

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

April 18, 2020

Present: Susan H., Nathan, Diane P., Michelle, Csilla, Wendy, Jay, Rick, Joe, Gary, Marlene, Sharleene, Susan, Nancy, Frank, Dede, Laurine.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Diane P.

The CoDA Opening prayer was recited and Diane read the fourth CoDA Service Concept.

The 12 Traditions were read by meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Diane, Community Rep: Diane welcomed all to the first Virtual Business Meeting. She informed the group that the Alternate Community Rep position is still open.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

Csilla, Secretary: Csilla emailed copies of the February minutes, along with an updated phone list. If there are any corrections to the phone list or if you did not receive the minutes, please send an email to her. We will vote to approve the February minutes after the break.

Michelle, Parliamentarian: Michelle explained that the Community meeting is conducted using the 12 Traditions, group conscience, and Roberts Rules of Order. Any member in CoDA is welcome to attend this meeting, and has a voice, but only Group Service Reps and most officers and chairpersons can vote. A quorum is 30% of the total number of meetings. If you have a motion or discussion item, you can write it in the Zoom chat box.

Gary, Acting Treasurer: Gary gave the following report

Checking	\$9761.72
Savings	7600.50
Income Total	2574.20
Expenses Total	1930.31
Balance after Income minus expenses	643.89

Marlene, Regional Rep: The delegate and alternate delegate to the 2019 Service Conference reported that there were 2 proposals brought forth at the conference. One was that there be a 30 second pause prior to voting on a motion at all future service conferences for attendees to check in with Higher Power. The second was the need for a one to two-line summary of each motion to be included in the delegate package, as opposed to having delegates summarize each motion themselves. Then the discussion about the 2020 SoCal conference proceeded. There was a question as to whether it will be held virtually or if there is a venue that can be found, and

whether it will be a one or three day conference. The conference committee still needs a treasurer.

Jill, Alternate Regional Rep: Absent

Fran, newsletter: Absent

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Public Information Mail: Open Gary picked up 7 pieces of mail: 4 bank statements and 3 Seventh Traditions

Public Information Phones: Open

Frank, Hospitals and Institutions: There are no meetings being held at Las Colinas at the present time.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharleene presented the following report for February and March:

February

Group Sales	\$1291.45
Petty Cash	110.00
CoRE Orders (coins)	289.60
Newcomer Books	474.10
Reg. Books	226.47
Total	999.17
Inventory	3237.10

March

Group Sales	\$ 328.75
Petty Cash	110.00
Core Orders	
Reg Books	253.89
Inventory	3152.90

Laurine, Outreach: No Report

Tina, Activities: Absent

Joe, Webmaster: Joe has paid for the Domain registration. He has put a link on SDCCoDA website to the Desert and Los Angeles sites. He has been updating the SDCCoDA meeting schedules and has requested that members send any meeting updates to him.

Sharleene, SoCal Conference liaison: Sharleene reported that the conference committee is exploring the idea of having a virtual conference this year at the end of May/beginning of June. The annual business meeting may or may not be connected to the conference this year.

Michelle, email ad hoc committee: Michelle has received some feedback on the email that will be sent to the whole SDCCoDA community regarding the function of the Community Business meeting. It was decided to continue this topic as a discussion item in the business portion of the meeting.

Laurine, insurance ad hoc committee: Laurine received information regarding our insurance as it pertains to the Covid situation. She determined that it has no bearing on our 12 step meetings. Laurine said that if anyone needs a certificate of insurance, they can text her and she will get one for them.

Announcements: It was announced that Ken and Mary will be speaking virtually on Friday 4/24 from 5-6 pm. You can get more information on the DesertCoDA.org site.

Nancy announced that the Sisters Set Free retreat which had been scheduled for May is on hold until further notice.

Break was called at 10:52.

The meeting resumed at 11:02. Michelle said that SDCCoDA has 26 meetings at this time. According to the by-laws we need 8 people to be present for a quorum. Roll call was taken and the quorum was met by 14 voting members.

Old Business:

A vote was taken to approve the February minutes. The voting went as follows: **12 - Yes; 0 - No; 0-Abstentions.** The March minutes were approved as presented.

Diane P. presented the following Board positions that still need to be filled: Treasurer, Public Info Phones, Public Info Mail, and Workshops, Panels, and Seminars chair. Also, we need more group reps (GSRs). Since we have no Public Info Phones, Nancy asked if anyone is checking the phone line. Jay asked what duties the phone position entailed. The main duty is to keep the meeting list up to date as well as answering any calls that come in asking for information. Gary said that we spend a lot of money on our phone service and we get so few calls. Then there was a brief discussion about how the community can handle this issue. It was decided that it needs to be brought up as a discussion item. As for meetings not sending a GSR to the monthly Community Meeting, Laurine suggested that current participants of the Community meeting go

to SDCCoDA meetings and tell members about what GSRs do. It was decided that this too can be a discussion item.

New Business

There was a discussion item brought up by Laurine as to why Article 8 is missing in the bylaws. She said that the budget approval process needs to be updated. Gary suggested that she put her thoughts in writing to present at a future date.

Sharleene informed the group that there are many opportunities to participate in fellowship forums that are listed on Los Angeles and Desert CoDA. sites. There are virtual speaker meetings presented every Friday night from 5-6 pm and on Saturday from 12:00-1:00 pm. You can check the links on the SDCCoDA website to the various intergroups for more information.

Michelle presented a discussion item regarding the email to go out to all CoDA members regarding the function of the monthly business meeting as it pertains to the whole SDCCoDA community. She asked for input as to the next step in this process. There was much discussion about how the bullet point document could be presented to SDCCoDA members – either through the website, newsletter, and/or the GSRs. There was a suggestion that the chairpersons and officers from the Community meeting divide the SDCCoDA meeting list and reach out to the contact person for each meeting. That person would be asked if the document could be emailed to them and if they would be willing to present this information and/or a handout to their group. The contact person would relate the purpose of the community meeting, the board positions that are still open, how the 7th tradition money has been spent and answer any questions. Two motions were presented:

The first was that the document written by the email committee be given to all the meeting contacts (GSRs) to disseminate to their groups. Gary suggested that the document be cleaned up a bit before releasing to all the group. The vote was as follows: **12 – Yes; 2 – No; 1 – Abstain**

The second motion was that when the document is revised, it will be included on the website. It will either be put there in segments or in its entirety. The vote went as follows: **10 – Yes; 0 - No; 3 – Abstain.**

Rick suggested that the 7th Tradition for this meeting can be done online using Venmo. Gary said that the money can also be sent to the Treasurer. He will provide information to do either of these after the meeting.

Nancy suggested that we invite all CoDA members to the next CoDA Business meeting since it will be on Zoom and is an easy way to get a good look at how the Community meeting functions.

Gary moved that the meeting be adjourned and Diane seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48, followed by the Serenity Prayer.