

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

August 17, 2019

Present: Fran, Csilla, Shar, Nancy M., Michelle, Diane P., Jay, Tina, Kimberly, Annette, Robin, Barbara, Maria, France, Lesa, Jill, Joe, Dede, Wendy, Laurine, Hans, Elizabeth

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Fran. Newcomers were welcomed, introductions were made, and Fran read the 8th Service Concept. The 12 Traditions were read by the meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Fran, Community Rep: Fran reported that the International CoDA Service Conference (CSC) will be held September 10, 11, 12th and the International World Conference will be held September 13, 14, and 15th both in Atlanta. CoDA delegates do the business of CoDA World at CSC, while the International Conference hosts speakers and holds workshops for all attending CoDA members.

France, Acting Alternate Community Rep: France informed the group that this is the last business meeting that she will attend since she is moving. She thanked everyone for their work and told how service work is so important and has helped her grow.

Csilla, Secretary: Csilla emailed the copies of the July minutes, as well as the updated phone list. She had extra copies for anyone who didn't receive the emailed minutes, or she would send an email copy if the email address is provided. There was one addition to the minutes in the Workshops, Panels, and Seminars report that was brought to her attention. She has added this to the minutes and will address the correction in the Old Business portion of the meeting before we vote on accepting the minutes.

Parliamentarian: Open

Gary, Treasurer: Gary was absent, but sent his report which was read by Csilla. It is as follows:

Union Bank Checking	\$ 7,564.77
Union Bank Savings	7,600.13
Total Bank Accounts	15,164.90
Literature Inventory	4,019.15
Total Other Current Assets	4,429.35
Total Assets	19,594.25
Profit and Loss for January-July, 2019	
Total Income	2,805.82

Total Expenses	\$ 6,726.32
Net Operating Income	-3,920.50
Literature Income	4,923.35
Net Other Income	6,181.01
Net Income	2,260.51

Gary added that the Ken and Mary Evening brought in close to \$1,000. After expenses, a little over \$200 was added to our income.

Lesa, Regional Representative: Lesa reported that the next SoCal meeting will be held on Aug. 24th in Culver City. She also reminded the group that we are in need for an Alternate Regional Rep. Anyone interested in that position is welcome to ride along to the August meeting to watch how the Southern California business is handled. Nancy inquired about the survey which allows all CoDA members a chance to give their input to our SoCal delegates when they vote at the CSC conference. Lesa told her that there has already been an email blast regarding the survey.

Alternate Regional Rep: Open

Newsletter: Open Lesa has been keeping the meeting list up to date. She has made two meeting changes – one was a name change and the other was a location change.

Public Information Mail: Open Gary picked up 3 pieces of mail – two bank statements and one 7th Tradition donation.

Pat, Public Information Phones: Barbara gave Pat's report that there had been 1 phone call asking for directions to a meeting.

Hospitals and Institutions: Open

Sharleene, Literature: Sharleene presented the following report:

Petty Cash	\$ 110.20
Literature sold	244.35
Tokens sold	248.98
Total Inventory on hand	3,826.05

Sharleene said that she will need to order more big books and workbooks in a couple of months. In order to take advantage of quantity pricing, that order will cost over \$1,000.

Laurine, Outreach: No report

Activities: Open

Joe, Webmaster: Joe reported the following:

- 1) Joe sent out an email blast regarding the CoDA survey for the World CoDA Service Conference. If you are not on the email list, go to the bottom of the SDCCoDA website to sign up. There is a link on the SDCCoDA website to the survey which came out on the SoCal.org website.
- 2) Also, Joe told us that he cleaned up the Ken and Mary talk and it can be found on the SDCCoDA website. You can right click on the talk to save it.
- 3) The SoCal 7th tradition form with the new address can be found on the SDCCoDA website as well as on the SoCal website.
- 4) Joe informed the meeting that he has added a new page to the website that will announce step studies that are forming. He also said that he was interested in forming a men's workshop series lasting 4-5 weeks. If you are interested in doing this workshop, email him and look for the announcement on the step studies page.

Gary, SoCal Conference Chair: Gary was absent, but sent a report which stated that reports from all conference chairpersons as well as all transferable conference materials have been collected. These will be handed over to the next conference chairperson from Los Angeles. Gary stated his appreciation for the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to create this conference. He hopes that San Diego will start soon to form ideas for the next San Diego conference (slated to be held in 2022) so that we will be ahead of the game. He also urged everyone to go to the SoCal Survey and give their input to the motions that our SoCal delegates will be voting on at the CoDA World conference.

Laurine, ad hoc committee: Laurine reported that she had no information on insurance for the SDCCoDA community.

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

The meeting resumed at 11:10. It was determined that we have 27 meeting, so we need a quorum of 8. The group had a roll call and the quorum was met by 15 voting members.

Attendees were reminded that motions can be submitted on the goldenrod form and discussion items on the pink form.

Old Business:

Csilla presented a motion to approve the July minutes with the following addition to the Workshops, Panels, and Seminars report: Nancy asked that all the GSRs go back to their home meetings and see if their meeting would be able and interested in hosting a one-time workshop at their meeting location, either before or after the sharing meeting. The motion to accept these minutes with the above addition was voted upon and the results were **Yes-10; No-0; Abstentions-3**. The motion passed as amended.

Group Inventory

Due to dwindling attendance and trouble filling the officer/chair positions at the community meeting, Nancy continued with the half hour group inventory segment that had been voted upon at the July meeting. Participants then gave their thoughts about what is working and what is not. Some of the ideas are as follows:

- 1) Sitting in a circle as opposed to the classroom seating of the past was a welcome change.
- 2) Some felt that there is redundancy in introducing ourselves twice – at the beginning of the meeting and in the middle when we establish our quorum.
- 3) There needs to be more explanation in the beginning of the meeting about what is going to happen at the meeting, what a quorum is, what “GSR” stands for, and a general sense of what the community meeting is about.
- 4) More details about the structure of the meeting need to be included on the Newcomer handout.
- 5) Perhaps there might be a spot on the SDCCoDA webpage with details (a generic agenda maybe) about what happens at the community meeting and what a GSR does at the meeting.
- 6) It would be nice to have an agenda where the GSR can fill in the blanks and take this back to his/her meeting to help with giving their report.
- 7) We might want to have coffee/snacks to socialize before the meeting and during the break. Perhaps we can have fellowship afterwards by going to lunch.

Tina made a motion that we continue our group inventory next month. Sharleene seconded the motion. A discussion proceeded about how the inventory is improving the meeting since we are now sitting in a circle which everyone seems to like. The concern was brought forth that if we continue the inventory, we would not get our monthly business accomplished. There was an idea that perhaps we could extend our meeting for 15 minutes each month that we do the inventory. Lesa said that we might address any other motions first before we start working on the inventory. The Community Rep and Parliamentarian could decide the order of the motions at the break so that they could be attended to before the inventory discussion. Nancy said we have made a good start on our group inventory and have gotten many good ideas about how to improve the meeting. She doesn't see the need to keep working on it at every meeting and that we should go back to holding our regular business meeting. Tina made a motion to keep our meetings the same length and end at 12:00 as we have done in the past, with the group inventory becoming a discussion item. This motion was cancelled. It was decided to continue the group inventory if time permits.

Diane P. made a motion that we find or create an agenda to be given out at each meeting for GSRs to not only know what the order of the meeting is, but to also be used to fill in information about what is discussed to be taken back to their meetings. Nancy seconded the

motion. Annette volunteered to be on an ad hoc committee with Diane to generate said agenda. Since Fran formed this ad hoc committee, a motion and a vote were not needed.

A discussion proceeded about the duties of the parliamentarian. Diane P. expressed an interest in this position. Nancy said that she would be glad to get together with her to talk about the parliamentarian job.

Tina made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 and the Serenity Prayer was recited.