities”)
  - i. Assigned: Chair / Samantha / Leslie
  - ii. **Due:** Update flyer and use in meeting announcements immediately
  
- l. Confirm whether any desserts will be collected/organized into a voluntary donation table (optional) and logistics if so
  - i. Assigned: Sarah (offered volunteer) & Samantha
  - ii. **Due:** Decide and communicate with flyer finalization
  
- X.** Next Meeting Agenda (items to include)
  - a. Approve January 10 minutes
  - b. Treasurer’s reconciled report and updated fundraising progress vs goal
  - c. Final volunteer roster and event-day task assignments
  - d. Confirm flyer distribution status and outreach outcomes
  - e. Any outstanding logistics (trash hauling plan, raffle supplies, corned beef pickup details)
  
- XI.** Minutes prepared and finalized per **group conscience** .

Attendees (as identified in transcript): Dawn, Leslie, David, Arthur, Tony, Samantha (Jen), Carolyn, Edwin, Sarah, Catherine, Ali, Dean, Kathleen, Chris, Tim, Phil, and other committee members.