

# Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

May 19, 2018

Present: Laurine, Bryna, Gary, Addie, Fati, Rob, Joe, Hal, Travis, Sharon, Marci, Pat, Dani, Dave, Victoria, Scott, Peggy, Cheyenne, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Laurine.

The 12 Traditions were read by meeting participants.

## **Officer/Chair Reports:**

**Fran, Community Rep:** Absent due to surgery

**France, Alternate Community Rep:** Absent

**Csilla, Secretary:** The March and April minutes along with the current Community meeting phone list were emailed to members of the Business Meeting. Please let her know if you didn't receive them. There are additional copies of the minutes and phone list for anyone who didn't receive the emailed ones. A phone list will circulate during the meeting so that members can make any corrections or add their name if they are a new representative of a group.

**Laurine, Parliamentarian:** Laurine read the parliamentarian details stating that each person in the meeting has a voice, but only members who have been voted in by their group as group rep may vote. Any motions can be submitted on the pink form and any discussion item on the goldenrod form and these items will be addressed in the business portion of the meeting.

**Gary, Treasurer:** Gary reported the following:

Union Bank Checking	\$10,953.85
Union Bank Savings	5,825.38
Total Bank Accounts	\$16,779.23
Total Other Current Assets	3,207.53
Total Current Assets	19,986.76
Total Income	879.12
Total Expenses	2,442.82
Total Other Income	3,745.45
Net Other Income	2,955.39
Net Income	\$1,391.69

**Regional Rep:** Open

**Bryna, Alternate Regional Rep:** Bryna reminded the group of the upcoming SoCal One Day Conference on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Joshua Tree. The registration flyer is on the SoCAL website. The conference chair people are suggesting that carpools be organized. The next SoCal quarterly meeting will be held on June 2 in Culver City. Efforts are underway to revive the Orange County Intergroup.

**Dave, Newsletter:** Dave has the May Newsletter posted on the SDCCoDA website. He did get the newsletter to the webmaster. He encourages submissions for the newsletter from CoDA members.

**Nancy, Workshops, Panels, and Seminars:** Nancy was absent, but Scott reported for her. Super Seminar Saturday will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00 at St. Dunstan's Church. The theme of the seminar will be The Promises. \$25 will be paid to a sound person since there were difficulties with the sound at the last SSS. Scott asked Rob to do an email blast of the flyer on the website. Lasagna and pizza will be served, along with pot luck side dishes and desserts. Nancy is looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean up and kitchen duties.

**Peggy, Public Information Mail:** Peggy reported that the post office box fee has been paid and she picked up 2 bank statements and 2-7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions at the post office.

**Public Information Phones:** Open

**Addie, Hospitals and Institutions:** Addie submitted a receipt for \$30.06 for printing costs of pamphlets that were handed out at her presentation to the San Diego Domestic Violence Council on May 17<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 30 professionals there and the presentation was received enthusiastically. Frank G. requested more literature for Las Colinas Prison. Addie is confirming the amount of available literature with France. SDCCoDA will supply CoDA Big Books and Workbooks to be taken to the inmates. Travis volunteered that he thought there was approximately \$600 left to purchase books. Addie is working with the Treasurer to put in place a system to keep track of the money in the H&I budget. She will report the progress in June and will report how much money H&I has spent and how much is left.

**Fati, World Conference Liaison:** Fati had an initial meeting where 7 different chairpersons were designated. Next month she will have a sign-up sheet so that CoDA members can volunteer for the various committees.

**Travis, Literature:** June will be the last month that Travis will be literature chair. Laurine asked that he give us a summary of his duties. He said that all ordering is done online including the tri-fold pamphlet given to newcomers which is ordered online from Kirkland and delivered to his door. He estimates that, as literature chair, he spends approximately 8 hours per month on taking inventory and filling and placing orders. Travis reported the following monthly info:

Deposits	\$1,400.04
Orders	1138.60

H&I Donation	141.00
CORE Order	\$3,082.54
Inventory	4,241.79
Money in Cash Box	88.19

**Outreach:** Open

**Victoria, Activities:** Victoria reported that there is still room for tents at the June 8th-10<sup>th</sup> camping trip at Mt. Laguna. There is a flyer on the website with details. She is planning a beach/bonfire for June or July. She is working on securing a spot for the holiday party.

**Rob, Webmaster:** The May newsletter and meeting schedule is posted. Rob will post the Super Seminar Saturday flyer. He is still looking into an alternate website system and will speak on that in the business portion of the meeting. It was brought up about doing an email blast/carpool info for the SoCal conference. Rob will look into that. Rob also asked members to let him know if you want anything else on the website.

**Break** was called at 10:50. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed.

The meeting was resumed at 11:05.

**Announcements:** Laurine announced that it would be helpful if a few members would arrive at the business meeting early to help set up the meeting space.

It was announced that the men's workshop scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. There was not enough help to put on the workshop.

Roll call was taken and 14 voting members were present. Since we have 28 meetings, the quorum of 8 was met.

Laurine, as parliamentarian, reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items. Motions are presented on the pink form and discussion items on the goldenrod one. You will have 2 minutes to present your item and then 5 minutes for discussion.

**Old Business:**

Bryna moved that the March minutes be approved. The vote was Yes-12; No-0; Abstention-0

Gary moved that the April minutes be approved. It was pointed out that the date for the SoCal conference was June 23<sup>rd</sup>, not the 24<sup>th</sup> as in the minutes. Csilla said that she would correct this. The vote was Yes-12; No-0; Abstention-0, contingent on the correction being made.

Laurine then presented 2 tabled discussion items. The first was the website system. Rob took over this discussion. The current website system has limited space and is not user friendly. He would like to see us move to a more straight forward system and recommends G Suite. He is

not sure what the cost is, but thinks it's about \$50/month. If we had non-profit status (which we do not), it would be free. There was much discussion and questions. Rob said that G Suite has a simple interface for updating the website plus storage in the background which would allow collaborative work on flyers. When the webmaster job is turned over to a new webmaster, it will be easy to transfer the job. Google is very reputable and well maintained. Travis made a motion to extend 2 minutes; Bryna seconded the motion. There were more questions about confidentiality and how we would pay for this service if our finances were low. It was decided that Rob will make a list of pros and cons and come back to the group with them and with more information about costs.

Laurine presented the second tabled item which was about the large amount of excess funds in the treasury. There was much discussion about how these funds could be handled. We need to have a prudent reserve but the question is what should be done with the rest of the funds. The talk of non-profit status came up and if we applied for it, we would need insurance. Gary pointed out that CoDA World does have non-profit status, but a few years ago motion to cover all the CoDA groups under their non-profit umbrella was rejected by CoDA World since there are ramifications involved such as scrutiny of treasury books, etc. Travis moved to extend the discussion for 2 minutes and Dani seconded the motion. Travis brought up Tradition 9 that says that CoDA needs the least amount of organization. Scott volunteered to form an ad hoc committee to explore options for distributing these excess funds and applying for non-profit status. There was concern by some members that this committee would be telling the CoDA Business Meeting what to do with the funds. It was pointed out that the committee would only be exploring and presenting options since it would be difficult for a large CoDA group to do this in a timely way. Bryna said that in 2015, a CoDA member, Carrie, did a detailed study about non-profit status. Addie will pass on Carrie's contact information to Scott.

Rob suggested that we discuss items that require voting first on our agenda. Gary asked if we can put important items first. Laurine, as parliamentarian, makes that choice.

Laurine presented Csilla's discussion item about when to send out the minutes to the group. There were some who would like them to be sent twice – once soon after the Business meeting and once the week before the meeting. Options were discussed, but it was left to send the minutes during the week before the meeting. In that way, the info from the last meeting is fresh in member's minds.

## **New Business**

Since we will no longer be serving refreshments at the Business Meeting, Laurine moved that all leftovers (paper goods, water, etc.) be given to Victoria to be used for CoDA Activities. Addie seconded the motion. There was discussion and it was pointed out that no one asked Victoria if she wanted these items. Laurine changed the motion to give the leftover supplies to Victoria if she wanted them. If she doesn't, Fati said that she would take them for the CoDA World Conference. Addie seconded the motion. The vote was Yes-11; No-0; Abstentions-1.

Scott moved that an ad hoc committee be formed to explore options for dealing with the excess funds and for looking into non-profit status. Rob seconded the motion. Addie suggested that the committee meet by conference call. Scott will look at a date and time and bring the information to the next meeting. Bryna said that the ad hoc committee needs input from the treasurer. Dani wondered who can join in the ad hoc meetings. Travis moved that we extend the discussion for 2 minutes. Addie seconded it. Addie said that any member can come and listen, but the committee members will be the ones to vote. However, they are only voting on ideas to be taken back to the Community meeting. Bryna reminded the group that every person has a voice. Travis then pointed out that the GSRs and Chair people will eventually vote on what to do with the excess funds. It will not be the ad hoc committee making that decision. A vote was taken to form the ad hoc committee. Yes-11; No-1; Abstentions-1.

Addie moved that we adjourn. Peggy seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00, followed by the Serenity Prayer.