

# Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

December 18, 2020

**Present:** Diane P., Debbie, Laurine, Michelle, Tina, Sharleene, Nadine, Nathan, Susan, Erin, Gary, Frank, Nancy, Badriuh, Rita, Carol, Allison, Joe, Lily, Csilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Diane, Community Rep. The CoDA Opening prayer was recited. Diane asked if there was anyone new to the meeting and explained that the meeting has two parts consisting of officer/chair reports, and new business where motions and discussion items are addressed. She also said that any questions can be put in the Zoom chat portion. Introductions were made. Diane read the Intention Statement and the Twelfth Service Concept. Sharleene read the Twelfth Tradition.

## Officer/Chair Reports:

**Diane, Community Rep:** Diane welcomed all to the meeting. She thanked Michelle for leading the November meeting in her absence.

## Alternate Community Rep: Open

**Csilla, Secretary:** Csilla emailed copies of the November minutes, along with an updated phone list to everyone on the list. She asked that anyone who did not get the minutes or if they have any additions or corrections to the phone list, to please let her know in the chat portion. She informed the group that voting to approve the minutes will be right after the break.

**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.

**Susan, Treasurer:** Susan gave the following report:

Total Bank Accounts	\$18,640.97
Total Other Current Assets	2,603.95
Total Current Assets	21,244.92
Total Liabilities and Equities	21,244.92
Profit and Loss	
January through November	
Total Income	2,244.51

Gross Profit	\$ 2,244.51
Total Officer Expenses	120.00
Total Hospitals and Institutions	151.97
Total Public Info Mail	118.00
Total Public Info Website	42.34
Total Sub-Committee Expenses	2,284.75
Total Expenses	2,902.31
Total Other Income	3,715.30
Total Other Expenses	1,390.80
Net Other Income	2,234.50
Net Income	1,666.70

Susan will pay the insurance bill \$442 less \$4 terrorism charge. Sharleene said that a new revised bill will be forthcoming shortly. Susan also asked that GSRs remind their members that all checks are to be made out to CoDependents Anonymous of San Diego.

**Marlene, Regional Rep:** Absent

**Jill, Alternate Regional Rep:** Absent

**Newsletter:** Open

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

**Public Information Mail:** Open Susan has been picking up the mail at present.

**Gary, Public Information Phones:** Gary is still working on trying to get the previous CoDA phone number moved over to his cellphone so that we can use it to forward incoming CoDA inquiries to him. It has been frustrating because it seems that the number has been passed on to Centurylink who wants an account number which we do not seem to have.

**Frank, Hospitals and Institutions:** No Report

**Sharleene, Literature:** Sharleene presented the following report:

Deposit from Sales	\$ 67.00
Petty Cash	110.00
Inventory	\$2,193.95

Sharleene pointed out that she has been literature person for almost 2 years and was wondering if she would be giving up this position in January. It was decided that we would address upcoming position changes in the business portion of the meeting.

**Laurine, Outreach:** Laurine is responding to emails that come to CoDA requesting information.

**Tina, Activities:** Tina thanked Nathan for making the flyer about the monthly pandemic discussion meeting. She asked that GSRs remind their groups that on the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8 pm PST there will be a zoom discussion meeting about codependent life during the pandemic. All are welcome. Tina also announced that she is planning a Valentine making activity in February. She is thinking about February 4<sup>th</sup> so that the Valentines can be made and sent to family and friends in time for Valentine's Day. More details will be forthcoming.

**Joe, Webmaster:** No report

**Michelle, ad hoc Email Committee:** Michelle reported that an updated flyer for the open Community positions was sent to the GSRs and is published on the website.

**Laurine, as hoc Insurance Committee:** Laurine reported that the cost for the SDCCoDA insurance from Springbrook Insurance is \$428 excluding the terrorism clause. If any group is needing a liability insurance certificate, the GSR can contact Laurine who will procure it for them.

**GSR Reports:** Gary reported that there has been a change in the treasurer and speaker coordinator for the monthly speakers meeting, but a secretary is still needed. Laurine volunteered to take on this position and will talk with Gary after the meeting. Nancy reported that she mentioned to a newcomer at the Sunday Not Just for Beginners meeting that CoDA World might supply some CoDA literature to his recovery center. He then asked his counselor to request literature from CoDA World. The H&I chair from CoDA World lives in north county and she brought literature to the recovery center. Sharleene thanked Nancy for mentioning this opportunity to the new person and there was some discussion about the availability of H&I literature. Nadine thanked Sharleene for giving last month's report in her absence. Rita reported that several new people from Orange County have been visiting the Friday night San Marcos Zoom meeting. The Orange County folks drove south bringing their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and visiting some San Marcos members. Rita asked how other groups collect their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. It seems that most have set up Venmo and Paypal accounts.

**Break** was called at 10:40.

The meeting resumed at 10:50. Michelle reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items. It was determined that SDCCoDA has 26 meetings, so a quorum consists of 8 voting members. Roll call was taken and the quorum was met by 14 voting members.

Michelle made a motion to approve the November minutes and Tina seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Yes – 10; No – 0; Abstentions – 4. The minutes were approved as written.

### **Old Business**

It was decided that the by-law discussion and changes will be tabled until a later meeting.

### **New Business**

Diane reminded the group that next month will be the election of new officers and chair positions. According to the by-laws, the following positions are due to be changed since 2021 is an odd year: Alternate Community Representative, Alternate Regional Representative, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Public Info Mail, Webmaster, Outreach Chair, and Newsletter Chair. Frank is also stepping down from H&I chair.

According to the by-laws, those who have served a partial term of office can serve another full term. Nancy pointed out that any officer or chairperson who doesn't attend the last 3 out of 6 Community Meetings are automatically removed from that position.

Sharleene brought up a discussion item about replenishment of the green workbooks. She only has 7 books left and needs to reorder. However, she is unsure of the quantity she wants to purchase, since with the zoom meetings, the books are not selling like they do during in-person meetings. If she orders 100 books, she can sell them for \$12. But the outlay to purchase them is \$1050. If she orders a box of 40, the cost per book is \$15. The discussion proceeded about whether she can purchase only 40 books, sell them for \$12 and the Community absorb the difference between the larger quantity price while buying in a smaller quantity. Joe suggested that the community absorb the cost which would only be \$120 if we buy 40 books. Sharleene pointed out that the Community keeps a two year prudent reserve which it could use if it needed to. She also said that she is more comfortable buying the smaller amount.

Joe made a motion that the literature chairperson buy the smaller quantity of workbooks and the Community supplement the literature treasury (if need be) so that the books can be sold at the cost when the workbooks are purchased in a greater quantity (\$12). Nadine seconded the motion. The voting went as follows: **Yes – 13; No – 0; Abstentions – 1.** The motion passed.

Gary brought up a discussion item about the SDCCoDA phone number since it seems that the old number is not available. He is looking for ideas about a new number and how it can connect to him and anyone else who becomes Public Info Phones. Diane said that she will check with her AA friends. They transfer the phone number between various members taking incoming informational phone calls. Joe said that AA pays for a service and it seems we might need some sort of a phone service, even if it is just with a voicemail system that can be checked. He will email Gary with information about a low cost phone option. Sharleene suggested we might use someone's landline. Nathan said we need to figure out a way so that

Gary's number is not published. Michelle suggested a prepaid phone – one that can be passed on when the phone chairperson changes.

Michelle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The Serenity Prayer was recited.