

***THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
OF CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS***

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 21, 2007

- 1. Call To Order.** The regular monthly meeting of the San Diego County Community Committee of Co-Dependents Anonymous (the "Committee") was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by the Community Representative Gary J. The Newcomers Welcome, CoDA Traditions and Intention Statement were read.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** Jackie announced there were a couple copies of the corrected June 16 minutes available. Corrections were made to the June minutes from a few members before they were sent out. It was moved and seconded to approve the corrected minutes. A corrected set of minutes is attached to the secretary's copy. A current list of members was passed around to "check in" or add your info if necessary (Reminder: NO EXTRA TIME WILL BE TAKEN TO READ THE MINUTES during the meeting. The minutes are emailed to everyone.)

3. Reports

Community Representative. I have not written a letter to the So. CA. Conference Committee concerning the last Retreat and the use of outside literature because I have been blocked by perfectionism and a number of other events around the issue. Hal, the conference committee chair, received correspondence from our community that he responded to in a very loving way, saying his concern was for CoDA unity and the carrying of the message to co-dependents who still suffer. He expressed his willingness to travel to S. D. and talk with the concerned parties which he did. The issue of whether AA literature was outside literature and our need to remember that without the founders of AA and it's format, we possibly wouldn't exist. Thereby, how do we acknowledge our gratitude to AA and still maintain our own integrity? An interaction and follow-up between Hal and the concerned parties was planned and outcomes will be forthcoming.

I shall complete the letter so that this community's commitment to follow the guidelines offered by the Traditions at CoDA events will be noted at the So CA. Conference level. It will be submitted through Nancy, our Regional Representative, after being approved by the members of the community.

On other fronts, I have received e-mails and calls concerning the use of outside literature at a new meeting. I went to the mentioned meeting, participated in the sharing with my concerns and heard feedback after the meeting from members of the new meeting. A representative of that meeting is to be here today and that meeting will probably be a topic for discussion or motion today.

From the Public Information –Phone-line, we had 6 messages: 2 for newsletters, 2 for info about meetings, 1 to present changes to an on-going meeting for the newsletter and web-site, and 1 to announce a new meeting starting this Saturday. Also, Daniel has recorded a message

in Spanish for Box 7 of the phone-line with his phone number for Spanish-speaking co-dependents who need assistance. Yahoo!!

Finally, we still have open positions which we have a responsibility to fill. People have been loving filling in for some of what needs to be done to keep our website and meeting schedule current and accurate, but we as a community have not picked up the responsibility to be self-supporting. I know our literature says that if there is no one to make coffee, we don't have coffee. If there is no one to answer the phones, we don't answer the phones. There are only six months left for some of our volunteers and so there may be a sense of complacency around the commitments of this community. It is not a new issue for us or any volunteering organization. Think about your growth due to service and share that with others at your meetings to perhaps to inspire others to participate.

- **Alternative Community Representative.** (Position open). No report.
- **Parliamentarian.** Johnny described the guidelines and procedures for bringing action items and discussion items to the Committee for discussion and action, as well as other rules of order to facilitate appropriate flow of the Committee meetings.
- **Treasurer.** Raffi provided a report that is attached to the secretary's minutes. (This report was given after the break)
- **Regional Representative** - Nancy reported that the region meets in August and is currently scheduled for the same day as our next community meeting. So there isn't much to report about. The National service meeting is in September. Bette Jo added that regarding the 2008 retreat, some health issues may interfere with her remaining the chair and she would keep us posted.
- **Alternate Regional Representative.** Absent
- **Panels/Workshops and Seminars.** Bette Jo and Joe reported that the ad hoc committee to discuss criteria for selecting speakers has not met, nor has the SSS committee begun it's planning. Miriam and Melanie volunteered to become members of the ad hoc committee.
- **Public Information/Mail** Csilla distributed the mail.
- **Public Information/Telephone.** (Position open) Harv volunteered to be "acting chair" until he has met the requirements (be present at 4 of the previous 6 meetings) to hold the position.
- **Website Master.** (Position open). As acting chair, Joe reported that he has verified all meeting info and made several corrections to the National website. 17 meetings were deleted from 1 ½ years ago. Some of the chapter numbers are different on the National website than what we have, so he deferred to the National numbers. Joe updated the Encinitas meeting name, the new time and address for the Imperial Beach meeting, added the new Saturday meeting and also removed a Friday Vista group that had disbanded. He would also like to have 1 place where meeting info is changed. Someone might give him (as webmaster) a change, someone else could give Gary (as Community rep) a change, or a third person might give Lesa a correction (as newsletter chair). This often leads to incomplete information on all medias.

- **Hospitals & Institutions.** Lynne told us that all meetings have been well-attended, very cooperative and a great response. She is still trying to work with a Principal at a school to involve students.
- **Literature.** Tim provided us with a report that is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes. The new CoDA approved book called "Peeling the Onion" is available for \$3.50. (Note: later in the meeting he told us he received the largest amount of money in 1 meeting for literature ordered.). An updated form now includes this item.
- **Outreach.** (Position open). No report.
- **Newsletter.** Lesa provided us with the new August newsletter. Next month she plans to list the San Diego County and Tijuana Spanish speaking meetings, too. With the longer format, she hopes for more contributions.
- **Activities/Refreshments.** Nancy reported there are refreshments today.

Announcements:

James announced and handed out fliers for the new Saturday (CA 1193) meeting titled "Recovery Outreach". They meet at 4pm at the Alano Club, 1144 30th Street in South Park, in the Bingo room in back.

Miriam reported she is assisting Hal (Regional Chair) to assist the committee with conference guidelines.

5. Quorum

The group representatives and officers of the meetings introduced themselves and the secretary confirmed a quorum was present (16 voting members). Eight voting members constitute a quorum.

6. Old and New Business

- Gary made a motion to elect Harv as "acting" Public Info – Phones. The motion was seconded. After brief discussion, we had a moment of silence then voted 15-0-1 Motion passed. It was noted we now have 17 voting members.
- Raffi made a motion to have a Spanish link on the home web page to include Spanish Speaking meetings in SD County and Tijuana. There would also be a link on that page to the National website which currently has the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and other approved items in Spanish. The motion was seconded. Joe requested someone to assist him in writing this info in Spanish to be sure spelling is correct. After a few moments of silence, the motion passed 16-0-1.

- A discussion item was submitted by Harv regarding the new Friday meeting in Encinitas. He stated that when he attended, there were 2 rows of literature; one of CoDA approved literature and one with non-approved items. Lori, the rep from that group gave a report that some things have been changed at their meeting. Anything non-CoDA approved is announced as such. Miriam explained how this type of situation was handled once before, when she was the Community Rep.
- Harv made a motion that the group be delisted. With no second, Harv amended his motion. Gary asked him to rewrite the amended motion.
- While Harv was rewriting his motion, we went on to the next discussion item. Melanie wanted to discuss the same thing. Since neither she nor Harv new the other had put the same discussion item in, Melanie gave her viewpoint and we decided not to discuss the topic anymore, but to go back to Harv's motion. Time was up, so a motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. After a moment of silence, the motion passed 12-3-2.
- Harv's motion was for the San Diego Community to draft a letter to the Friday night CoDA meeting offering help in making the meeting conform with CoDA's spiritual approach to the Steps, traditions concepts and use of conference approved literature only. The motion was seconded and after a few moments of silence, was passed 13-1-3. Gary will draft a letter for approval for next meeting.

7. Adjournment

The Committee accepted contributions from the members according to the 7th tradition, and there being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Mc, Secretary

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 18, 2007