

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

July 21, 2018

Present: Fran, Laurine, France, Gary, Addie, Marci, Laurie, Cristina, Bryna, Pat S., Barbara, David, Rob, Fati, Dave, Nancy, Frank, Sharleene, Lesa, Jennifer, Cathy, Dennis, SB

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Fran

The CoDA Opening prayer was recited. Fran read the 7th CoDA Service Concept

The 12 traditions were read by meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Fran, Community Rep: The SoCal Conference in Yucca Valley was attended by over 100 people. The July Voice is out. Super Seminar Saturday on July 28th is our next big event.

France, Alternate Community Rep: No Report

Csilla, Secretary: Copies of the June minutes as well as an updated phone list were emailed to all members of the Business Community. There are extra copies on the table if anyone didn't receive the email. One correction regarding the change to SoCal by-laws was noted and changed in the official minutes. Acceptance of the minutes will be voted on in the Old Business portion of this meeting. All members were asked to check their contact information as the phone list is passed around so a new list can be generated with the correct information.

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 goldenrod form and any discussion items can be submitted on the pink form. These items will be addressed during the business portion of the meeting.

Gary, Treasurer: Gary reported the following:

Union Bank Checking	\$10,096.27
Union Bank Savings	5,825.47
Total Bank Accounts	15,921.74
Total Other Current Assets	3,256.99
Total Current Assets	\$19,178.73
Total Income	1,286.03
Total Expenses	5,472.12

Total Other Income	\$ 5,510.35
Net Income	\$ 1,656.65

Regional Rep: Open Lesa stepped forward and would like to volunteer for this position. The group will vote on her nomination during the New Business portion of the meeting.

Bryna, Alternate Reg. Rep: The one day SoCal conference was terrific with the majority of the conference filled with speakers and workshops. There was the election of new officers who will begin their term on Aug. 25th, except for the new CoDA World delegates who will be starting their term in January. All SoCal positions were filled with the following:

Chairperson:	Christine from L.A. (she was previously Treasurer)
Immediate Past Chair:	Darcie from Temecula
Recording Secretary:	Caryn
Treasurer:	Thuy from L.A.
Delegate 1:	France
Alternate Delegate:	Rosa from the Hispanic Intergroup
H&I Chairperson:	Pauline
Historian:	Corey (previously Immediate Past Chair)
Corresponding Secretary:	Lori Ann
Webmaster:	Joe H.

Dave, Newsletter: Dave would like all chairpersons hosting new events to let him know about them so that he can put the information in the newsletter. He mentioned that he was looking for the email list of CoDA members to send out the newsletter. Rob said that he has the list and already sends the information out. Addie asked how it was best to get meeting contact info changed in the newsletter. Dave said that schedule changes should go to the email address on the website or bring them to the monthly business meeting. It was decided to make a clear message on the newsletter with the email address more obvious. Nancy also reminded group reps to be sure to verify their meeting information and/or to send any changes to CoDA World every 3 years so that your group might not be deleted. Lesa noted that it is easy to for the Newsletter chair to cross reference the information on CoDA World with the San Diego schedule.

Nancy, Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Nancy reported that everything is ready for the upcoming July 28th Super Seminar Saturday. It will be held from 10-4, with the doors opening at 9:00 am. There will be 4 workshops, and during lunch, there will be a sharing meeting in the

classroom while the main room will be used for eating. Nancy has many volunteers, but can always use help in setting up and breaking down.

Public Information Phones: Open

Public Information Mail: Peggy was absent, but Gary reported that she picked up two bank statements and one 7th Tradition at the post office.

Addie, Hospitals and Institutions: Due to personal reasons, Addie needs to resign from this position. This is her last meeting. She reported the following: the Women's Recovery Center still would like to have monthly speakers come to share their experience, strength, and hope; Solutions for Change still needs CoDA volunteers; Sandra Schmidt, Family Support Partner, IHOT North would like to have a CoDA meeting on Wednesday nights; and Frank wants to start a meeting at Serenity House. Dave asked how to get information about volunteering for the Vista jails since there seems to be no flyer to give to interested CoDA members.

Literature: Open There was considerable talk about how to buy literature from CORE since we have no literature chair. David mentioned that Tina H. would like to become literature chair but would need to have a back- up person for times when she cannot be at the Business Meeting. Rob pointed out that this is a one person job because it would be difficult to pass the literature back and forth between two chair people. Gary said that Tina needs to be at the Business Meeting to present her qualifications and to be voted in. David cannot represent her.

Outreach: Open

Fati, CoDA World Liaison: Fati has been interfacing with Catherine from CoDA World about what San Diego needs to provide for the October World conference being held here in San Diego. Fati has six chair people lined up who are just starting to make plans and gathering committee members. She will be requesting money to be used for the hospitality suite later in this meeting.

Victoria, Activities: Victoria was absent but Csilla reported that the information for the CoDA bonfire potluck/meeting is on the website and in the newsletter. Victoria is open to any volunteers who would like to help. Text or email her with any questions or to volunteer.

Rob, Webmaster: Rob is preparing information to send out to the email list. He will include information about Super Seminar Saturday, the bonfire potluck, open positions at the San Diego Community meeting, and the newly elected SoCal board chair people. Sharleene asked Rob if he could post the upcoming events on the calendar itself located on the website. Rob will look into adding the events to the calendar. Lesa asked how to get updates to the webmaster. Rob said to send them to webmaster@sdccoda.org or to bring them to him before the business meeting. Rob hasn't been able to do the trial run of G Suite and will work with Gary to reconcile the credit charge.

Scott, Ad Hoc committee: Scott was absent so Addie gave the report. She reported that the committee is gathering information so that the San Diego community meeting can make an informed decision about excess funds. The committee will continue gathering information, but could use help. They are investigating nonprofit status and potentially using an online attorney similar to Legal Zoom to answer questions. The committee is working with Gary to produce the SDCCoDA yearly budget so that a prudent reserve can be established. There was discussion about the reasons for having nonprofit status and for having liability insurance. Rob pointed out that G Suite, the web host that he is investigating, is free for nonprofits. Sharleene asked about getting under the CoDA World nonprofit umbrella but was told that isn't a possibility. Nancy said that the desert community went through the process of becoming nonprofit. She suggested that the ad hoc committee reach out to them for information about how they obtained nonprofit status. Addie said that the committee is looking into the ramifications of reselling literature and tax liability. Leesa said that we can look into a resale license for selling literature. Addie said that the committee is looking into liability insurance. Kathy pointed out that generally when a CoDA group has inquiries about renting a meeting space, they are asked if they have liability insurance.

Break was called at 11:20. The basket was passed and 7th tradition was collected.

The meeting resumed at 11:30. With 28 meetings, the quorum of 9 was met by 18 voting members.

Laurine reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items.

Old Business:

- 1) A vote was taken to approve the June minutes. Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstention – 2
- 2) Dave presented a discussion item about changing the sound system volunteer to a board position. There was much discussion that followed. Gary said that this volunteer was under the workshops, panels, and seminars chairperson. Nancy, as that chairperson, said she didn't know anything about being responsible for the sound system volunteer. Bryna pointed out that this was not a trivial job since it involves being responsible for the speakers meeting as well as Super Seminar Saturdays. Lesa said that if the sound system volunteer job becomes a chair position, that chairperson would be expected to attend the monthly business meetings. S.B. said that as a chair position, it would afford another person to do service at the Community level. Pat and Marci moved to extend the discussion time. Gary informed the group that the community purchased the sound system, put it under the Workshops, Panels, and Seminars chairperson, and if the sound system volunteer needs help, he/she needs to ask for it. Dave made a motion that a sound system chair position be added. The results: Yes – 1; No – 14; Abstentions – 1.

New Business:

Fati moved that the SDCCoDA contribute \$2000 for use on snacks and equipment for the Hospitality Room at the CoDA World conference. SoCal is already contributing \$1000. Fati said that any money not spent will be given back to the community. Much discussion followed about the responsibility of the host city, as well as how welcoming and special the Hospitality Room needs to be. It was brought up that SDCCoDA is abundant and usually contributes a donation to the SoCal conference which we haven't done this year. The vote was called and the motion to give \$2000 to the World Conference for use for the hospitality room was passed: Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstentions – 3.

There was a motion to elect Pat S. to the Public Information Phone Chair. Pat said that she wanted to do service work for the community and she has the time to be available for this phone position. The vote was called and the results were as follows: Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstentions – 0. **Pat S. is the new Public Information Phone Chairperson.**

There was a motion to elect Lesa to the Regional Rep position. Lesa cited her many years of CoDA meeting/board positions and the vote was: Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstentions – 0. **Lesa is the new Regional Representative.**

Rob proposed a discussion item about whether we really do need a literature chairperson. It was brought up that this chair is an opportunity for service as well as it saves a little money by buying literature in bulk. Lesa said that having literature at the community meeting gives support to the CoDA community, and Pat said that having literature at the Business Meeting gets members to the meeting to pick up the literature. Bryna said that the literature chair is a central contact point for literature, and is important for Workshops, Panels, and Seminars activities. There was much discussion and extension to the meeting time, but this was a discussion item and no action was taken.

France moved that we adjourn. Several people seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 followed by the Serenity Prayer.