

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting

January 16, 2021

Present: Diane, Michelle, Gary, Sharleene, Laurine, Mika, Rita, Marlene, Erin, Sonya, Angie, Badriah, Susan H, Allison, Nancy, Tina, Isis, Joe, Carol, Rick, Raquel, Elisa

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Diane, Community Rep. The Opening prayer was recited by all and the Intention Statement and First Service Concept were read by Diane. Sharleene read the First Tradition.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Diane, Community Rep: Diane welcomed newcomers to the meeting. She had no report.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

Csilla, Secretary: Absent Sharleene was acting secretary for this meeting. Csilla emailed copies of the December minutes, along with an updated phone list and asked for additions or corrections. If you did not get the minutes or need to be added to the phone list, please let her know in the chat portion of this meeting. We will vote to approve the minutes 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 reported the following:

Income - 7th Tradition \$240 for December

Expenses – Rent \$15, Quickbooks fee \$270

Checking Balance \$10,993.73

Savings Balance 7,601.22

Susan is still looking into creating a Venmo account for the community. The budget for 2021 is not ready yet. Susan requested that the various officers and chairpersons send their projected expenses to her so that she can work them into the budget.

Marlene, Regional Representative: No report

Sharleene did ask the GSR's to relay the SoCal request that 7th Tradition distribution to them be held until February.

Jill, Alt. Reg. Rep: Not present

Newsletter: Open

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

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

Gary Public Information Phones: CoDA members have sent alternative options for the phone service. Gary has not explored all of them yet. In many cases, the cost is equal to or more than the service we had before. Gary will keep looking.

Hospitals and Institutions: Open

Sharleene, Literature: There were no sales for the month of December.

Laurine, Outreach: No report

Tina, Activities: A flyer is being created for a February 4th event where Valentines can be made and sent to family and friends in time for Valentine's Day. She also asked again 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.

Joe, Webmaster: Joe said that the webmaster position will be discussed during the election process.

Michelle, Email ad hoc: No report due to the election process which will be held during the New Business portion of the meeting.

Laurine, ad hoc insurance committee: Laurine received late charges of \$10/month for December and January payments. We do not have an automatic payment plan set up and she will check into doing this. Gary asked that we verify the due date so that it can be paid on time. If adjustments need to be made, they can be handled after the invoice is paid.

GSR Reports: Mika and Rick reported that their meetings have created Venmo accounts. Also, that there were many new people attending their meetings. The discussion began that with all the newcomers attending, having a list of available sponsors would be quite helpful. Raquel mentioned the advantages of Step Study groups. Erin suggested that sponces be encouraged to sponsor when ready. Nancy mentioned co-sponsoring. Gary proposed that the question of sponsor/sponsorship be taken to individual meetings for feedback. Carol asked about literature on sponsorship and Shar pointed out that there is a CoDA pamphlet and a booklet on sponsorship currently available. Marlene mentioned having a Sponsorship Workshop or Discussion Group. Isis suggested a quarterly step study could be formed on Zoom with alternating hosts. Lastly, Joe mentioned that attendance at the Monday Night Men's meeting was about 35 men.

Break was called at 10:55AM

The meeting resumed at 11AM. It was determined that we have 28 meetings. Roll call was taken and a quorum was met by 15 voting members.

The parliamentarian reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items.

Approval of the minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the December minutes.

The vote was as follows: **Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstentions – 3**. The minutes were approved as written.

Nancy made one correction – last month she pointed out that any officer or chairperson who does not attend the last 3 out of 6 Community Meetings can be automatically removed from that position. **The corrected information was that only 2 meetings could be missed in the last 6.**

Old Business: No old business was discussed since the election process takes precedence.

New Business: The election of officers and chairpersons proceeded.

Alt Community Rep: Open

Recording Secretary: Open

Marlene, Regional Representative: Marlene will stay as SDCCoDA regional rep without a vote, since at SoCal she is holding a delegate position which gives her a vote and she can only have one vote, not one for each position.

Alt Reg. Rep: Laurine stepped forward to take this position. Voting was as follows: **Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstentions – 1**. She will be the new alternate regional rep and will be able to vote for SDCCoDA community at SoCal.

Newsletter: Csilla expressed an interest in doing the Newsletter, Isis expressed her willingness to do the meeting list. Since Csilla could not be present, the voting for this position was postponed until the February Community Meeting

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Public Information Mail: Sonya stepped forward to take this position. The voting was as follows: **Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstentions – 1**. Sonya is the new Public Information Mail chairperson.

Hospitals and Institutions: Mika volunteered for this position. The voting went as follows: **Yes – 10; No – 0; Abstentions – 0**.

Outreach: Open

Webmaster: Joe has served too many years to continue in any SDCCoDA board position. It was then discussed that special skills are required for a webmaster. Joe is serving in a paid capacity with SoCal as Webmaster and Sharleene asked if he would consider doing the same for the San Diego Community. He said that he would. Discussion about the webmaster position becoming a paid position will take place at the February Community Meeting.

Parliamentarian: Michelle has served only a partial term so she is eligible to continue for a full 2 year term. This was put to a vote and she was unanimously elected with **15 Yes** votes.

In order to complete the elections, the meeting was extended 3 times for a total of 20 extra minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

