

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

August 18, 2018

Present: Fran, Laurine, France, Sharleene, Diane P., Fati, Marci, Pat S., Robin, S.F., Laurie, Lesa, Rob, Nancy, Christine, Tina, Jennifer, Frank, David, Bryna, Diane, Dani, David, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Fran. The CoDA Opening prayer was recited. Fran read the 8th CoDA Service Concept. The 12 Traditions were read by meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Fran, Community Rep: Thanks to Nancy for the wonderful Super Seminar Saturday event. It was a great day of recovery. Thanks to Csilla for her fine job with the minutes.

France, Alternate Community Rep: No Report

Csilla, Secretary: Copies of the July minutes as well as the updated phone list were emailed to all members listed on the phone list. There were extra copies on the table for anyone who didn't receive them. A vote on accepting these minutes will be taken during the Old Business portion of the meeting. Please check your contact information on the phone list as it is passed around to make sure it's complete and accurate.

Laurine, Parliamentarian: Laurine read the parliamentarian details stating that each person in the meeting has a voice, but only chair people, and 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 was absent due to another commitment, so Csilla gave the following report for him:

Union Bank Checking	\$10,599.37
Union Bank Savings	5,825.47
Total Bank Accounts	16,424.84
Total Other Current Assets	3,256.99
Total Current Assets	19,681.83
7 th Tradition	1,299.08
Total Income	1,418.83
Total Expenses	5,487.12
Total Other Income	5,895.65

Total Other Expenses	740.60
Net Income	\$1,086.76

Gary's report also noted that the community received \$385.30 from literature sales at Super Seminar Saturday. He thanked Rita for staffing the literature table.

Gary is working on gathering the financial reports that Addie has requested for use by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Lesia, Regional Rep: The next SoCal meeting will be held on August 25th. She will be sharing the details of that meeting at the September San Diego Business Meeting.

Bryna, Alternate Regional Rep: Bryna dittoed Lesia's report.

Dave, Newsletter: Absent

Nancy, Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Nancy reported that 65 people attended the July 28th Super Seminar Saturday. The registration income was \$556.00. Gross Income was \$631.36. Total Expenses were \$586.31. Net income from Super Seminar Saturday was \$45.05.

Nancy said that people stayed all day, there were great volunteers, and there was a positive keynote speaker at the Seminar. She wondered why the attendance was low. There was feedback from the Community members that the middle of summer was a difficult time to have this event. David suggested that we promote the next SSS more in our CoDA groups. Nancy would like feedback from the individual groups and asked that CoDA members email comments and suggestions to her.

Peggy, Public Information Mail: Absent Diane reported that Peggy is stepping down from her position. Laurine will get the key and do this job temporarily until someone volunteers.

Pat, Public Information Phones: Pat reported that in testing the phone system with 2 calls to herself, she found that she was notified of the calls by email 2 minutes after the calls were completed.

Hospitals and Institutions: Open

Literature: Open Each CoDA group needs to order their own literature until a new Literature Chairperson volunteers. There is a new Newcomer Handbook that has been modified by taking out the AA promises.

Outreach: Open

Victoria, Activities: Victoria is teaching a yoga class and will be late to the Community meetings. Csilla gave this report for her: The Crown Point potluck was attended by around 16 people. There was plenty of food and fun for everyone. She has requested Saturday, Dec. 8th

or the 15th for the annual holiday party. She is waiting for an answer regarding availability from the church. She hopes to plan an October event with a possible Halloween theme.

Fati, CoDA World Liaison: Fati reported that she has her committee in place and there will be online sign-ups on the website for volunteer slots.

Rob, Webmaster: Rob is trying to figure out the forwarding service in the present system. Things are in flux, possibly caused by a software update. He is in the process of posting the newsletter and updating the meeting schedule. He does not seem to have full autonomy and feels that with Gmail Suite this would not be a problem.

Ad Hoc Committee: Laurine reported that the Ad Hoc Committee consists of 4 members who meet monthly by phone. They are Laurine, Carey, Addie, and Scott (when he is available). The committee has discussed the need for legal assistance in terms of gathering information and guidance for moving forward with the evaluation of non-profit/incorporation status. The Committee has been developing a list of questions that they will need to have answered by the legal counsel. There will be more information regarding this in a motion to be presented in the New Business portion of this meeting. The committee is also working with Gary, Community Treasurer, to gather the expenses for the last three years to aid in their evaluation and report.

Break was called at 11:00. The basket was passed and 7th tradition was collected.

The meeting resumed at 11:15. It was determined that we have 27 meetings and need a quorum of 8 members. Roll call was taken and the quorum was met by 19 voting members.

Laurine reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items.

Announcements:

France announced that when the motions to be discussed at the upcoming World Conference have been published, the SoCal delegates to the conference will summarize them and send a survey to all SoCal members. She asks that all San Diego CoDA members check their email for the survey, read the motions, and vote on them. She reminded us that this is a chance to voice your opinions.

Dani announced that the Sponsorship meeting will be held on August 29th and not on the 30th as previously publicized. The change has been submitted to the newsletter chair.

Old Business:

The vote to approve the June minutes was: Yes – 16; No – 0; Abstentions – 3. The June minutes were approved as written.

Lesia reminded us that sub-committee members do not have a vote.

The first item up for discussion was submitted by Rob. The item was regarding whether we really need to have a literature chairperson. Rob said that it's good experience/responsibility

for each meeting to purchase literature for their own individual group. It is relatively easy to order online and literature will be available to purchase at the upcoming CoDA World Conference. He did say that there is some cost savings when we buy in bulk. He feels that selling literature at the Community meeting is a distraction. There was much discussion about how having a literature chairperson supports the CoDA community by having literature at Community events such as Super Seminar Saturday. It was pointed out that a Literature Chair position is service work and an opportunity to build esteem by being responsible and connecting with those who purchase literature at the Community Meeting. Also, there is a chance at the community meeting for members to view all the literature. Rob pointed out that there are open service positions that can also build esteem. After much discussion, there was no motion and the item was tabled.

New Business:

A motion was presented by Laurine, representing the Ad Hoc Committee, requesting a sum of \$216 for 6 month's unlimited legal advice by the attorneys at Legal Zoom Services. The committee would like to get clarification and answers to questions regarding 1) Being an association versus a corporation 2) Becoming a 501c organization 3) Obtaining Liability insurance 4) Addressing Sales Tax liability in terms of resale of literature. Much discussion ensued about why Legal Zoom was chosen; about the right questions to ask to get the information we need; about the research that the Ad Hoc members have done regarding the by-laws; etc. In the end, the motion was tabled until the September meeting.

Bryna had put forth a discussion item about the bulk disposal of old cassettes/CDs from the past. In the interest of time, it was decided that this discussion item could be addressed at a later date.

France brought up a discussion item about the accounting for literature money, and whether we were selling at cost or making a profit. She contends that we need better accounting, especially if we are thinking about incorporating/non-profit status. Lesa said that all accounting records for the recent past could be found online in Quick Books. Sharleene made a motion to table this discussion until the treasurer could be present. Diane seconded the motion. The vote was Yes – 16; No – 1; Abstentions – 2. This discussion will be addressed at a future meeting.

Sharleene pointed out that she was disappointed with the emphasis on Robert's Rules of Order versus the use of the CoDA 12 Traditions when there was conflict and confusion in this Community Meeting.

Fran made a motion to adjourn. Lesa seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 followed by the Serenity Prayer.

