

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

May, 16, 2020

Present: Diane P., Tina, Michelle, Sharleene, Nathan, Susan, Crystal, Susan H., Gary, Jay, Laurine, Shanti, Jo, Frank, Nancy, Jill, Wendy, Sonya, Dolores, Marlene, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Diane P. Diane welcomed the newcomers and explained that the first part of the meeting consists of officer and chair reports. The second part is for motions and discussion items.

The Serenity Prayer and the CoDA Opening prayers were recited.

Diane read the 5th Service Concept.

The 12 Traditions were read by some of the meeting participants.

Officer/Chair Reports: Each person has 5 minutes to present his/her report.

Diane, Community Rep: Diane reminded the group of these vacant positions: Alternate Community Rep, Treasurer, Workshops, Panels, and Seminar Chair, Public Information Mail, and Public Information Phones.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

Csilla, Secretary: Csilla emailed copies of the April minutes, along with an updated phone list. She asked that if you failed to receive the email please let her know in the Zoom chat section or by emailing her. We will vote on approving these minutes after the break, before the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Michelle, Parliamentarian: Michelle explained that the Community meeting is conducted in accordance with the 12 Traditions, group conscience, and Roberts Rules of Order. Any member in CoDA is welcome to attend this meeting and has a voice. However, only Group Service Reps (GSRs) 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:

Union Bank Checking	\$ 8,815.80
Union Bank Savings	7,600.68
Total Bank Accounts	16,506.28
Literature Inventory	\$3,152.90

Petty Cash-Literature	20.40
Total Other Current Assets	3,473.30
Total Current Assets	19,979.58
Profit and Loss Jan. – April	
7 th Tradition Income	\$ 980.00
Total Income	995.18
Total Expenses	2,636.97
Literature Income	2,475.00
Total Other Income	2,475.00
Net Income	\$ 401.36

Also, Gary announced that in support of his CoDA Recovery, he is stepping down from this position. It is time for someone else from the community to step up and fill this important position.

Marlene, Regional Representative: No report – The next SoCal meeting will be on June 6th.

Jill, Alternate Regional Rep: No Report

Fran, Newsletter: Absent Michelle reported that her impression was that Fran was resigning from this position since she did not have the computer capability to produce the newsletter.

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Public Information Mail: Open Gary reported that he picked up two pieces of mail – one 7th Tradition and one bill of \$118 for the post office box rental.

Public Information Phones: Open

Hospitals and Institutions: Frank reported that he has heard nothing from Las Colinas and so has no idea if and when CoDA groups can gather there. He also thanked Diane P. for her work in conducting the business meetings on Zoom.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharleene reported the following concerning April sales:

Sales	\$57.00
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Petty Cash	\$110.00
CoRE Orders	0.00
Inventory	\$3,083.90

Sharleene also asked the GSRs to let anyone who would like to purchase literature know that they may order directly from CoDA.org. Sharleene is also willing to take orders from our SDCCoDA website if the individual will come to her house to pick it up.

Laurine, Outreach: No report

Tina, Activities: Tina suggested that she might coordinate a Zoom event – possibly dinner and a movie, game night, or some other activity if members are interested. It was decided to bring this up as a discussion item.

Joe, Webmaster: Joe has paid \$42.34 for the domain name, he’s updated the virtual meeting information, and has put links to LA, TVCC, and the Desert intergroups and their virtual activities. There are 614 email subscribers now. Joe reported that the next SoCal meeting will be June 6th. The Assembly will be held during the SoCal Conference June 12-14th.

Sharleene, SoCal Conference liaison: The SoCal Conference – “20/20 Clarity in Recovery” will take place on June 12th – 14th on Zoom. There will be workshop presenters, and keynote speakers. There are 2 links on the LA CoDA website. The first is if you are interested in being a speaker or presenter. The second link is if you are interested in being a volunteer moderator. Moderators help facilitate the events by introducing the speaker, monitoring the people who have their hands up for questions or participation, making sure microphones are muted when they need to be, generally helping out the presenters/speakers so that they can concentrate on their presentation.

Michelle, Email ad hoc: Michelle said that the motion that was voted on at the April meeting about disseminating this email to the CoDA members was unclear. It was decided that we would again address this issue after the break as a discussion item.

Break was called at 10:45. The 7th Tradition is usually taken up before break, but since this is a virtual meeting, it was noted that members can either wait until we meet in person to contribute for the virtual meetings, or the contributions can be sent to the treasurer.

The meeting resumed at 10:55.

Michelle, the parliamentarian informed the group that a quorum consists of 8 people since it takes representation from 30% of the 26 meetings. There was a roll call and the quorum was met by 15 voting members. Michelle reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items. Members have two minutes to present a motion and five minutes to present a discussion item.

Michelle made a motion to approve the April minutes. Laurine seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: **15 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstentions**

New Business

Michelle presented a discussion item about the meeting agenda. It was suggested that the 7th Tradition be taken up before the break so that people who need to get money from the car can do that. Joe asked if we need a motion to make a change to the agenda. Laurine said no, this was just a discussion item eliciting feedback. Michelle agreed and said that a chairperson can organize their job in a way that works best for them. Changing the agenda to suit her personal style will aid Michelle in her job. After a motion to extend, Gary gave feedback that he would like to see the word Guidelines replace the words House Rules on the revised agenda.

Tina, as activities chairperson, would like to organize some fellowship activities that would bring CoDA members together (on Zoom), to socialize. She suggested perhaps a Friday meeting at 8 o'clock for 40 minutes to catch up with each other. Several ideas were proposed by members. Susan mentioned perhaps organizing a discussion of books or podcasts and even virtual walks. Joe could post the activities time and Zoom information on the website. Diane pointed out that Tradition 5 specifies that we do not use outside literature in CoDA meetings. However, this is a social activity, not a CoDA meeting. It was left that Tina will proceed with organizing some Zoom fellowship activities.

Michelle brought up a discussion item about the motion last month regarding the email that will go out to all CoDA members pointing out the function of the business meeting and its relevance to the whole CoDA community. She felt that the motion that was passed was unclear. Discussion proceeded about how to send the lengthy article in the best way to promote members reading it. Since the article is in sections already, it was suggested that one section per month be posted by Joe on the website and possibly also be sent out in an email mailing. It was suggested that each section might be made into a catchy flyer and posted on the website and perhaps using different colors for each flyer might be used to draw attention to the email.

Gary submitted a discussion item about cancelling the phone answering system. It costs the Community \$363/year for our current system. Pat, the previous Information Phones Chairperson, had reported that she received only 1-2 calls per month. Gary suggested that we can use our existing information phone number and have any calls forwarded to the volunteer who is charged with providing meeting information and answer any questions that the caller may have. Gary offered to be the first volunteer. Michelle pointed out that Google has a free phone service. But Sonja suggested that we keep our existing phone number and reminded us of the fiasco the group had with Google when we were looking into using them for our website. It was decided that we can gather more information about Google phones by talking with webmaster, Joe.

Laurine introduced the idea of renumbering the bylaw articles so that they are sequential since article 8 appears to be missing. She also would like to add the budget approval process which has already been adopted by the community to the by-laws. Nancy said that she had worked on the bylaws in 2014, and the exact wording of them was taken by the GSRs to the community for a vote. Laurine asked who might have the electronic version of the bylaws. Nancy said that Joe probably has the PDF, and that she would check with him. Laurine said she would work with Nancy and Joe to present a motion for vote at the next meeting. Laurine will send out the section of the bylaws that she is talking about prior to the meeting.

Tina asked to confirm that as activity chairperson, she can choose the activities that she would like to coordinate. The group said that the activities were at the discretion of the chairperson.

Announcements: Gary announced that there will be 2 speakers at the Sunday speakers meeting on June 7th which will be held on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58, followed by the Serenity Prayer.