

## **Minutes of the San Diego CoDA Business Meeting**

**July, 2020**

**Present:** Diane, Michelle, Nadine, Kris, Isis, Jay, Katie, Sharleene, Laurine, Rick, Sonja, Susan T., Tina, Marlene, Nancy, Susan, Wendy, Dede, Sylvia, Bekah, Frank, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Community Rep, Diane, with meeting participants reciting the CoDA Opening Prayer. Diane welcomed any newcomers and explained that the first part of the meeting consists of officer and chair reports, while the second part is for motions and discussion items. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition can either be forwarded to the P.O. Box, or participants can wait to give their money when we again meet in person. Diane reminded all to mute their mikes when not talking, and that a 10-minute break will be called around 10:50.

Diane read the 7<sup>th</sup> CoDA Service Concept and the long version of Tradition 7, since we had decided at the last meeting to only read the long form of the tradition for the month we are currently in.

**Officer/Chair Reports:** Each person has 5 minutes to present their report, except the Regional Rep who has 10 minutes.

**Diane, Community Rep:** Diane reminded us that we still have the following open positions: Alternate Community Rep, Treasurer, Workshops/Panels/Seminars, Newsletter, Public Information Phones, and Public Information Mail.

### **Alternate Community Rep: Open**

**Csilla, Secretary:** Csilla emailed everyone copies of the June minutes, along with an updated phone list. She asked that if anyone failed to receive this email or if there is any change/addition to the phone list, please let her know in the chat portion of this meeting. We will vote on approving these minutes after the break. She then clarified that the Community had indeed decided at the June meeting to only read the long form of the Tradition of the month, thereby allowing time for hearing from the GSRs. She will adjust the June minutes to reflect this change.

**Michelle, Parliamentarian:** Michelle explained that the Community meeting is conducted in accordance with the 12 Traditions, group conscience, and Roberts Rule 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 reached when 30% of the total number of meetings has a representative at

the meeting. If you have a motion or discussion item, you can write it in the Zoom chat box.

**Treasurer: Open** Gary sent an email stating the following:

Income - \$229.43 from literature and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition

\$15 – Church rent

**Marlene, Regional Rep:** Marlene reported that at the SoCal conference, she was voted in as Alternate Delegate to the CoDA World conference commencing her position in December 2020. She is now wondering if she can remain in the SDCCoDA Regional Rep position. There was some discussion about this and Marlene will contact SoCal for the definitive word.

**Jill, Alternate Regional Rep:** Absent

**Newsletter: Open**

**Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open**

**Public Information Mail: Open** Gary sent an email saying that he picked up 3 pieces of mail – 2 bank statements and 1 letter from Liberty Mutual

**Public Information Phones: Open**

**Frank, Hospitals and Institutions:** Frank had little to report since the CoDA meetings at the jails have been disbanded at the present. Bridget, from Las Colinas, said that the women there would like to continue having the meetings on their own. Frank has taken 12 Step handbooks, the trifold newcomer pamphlets and the information about running a meeting to them. He is also planning on taking copies of the 12 Step workbooks to them.

**Sharleene, Literature:** Sharleene reported the following:

Sales \$90.00

Petty Cash 110.00

No CoRE Orders

Inventory \$2,965.90

**Laurine, Outreach:** Laurine reminded us that she had been contacted in the past by a human trafficking group. She thought that this might be a good outreach project and will try to find the name and phone number so that she can follow up with them. She would like suggestions from the Community about outreach opportunities.

**Tina, Activities:** There has been a walk, dinner, and meditation. The meditation was well attended. Susan made up great flyers and sent them to Joe to be put on the website. She suggested that GSRs also announce the upcoming activities at their meetings during the announcement time. Tina will add a discussion item to today's agenda to get further ideas about planning activities.

**Joe, Webmaster:** Absent

**Sharleene, SoCal Conference:** Nothing to report

**Michelle, Email ad hoc Committee:** Michelle sent an updated flyer to Joe but it didn't get on the website. She also emailed all the GSRs requesting participation at the Business Meeting. (and it was effective since there were more at this meeting than usual!) The next flyer will be dedicated to the open positions on the Community Board.

**GSR reports:** Since we finished chair reports early, there was time to hear from the GSRs. There was much discussion about the zoom meetings and how participation has grown and people are joining from all over the U.S. and other countries. Some meetings are choosing to continue paying rent so that their meeting place will still be there when it is safe to go back. Some meetings are choosing to just forward a small gratitude donation to their meeting place. One meeting has instituted a new service position in their group – technology. This person aids with taking care of the zoom technology. In Murrieta, several weekly meetings will be permanently zoom meetings and a step study will begin on 7/25 on zoom. All are welcome to join in this step meeting until it becomes closed. There was also discussion about how meetings are handling 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. The Sunday morning group reported collecting digital donations using Paypal and Venmo. Sharleene mentioned that there are guidelines on CoDA.org on how to navigate donations in a way that upholds the 12 Traditions. The Oceanside Read/Share group reported that they have a speaker's meeting on the last Sunday of the month and would appreciate support from the CoDA community.

**Break** was called at 10:50 and the meeting resumed at 11:01.

The parliamentarian said that we have 25 SDCCoDA meetings and it takes 30% or 8 voting members at this meeting to have a quorum. The roll call was taken and there were 15 voting members present, so the quorum was achieved. Michelle advised the

group that a person presenting a discussion item or motion has 2 minutes to present it and 5 minutes for members to discuss it.

Michelle moved that the June minutes (with the addition of the change in the Tradition reading which had been omitted) be approved. Sharleene seconded the motion. The voting went as follows: **13 – Yes; 0 – No, 2 – Abstentions**. The minutes were approved pending the above addition.

### **Old Business:**

Laurine made a motion that we amend the bylaws as follows: 1) Articles IX and X to be renumbered so they are sequential (at this time there is a VII and IX, but no VIII. 2) To add the Budget process that was voted upon Dec. 15, 2018 to Article VIII, Section A – Monetary Policy 3) There were several other corrections to the bylaws that had references to articles and sections that were not numbered correctly. Laurine would like to see our bylaws cleaned up. Nancy reminded us that we have procedures to follow when making changes to the bylaws. There was much discussion about the underlined/red marked corrections that Laurine would like to see corrected. It was decided to table this motion until next meeting. In the meantime, Laurine will send the bylaws with her proposed changes to all the GSRs and Board members in plenty of time so that all will be prepared to address this issue.

### **New Business:**

Wendy brought up a discussion item about having Diane call on members during the beginning introductions and later at the roll call. Tina asked why we have introductions twice in the meeting. There were many ideas presented about this and among them was that it is a good way to recognize new participants, and for the new people to know who is on the board and what their position is. We do introductions during roll call to make sure we have a quorum with members who have been entrusted to vote on issues. This discussion item was turned into the following motion: The Community Representative is asked to call on participants during the introduction time and roll call. The voting was as follows: **12 – Yes; 0 – No; 3 – Abstentions**

Tina brought up a discussion item about how to disseminate information about activities to the general CoDA community. It seems there has been little lead time in getting activities posted on the web. Sharleene suggested the idea of doing a direct mailing to the GSRs on the Community roster so that they can take back the information to their CoDA group. Sonja said that perhaps having activities planned for a regular time or a more consistent schedule and perhaps a couple of months at a time, might draw more

people in. Susan makes the flyers for the activities, so she will try to send them out with an email to the GSRs by Sunday for the upcoming events.

Diane P. brought up a discussion item about how various groups are paying rent for their meeting space during this Covid time. There was much input as to what the different meetings are doing. Some meetings have stopped paying, some meetings are still paying rent in order to keep their space and aid the facility where they meet, and some just pay a gratuity. There was discussion about paying the \$15 monthly rent to Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church for our business meeting. We have been using this facility for many years. And, it was determined that Diane pays \$15 for the zoom account that is used for the Community meeting as well as 2 other meetings that she goes to. Michelle made a motion that we continue to pay \$15 rent to Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church and contribute \$5 to Diane for using her Zoom account. Sharleene seconded the motion. The voting went as follows: **13 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstentions**

Sharleene moved that the meeting be adjourned; Rick seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:00.