

San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

Minutes for April 15, 2017

Attendees: Fran, Loraine, Jay, Bryna, Susan Harry, Linda, David, Delores, Robin, Travis, Scott, Karen, Frank, Carly, Rita, Michelle, Amanda, Becky.

Opening Prayer

Introductions

12 Traditions

Reports of Officers and Chairs: There are 9 open positions

Community Rep.- Open

Alternate Community Rep.- Fran

Fran stated that the Community has several "Open" positions that were opportunities for members of the San Diego CoDA community to serve. She hoped people would step up to fill the openings.

Recording Secretary- Open (Gary volunteered to take the minutes)

Parliamentarian- Loraine

Stated the guideline procedures for the business meeting.

Treasurer- Gary

Gary broke down the Treasurer's report for January, February, and March since he had not given a report last month because of "learning difficulties". Assets for the community were \$19959.06.

For Jan. 2017: Income- 7th Tradition- \$859.27

Total Income- \$859.27

Expenses- Rent \$15.00

Holiday Dinner \$182.13

Total expenses- \$182.13

Jan. Total Income- \$677.14

For February 2017: Income- 7th Tradition \$112.40

Literature \$286.00

Total Income \$398.40

Expenses- Rent \$15.00

Total Expenses \$15.00

Feb. Total Income- \$383.40

For March 2017: Income- 7th Tradition \$80.00

Literature \$1301.00

Total Income \$1381.00
Expenses- Rent \$15.00
Literature \$871.54
Total Expenses \$886.54
March Total Income \$494.46

Regional Representative (to SoCal)- Open

Alternate Regional Rep.- Bryna

Bryna reported that at the SoCal level:

The Conference is coming!! It will be at the Marriot in Torrance, Redondo Beach, June 2-4
Registration should be up by next week: registering for both hotel and conference. \$144/night.
Book early. Lesa is printing flyers and will be handing them out.
The next SoCal meeting will be at the conference

Bryna volunteered to create a new community phone list.

She also brought up that, with San Diego County CoDA hosting the CoDA World Conference in 2018, CoDA World is looking for a "liaison" in San Diego to find answers to questions CoDA World may need for creating the conference; someone for CoDA World to touch base with.

Whoever wants to fill that position will need to present themselves at the next SDCCoDA Business meeting so establish their qualifications for filling the "liaison" position. The Community will then vote on who will be the person to fill the position. We are hoping for many candidates to select from.

Newsletter- Omar

Omar reported that Lesa had created and sent out a CoDA Voice for May. He questioned and stated his uncomfortableness with her actions. He said he will update the meetings list and have a newsletter for next month.

Workshop, Panels, Seminars- Open

Public Information- Mail – Open (Lorraine and Fran have been going by to check the P.O.Box)

Public Information- Phones- Open (Gary had updated with the most current meetings list, Feb.)

Hospital and Institutions- Frank

Frank reported that there are two meeting at Las Colinas- 1) Monday morning, and 2) Tuesday evening. Frank reported that councilors make all the difference. There is a new councilor at Las Colinas who has helped CoDA get back on track. They are up to 20 people/meeting and it is so important they CoDA is there for them. There are a lot of young women with families and life sucks for them.

Delores reported for North County, the Vista Jail was doing so well. It is hard to maintain a Step Study since the nature of the jails was that people come in and are released all the time. Even with that disadvantage, she pointed to the Vet group as an example of how the attitude of the individuals changes and she sees such amazing growth. She said that there are two groups reaching the end of their 12 Step Study. She also stated there are lots of opportunities for inmates' growth. With 25 or more people at the sharing meeting, some will take info back to their modules and share it there. The guards also have benefitted.

She said they can always use more volunteers.

Literature- Travis

Travis reported: Orders- \$506.30
Deposit \$545.00
Donation \$55.00
No Core order yet.

Outreach- Open

Activities- Open

Webmaster- Catherine (not present)

Through Fran, Catherine stated as follows:

Hello San Diego CoDA Community,

I will not be able to attend the community meeting this Saturday. Here is my report:

- 1) I have updated the email forwarders on the website to reflect the new positions.
- 2) I posted the CoDA voice and the most recent version of the schedule.
- 3) I sent out an eBlast to the community about the open positions and the upcoming community meeting.
- 4) The May community meeting on 5/20 will be my last one as webmaster; I will be stepping down from my position on that date. I am willing to continue posting updated schedules until we can find a replacement, however, I will not be able to do any other updating of the website.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Catherine

Break and then, after 10 minutes, the Business Meeting continued

7th Tradition basket passed around the room.

Business Meeting- Motions and Discussion

Lorraine took over facilitating the meeting. A quorum was taken establishing 13 voting members.

Fran volunteered to bring snacks next month. An informal discussion followed as to whether there was a limit to the amount of money spent for snacks and was the community responsible for reimbursing the individual? It was determined that the amount would be self-governed by the individual providing the snacks and that a basket would be set beside the snacks for people to voluntarily donate as support for the costs.

Discussion item: How to determine the liaison for CoDA World: how to appoint someone.

It was stated that several people had expressed interest in becoming the "liaison" between CoDA World and San Diego County CoDA for the CoDA World Conference to held in San Diego in 2018. Names mentioned were Fati, Athena, and Samantha(by email).

Bryna put forth that if somebody wants to be elected they need to show up and present their qualifications for the position. (ie dependable, reliable, capable, available.) Others agreed and added that we have 9 open positions at the community level- couldn't these individuals demonstrate commitment to the SD Community by filling some of those positions?

It was asked if it was determined what exactly this position entailed to begin with? Is there a lot to do? How many will we need? Can one person do it all?

It was stated that part of the duties would be to check out hotels for World, as determined by World, asking questions needed by World in order to determine a site for the conference.

It was offered that an email Blast had gone out previously with a job description and request for individuals to be present at the next meeting.

Rita stated that Addie had relayed that CoDA World wants "1" person, not many. She implied that the liaison doesn't have to do a lot of work.

It was asked if we could get that job description? It was stated that Lesa had sent out the email so she probably had the description of the position.

Someone said they would contact Lesa and get that information. It was also decided to contact those people who stated interest in the position and ask them to show up at the next business meeting.

Discussion Item: Accept the minutes for March

It was determined that the corrected minutes had not been sent out to be viewed before final acceptance. It was tabled until next month.

Motion Item: Does the SDCCoDA Community want to send \$1000.00 to the 2017 SoCal Conference to show support for the SoCal?

After discussion, the motion passed: Y-11, N-0, A-2

Gary will write a check and send it off to the conference.

Discussion Item: Have Webmaster connect with more/better search engines so that our website is easier to find.

The presenter of the item stated that she had difficulty finding our website and thought that connecting with some stronger search engines might help us be easier for the “codependent who still suffers.”

It was offered that with the current webmaster’s boundary, time for input and website improvement was limited. It was also explained that moving up the list to show closer to the first place often involved a fee. The difficulty with finding people qualified to run the website guided us to keep it simple.

Several people put SDCCoDA into their search engines while discussion was taking place and offered that the website had come up immediately. It was decided that the website was functioning well and needed no extra work.

There was a motion to adjourn. Accepted unanimously.

Closing prayer