

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

June 16, 2018

Present: Rob, France, Laurine, Gary, Addie, Diane, Nicole, Rebecca, Victoria, Christine, Marci, Travis, Bryna, Dennis, Jennifer, David, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by France.

The CoDA Opening Prayer was recited.

France read the 6th CoDA concept.

Introductions were made.

The 12 Traditions were read by meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Fran, Community Rep: - Absent due to surgery

France, Alternate Community Rep: CoDA World will have their conference in San Diego in October. The first part of the conference is the business part and there will be 2 delegates plus an alternate representing the SoCAL region, one of whom is France. These delegates will meet before the conference and summarize the motions that will be voted upon at the conference. The summaries will then be emailed to CoDA members in the SoCAL region via Survey Monkey so that individual members can vote their conscience on the issues. The delegates will then present the consensus of the region at the conference.

France also reported that at the SoCal conference being held in Yucca Valley on June 23rd, attendees will vote and ratify decisions brought forward, as well as elect officers.

Csilla, Secretary: Csilla apologized for the lateness of the May minutes due to a computer problem. She thanked Laurine for emailing them to Business meeting members. She brought a few copies of the minutes for those who didn't receive the emailed copies, as well as copies of the updated phone list. A new phone list was passed around for any additions or corrections.

Gary, Treasurer: Gary reported the following:

Union Bank Checking	\$ 9,249.72
Union Bank Savings	5,825.38
Total Bank Accounts	15,075.10
Total Other Current Assets	4,329.98
Total Current Assets	19,405.08
Total Income to date	1,240.94

Total Expenses	5,286.17
Total Other Income	4,522.85
Net Income:	810.01

Regional Representative: Open

Bryna, Alt. Regional Rep: The SoCal quarterly meeting was held on June 7th in Culver City. The next meeting will be held on August 25th from 10:00-1:00 pm. Corey reported that there are nine positions open and that elections to these positions will be held during the Assembly lunch at the SoCal Conference on June 23rd. The attendance at the SoCal conference seems to be lower than anticipated, but all is on schedule and the expenses have been adjusted accordingly. As France mentioned, the delegates to CoDA World will summarize the motions in July that will be up for a vote and these summaries will be sent to the SoCal region in mid- August to vote on via Survey Monkey. It was also noted that CORE will host a literature table at the conference. The Desert community had a representative at the quarterly meeting (the first time in a year) who reported that the community was active, having 9-10 meetings per week. TVCC Community in the valley is super active with 30 meetings per week. They asked for people to view their website and make suggestions on user interface. In the new business portion of the meeting, it was decided that the corresponding secretary's position needs to be updated in the by-laws to reflect current responsibilities now that so much is done by email. Bryna brought up that SDCCoDA formed an ad hoc committee which is looking at the disposition of excess finances and exploring non-profit status. One member said that that it is difficult to implement non-profit status and that nothing in the by-laws suggests that intergroups need to send excess funds to SoCAL. Corey noted that San Diego is on tap to hold the 2019 SoCal Regional Conference.

Laurine, Parliamentarian: Laurine read the parliamentarian details and stated that discussion items can be submitted on the pink forms and motions can be submitted on the goldenrod ones. She also stated that to have a quorum to vote on motions, we need to have representation from 30% of the current 27 meetings.

Dave, Newsletter: Absent

Nancy, Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Nancy was absent, but Bryna reported for her and brought flyers for Super Seminar Saturday to be passed out at individual meetings. SSS will be held on July 28th at St. Dunstan's Church. The keynote speaker and most of the workshop presenters have been lined up. All updated information is on the website thanks to Rob. Volunteers for set up, clean up, and kitchen duty are still needed, as well as a home freezer to store frozen food for a few days before SSS. Registration is at the door only and suggested donation is \$10, with no one turned away. If any group wants to help support this event, donations will be accepted.

Peggy, Public Information Mail: Peggy picked up 2 bank statements at the post office.

Public Information Phones: Open. It was reported that a CoDA member, Patty, would like to take over this responsibility but she was not at the meeting.

Addie, Hospitals and Institutions: Addie reported that she spoke to a group of ladies at the WRC residential center in Oceanside. They would like to have a speakers meeting once a month and Addie is

looking for speakers to share their experience, strength, and hope. She would like to sign up 12 speakers, one per month for the next year. The CoDA volunteers see approximately 64 men each week at the Vista jail. The men are going through the CoDA Big Book and the workbook and are grateful for the meeting. Addie is still working with the Treasurer on a system of keeping track of the money in the H&I budget.

Travis, Literature: Travis had no financial report today. There was a snag at CORE this month when he was shipped 39 workbooks instead of the 100 that he had ordered. It seems that the workbook is in the process of being printed in a new spiral bound format. The delivery of that book may possibly start next month. This is Travis' last month as literature chair. He will store the literature on hand until a person takes over for him. He will not be filling any orders. He mentioned that individuals or groups could order their own literature and could cut shipping costs by having it sent by media mail.

Outreach: Open

Fati, CoDA World Liaison: Absent

Victoria, Activities: The camping trip held on June 8th-10th was successful. Victoria had a \$200 budget but only spent \$138 on steaks and smores. \$24 was collected in 7th tradition. There will be a beach bonfire on August 11th at Crown Point. Burgers, veggie burgers, and buns will be supplied along with leftovers from the camping trip. Some CoDA members want to do another campout in September and they will be organizing it themselves.

Rob, Webmaster: Rob asked members to send him information about anything (flyers, etc.) that they would like to get out to the CoDA community. He also would like to take advantage of the free trial for G Suite. More about G Suite will be discussed in the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee: The first meeting of the ad hoc committee was held by conference call and Scott, Carey, and Addie were in attendance. Carey reported on the cost of getting non-profit status: \$99 for the state form and \$495 for the 501c. The committee discussed many things: a prudent reserve based on past financials, amending our by-laws to include information on prudent reserve, hiring a bookkeeper, liability insurance, discontinuing the sale of literature due to sales tax liability, and how to spend excess funds to benefit the San Diego Fellowship. This is an ongoing study that is just beginning to explore ideas for using the excess funds in our treasury.

Break was called at 11:05. The basket was passed and 7th tradition was collected.

The meeting resumed at 11:15. It was determined that we need 9 members to have a quorum. Roll call was taken and quorum was met by 11 voting members.

Laurine reiterated the procedure for submitting motions on the goldenrod forms and discussion items on the pink forms. The person submitting the motion or discussion item has 2 minutes to present followed by 5 minutes for discussion by members.

It was determined that enough people had received the May minutes and we would vote on them today. 9 members voted to approve the minutes; 1 abstained. The May minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Rob presented the pros and cons of changing our web host. The pros are: more user friendly; provides web apps such as google docs, calendar, forms to do online surveys, work collaboratively; management of email is simplified; there is storage for spreadsheets and flyers. The cons include: \$5/user/month which would probably be \$80/month for 16 officers; the need to learn a new system. During this discussion, Travis moved to extend for 2 minutes and Bryna seconded it. Bryna asked if we need to make a commitment or could we sign up for month to month service. Rob said that we don't need to commit to any length of time. He would like to sign up for a 14 day trial subscription, costing \$5/person. Bryna moved that Rob sign up for the 14 day trial, Marci seconded the motion. The vote: 9 – yes; 0 – no; 1 – abstention. Gary asked Rob to pay the money himself and get reimbursed, since Gary has a concern for credit card security.

New Business:

Bryna brought a flyer from SoCal outlining service positions that will be available and voted upon at the upcoming SoCal conference. She shared her own experience and the amount of growth she's had being a part of this SoCal Board that meets 4 times per year. Rebecca asked what sort of requirements are needed to participate on the board. Bryna said that for most positions, you need to have been in CoDA for one year, actively working the steps and traditions, and attending CoDA meetings on a regular basis. For a few of the positions, you need to have at least a year of active service at the community or regional level. Gary pointed out that your first requirement though, is focusing on your own recovery, not doing service in the early days of CoDA recovery.

Since there was no other business, Travis moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:45. Addie seconded the motion. The Serenity Prayer was recited.