

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

September 15, 2018

Present: Fran, France, Csilla, Laurie, Sharleene, Diane P., Tina, Fati, Christine, Rob, Nancy, Frank, David, Jennifer, Robin, Diane, Victoria

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Fran. The CoDA Opening prayer was recited. Introductions were made. Fran read the 9th Service Concept. The 12 Traditions were read by meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Fran, Community Rep: Fran reported that the CoDA International Convention will be held before the next business meeting. Fati will provide more information about the event in her report.

France, Alternate Community Report: No Report

Csilla, Secretary: Copies of the August minutes, as well as the updated phone list, were emailed to all members who are on the phone list. If members did not receive either of these, there are extra copies on the table. A vote on accepting these minutes will be taken during the Old Business portion of the meeting. As the phone list is passed around, please check your contact information to make sure it is accurate and complete.

Laurine, Parliamentarian: Laurine is absent so France will take on the job of Parliamentarian during the business portion of this meeting. France outlined the procedure for submitting motions (on the goldenrod form) and discussion items (on the pink form).

Gary, Treasurer: Gary gave the following report:

Union Bank Checking	\$10,638.66
Union Bank Savings	5,825.47
Total Bank Accounts	16,464.13
Total Other Current Assets	2,871.69
Profit and Loss January – August:	
Total Assets	19,335.82
Total Income	2,038.88
Total Expenses	6,067.88
Total Other Income	5,895.65

Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,125.90
Net Income	\$ 740.75

Lesia, Regional Rep: Nancy read Lesia's report on the SoCal meeting held on 8/25/18 at the Share Center in Los Angeles. The CSC delegates reported that the motion summaries and survey will be sent via email to members of the SoCal Community.

The Conference Facilitator for the 2018 One Day Conference in Yucca Valley reported that the conference was a great success. There were 100 attendees. 13 scholarships were given. \$2470 was raised and will be split between SoCal and the hosting group. San Diego is next in the rotation to host for 2019. The facilitator asked San Diego to respond to the request to host the conference and elect a chairperson at the SDCCC's September business meeting. If San Diego declines, they can host in 2020. The conference Treasurer said that she would be willing to stay on the conference committee in 2019.

The Web Master reported that he is updating the SoCal website, switching to a new website host, and converting to WordPress. He explained that he does not feel Google Docs are secure and didn't recommend using them.

The Spanish Community has a 3 day event planned for Nov. 16-18 in West Covina. Information can be found at www.codahispana.org.

The Valley Community Committee (TVCC) reported that H&I meetings are being held at the Salvation Army and TVCC is assisting them with literature. TVCC is looking into liability insurance from Lloyd's of London.

Bryna, Alternate Regional Rep: Absent

Dave, Newsletter: Absent

Nancy, Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Nancy talked with Addie and they determined that future CoDA workshops/events will be handled under the Workshops, Panels, and Seminar chairperson. Nancy said that she is very happy for any initiation of these events and she will lend support for them. Nancy, since she had been asked questions from a Business Meeting newcomer last month regarding how the Business Meeting functioned, remembered that sometime in the past a Welcome Newcomer flyer had been given to newcomers attending their first monthly Business meeting. This flyer explained how the meeting operated, and anticipated questions that a newcomer might have when attending their first Business Meeting. Nancy presented a flyer to be given out in the future so that newcomers feel welcome and are more familiar with this new meeting.

Pat, Public Information Phones: Pat took two calls this month – one was from a therapist in Chula Vista who wanted meeting information, which she promptly forwarded to him; one was

from a lady needing emergency information about codependency and CoDA. Pat also gave her meeting information.

Public Information Mail: Vacant

Hospitals and Institutions: Vacant

Literature: Vacant

Outreach: Vacant

Victoria, Activities: Csilla read Victoria's report saying that the CoDA potluck went well and was attended by 16 people. Since it was hard to hear each other during the meeting portion, a different location may be chosen next time or participants might break into 2 groups. Also, the location on the flyer will be made clearer. \$65.35 was spent on food. November 3rd, there will be a family and friends apple picking event. Check the flyer on the website for details. The holiday party at Kensington Church will be Dec. 15th from 4:30-9:30. There will be a \$250 rental fee for the hall with a \$50 cleaning deposit.

Rob, Webmaster: Rob reported that he has added the CoDA Conference volunteer spreadsheet to the website. He has disabled the literature form and updated the meeting schedule and newsletter on the website. He said that we are in transition to a means of supporting our own web host and will be using an interim hosting service while we explore G Suite. France asked if the SoCal motions survey was put on the website and asked that SDCCC members please fill them out.

Fati, CoDA World Liaison: Fati reiterated that we need volunteers for the upcoming CoDA World Conference and she is looking for a Saturday yoga teacher. The parking fee at the Crown Plaza has been reduced to \$7. The schedule of the workshops will be posted on the CoDA World website. The committee meets weekly by phone.

Laurine, Ad Hoc Committee: Laurine was absent, but sent along word that further information from the Ad Hoc Committee will be presented at the October meeting.

Break was called at 10:57. The basket was passed and the 7th Tradition was collected.

The meeting resumed at 11:05. It was determined that we have 28 meetings and need a quorum of 9 members. Roll call was taken and the quorum was met by 16 voting members. France, acting as parliamentarian, reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items. She also read from the Newcomer handout about how motions are handled and said that the established manner of handling them is not set in concrete but a way of trying to proceed in an orderly fashion.

Announcements

A satchel of money was found from a defunct step study and was turned over to the SDCCC treasurer.

Old Business:

Lesa made a motion to approve the **August minutes. The vote was Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstentions – 2.**

Sharleene made a motion, which was seconded by Diane, asking that there be a shift in balance between approaching motions and discussions using the group conscience process as opposed to adhering strictly to Robert's Rules of Order. Lesa read from the by-laws which states that the principles and guidelines for SDCCoDA Business Meetings follow the guidelines of CoDA's 12 Traditions. There was discussion as to how Robert's Rules are a tool for orderly progression of the meeting and about how the 12 Traditions are used to uphold this progression. Nancy reminded us that in the past, when discussion became heated, the group would take a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer to bring calm back to the meeting. Sharleene asked that the group be given the opportunity to vote on supporting the bylaws with respect to the group conscience process. **A vote was taken: Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstentions - 2.**

Diane presented a discussion item involving Tradition 4 which states that "each group should remain autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CoDA as a whole". She pointed out that individual CoDA groups can organize workshops for themselves, but that when those workshops are announced to the general SDCCoDA population, they be handled through the workshops, panels, and seminar chairperson. There was agreement on this issue.

New Business:

Rob put forth a motion which stated that we change the bylaws to address standing motions before we move on to discussion items. Diane seconded the motion. Nancy pointed out that usually during the break it is the job of the community rep and parliamentarian to set the agenda and rank the motions and discussion items according to their importance. After much discussion, **a vote was taken on this motion: Yes – 10; No – 5; Abstentions – 3.** Nancy pointed out that to change the by-laws, we need to survey our individual groups about making this change and bring back to the business meeting their input. France volunteered to look into the current bylaws to see what is required to change them.

France presented a discussion item from the CoDA World Events committee asking for a response from intergroups about holding the International CoDA Convention in the future on a cruise ship as opposed to a hotel. They would separate the CoDA Service Conference from the Convention. The consensus of this Business Meeting was negative toward this idea.

Lesa, as Regional Representative, posed the question about San Diego CoDA hosting the 2019 SoCal conference. Gary said that 2 groups that he attends support San Diego being the host city. Lesa said that the host city can decide if they would like to hold a one day or three day event, and one of the advantages to hosting is that the proceeds from this event are split between the host city and SoCal. No one volunteered to be the chairperson. Lesa pointed out that Los Angeles will be glad to host in 2019 and San Diego can then take the slot in 2020. Los

Angeles already has a partial committee formed, but would like to get started planning it. Lesa was asked by SDCCCoDA members if she would ask the SoCal group if we could have enough time to discuss this again next month. She said she would see what the SoCal board would say about holding off another month.

France moved that the meeting be adjourned. Frank seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 followed by the Serenity Prayer.