

Minutes of the San Diego CoDA Business Meeting

August 15, 2020

Present: Csilla, Diane, Sharleene, Michelle, Joe, Nadine, Isis, Lorene, Rick, Marlene, Susan, Nancy, Frank, Lily, Jay, Tina, Raquel, Nathan, Sonya

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Community Rep, Diane. Meeting participants recited the CoDA Opening Prayer. Diane welcomed any newcomers and explained that the first part of the meeting consists of officer and chair reports with a 10 minute break at approximately 10:50; the second part will consist of old and new business. The meeting will end at 12:00 pm. 7th 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.

Diane read the 8th CoDA Service Concept and Sharleene read the long version of Tradition 8.

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 on the Community Board: 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 July minutes, along with an updated phone list. She asked that if anyone failed to receive this email, had corrections, or if there was any addition to the phone list, to please let her know in the chat portion of the meeting. Csilla said that we will vote on approving these minutes after the break. Joe asked that his email address on the roster be amended to read sdcodawebmaster@gmail.com instead of his personal address.

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 reached when 30% of the total number of meetings has a representative at the meeting. Michelle also said that anyone having a motion or discussion item, can write it in the Zoom chat box.

Treasurer: OPEN Gary sent an email stating the following:

Income -	\$90 from literature and 7 th Tradition
Expenses	\$57.34

Marlene, Regional Rep: Marlene informed the community that she can remain SDCCoDA Regional Rep till December at which time she will become the Alternate SoCal Delegate to the World Conference. Marlene told us that there is a link on the SoCal website to a survey for all SDCCoDA members so that they may give input on the upcoming issue on which the World delegates will vote. The delegates want to represent their community and not just vote according to their own opinions. Nancy informed the community that Canada CoDA is presenting a new piece of literature directly to the World Conference instead of going through CORE. They would like this piece to be distributed to CoDA members at no charge. This is one of the items that will be voted upon at the World Conference and is on the survey so that we can inform our delegates as to how we would like them to vote.

Newsletter: OPEN

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: OPEN

Public Information Mail: OPEN Gary picked up 4 pieces of mail – 2 bank statements and 2-7th Traditions.

Public Information Phones: OPEN

Frank, Hospitals and Institutions: San Diego CoDA is not able to send meeting representatives to the jails at this time. Frank has literature that he will deliver to Las Colinas.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharleene reported the following:

Sales	\$90.00
Petty Cash	110.00
CORE Orders	0
Inventory	\$2,862.90

Sharleene reminded this meeting that she is happy to sell literature to members if they will pick it up at her house in Clairemont. She also has the trifold Newcomer pamphlet that individual members can pick up or it can be mailed to them.

Laurine, Outreach: She reported that she had answered several email inquiries about CoDA, encouraging and directing them to the website and online meeting schedules.

Tina, Activities: Tina reported that she has coordinated a meditation and a walk. For the walk, several people took a walk at the same time wherever they chose, and the walkers tell/show each other what they are seeing as they walk. Tina suggested that perhaps she might just schedule a regular time for the walk – possibly Tuesdays from 7-8. She asked that the GSRs ask their meeting about other activities that they would be interested in doing. It was decided that Tina will add a discussion item about future activities to today's agenda.

Joe, Webmaster: Joe reminded everyone to make sure their meeting information is up to date. Nancy asked Joe if he would post upcoming activities on the Community Calendar. Joe said he will put them on the calendar and Tina said she will get the information for these activities to him.

Sharleene, SoCal Conference: Sharleene reported that the Los Angeles conference committee is wrapping up the 2020 conference reports and will be handing them over in October to the Valley conference committee for use in organizing the 2021 SoCal conference. She also reported that the Sacramento intergroup has been in contact with the Los Angeles conference committee to get information and help in organizing a similar Norcal conference. Sharleene also reminded the meeting that there are numerous zoom workshops that are being held on a regular basis in Arizona, in L.A., and in the Desert. These can be found on the SoCal website.

GSR Reports: Nadine reported that she would not be at the next business meeting and wondered what she should do. She was told that it would be good to find someone in her group and have them voted in by the group to represent them. The North County Speakers meeting is held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. GSRs were also reminded to update the CoDA.org website with their current meeting information.

Michelle, Email ad hoc committee: Michelle sent a flyer to Joe to put on the website urging GSRs to come to the monthly Community meeting. Michelle has another flyer regarding the open Board positions to send to Joe and to the GSRs.

Laurine, ad hoc Insurance committee: Laurine is preparing a hard copy history detailing how she obtained the liability insurance for the community.

Break was called at 10:54.

The meeting resumed at 11:05. 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 proceeded and there were 14 voting members present, so the quorum was met. 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 July minutes be approved as presented. Tina seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: **12 – Yes; 0 – No; 2 – Abstentions**. The minutes were approved as presented.

Prior to this meeting, Laurine emailed all members copies of the bylaws and the changes that she was proposing. Michelle suggested we present the changes separately with individual motions and separate voting.

Laurine moved that we renumber articles IX and X to VIII and IX so that they are in sequential order instead of being out of order (at the present time there is no VIII) Sharleene

seconded the motion. The voting went as follows: **14 – Yes; 0 – No; 0 – Abstentions**. This motion was approved.

Laurine moved that the Budget policy that was voted on in 2018 be added to the bylaws under the section Monetary Policies. Nancy pointed out that the bylaws are a legal document and since we have no recourse in place to proceed if the budget policy is not followed, we should not put a budget policy in the bylaws. After discussion and time extensions, Joe suggested that we table this change. The group decided to table this until another month.

Laurine moved to change the various inaccurate references, typos, and updates on pages 4, 5, 6, & 8. Isis seconded this motion. The voting went as follows:

13 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 Abstentions. The motion was carried – the inaccuracies will be corrected.

Tina brought up a discussion item regarding upcoming activities for CoDA members. There were several different ideas presented such as doing a vision board together online; an in person walk as well as the virtual walks on zoom; a meeting that discusses questions and answers about CoDA- such as what works for you in CoDA, etc. Someone suggested that activities usually are social interactions and that meetings are for discussions about CoDA. Others said they would like to meet in person or in people's homes. Diane said that having a newsletter would help in getting more participation in the activities.

Michelle brought up a discussion item regarding the flyer detailing the open positions on the Community Board. A suggestion of adding hyperlinks to show the requirements for taking a position would be helpful. Rick and Nathan both like having the flyers sent to the GSRs so that they can take the information back to their group, with the suggestion to check the website for further information.

A discussion proceeded about the meeting number given to virtual and physical meetings by CoDA World. There was a comment as to how the meeting numbers might get confusing and whether both virtual and physical meetings should be included when taking the roll call. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Isis moved that the meeting be adjourned; Jay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.