

**Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting
April 17, 2021**

Present: Diane, Michelle, Gary, Sonya, Csilla, Tina, Sharleen, Marlene, Laurine, Csilla, Nancy, Catherine, Erin, Rita, Carol, Mika, Monty, Lily

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 Fourth Service Concept. Diane also read the Fourth Tradition.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Diane, Community Rep: No report.

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.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Open

Marlene, Regional Representative: Marlene reminded the group that registration for the So Cal Conference is open. The Conference will take place virtually, June 4-6, 2021. Registration is also open for the CoDA Service Conference, taking place July 26-30, 2021.

Laurene, Alt. Reg. Rep: No report.

Csilla & Isis, Newsletter & Meeting List: Csilla reported that the first newsletter is done and up on the website. It was completed by April 1. She also requested that it be sent out via email as we hadn't had a newsletter in a while. Isis had not updated the meeting list but is working on the update currently. Csilla is open to comments or suggestions and is still working to determine the optimal release date.

Tina queried if Joe had sent out an email blast but no one else had received it.

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Sonya, Public Information Mail: Sonya reported that mail has been collected at least one time weekly since taking over the position but as there is no treasurer currently, she is holding on to what has been collected until such a time as we have a new treasurer.

Gary, Public Information Phones: Gary reported having 3 calls. One can be directly attributed to the website and the other two were referred by counsellors.

Mika, Hospitals and Institutions: Mika reported that she has the packages put together with information for the institutions. As soon as we can meet again, hopefully this month, she will start meeting with the crisis houses and dropping off the information. She will also check on the status of the jails and what is going on with them.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharlene reported

\$48.00 in sales, \$110.00 in petty cash, \$2128.20 in inventory.

As sales remain slow, no blue book order was placed and Sharleen will wait until our on-hand quantity is 5 before ordering.

Outreach: Open

Tina, Activities: Tina presented details on the upcoming workshop on April 21 from 3-4:30pm. She also reminded the group that there is a meditation on May 1 from 10-noon. Both activities are in the newsletter.

Joe, Webmaster: Not present

Sharleen, Southern California Conference Facilitator: Sharleen reported that the SoCal Conference hosted by TVCC (Valley communities in Los Angeles County) will take place June 4-6, 2021. Speakers and workshop leaders are being confirmed. It will be a full conference but will be held virtually. Reservations can be made through Eventbrite and there is a suggested donation but no one will be turned away. There will be fellowship times as well. The SoCal annual meeting will be happening midday on Saturday. The e-blast will be out shortly.

Laurine, ad hoc committee: No report on ad hoc. Laurine reported not receiving any outreach emails.

Michelle, Email ad hoc:

GSR Reports:

Mika reported that her group's meeting space is re-opening and the group is discussing whether to return live or in a zoom hybrid way. They have had lots of questions regarding this. This item will be added to discussion later in the meeting.

Catherine reported that there was a discussion regarding wording in the preamble that states "we are a group of men & women" her group would like to change the wording to "people" to be more inclusive. They know that the preamble is a foundational CoDA document and wanted to bring it forward to inquire if they could use the more inclusive language or would it have to go to CoDA World for review.

Marlene replied that this particular issue has come up before and it does have to come up at the CoDA Service Conference. It was brought forward there last year and was not accepted. She feels it can be brought again and will update the group on how best to do that.

Nancy commented that CoDA World's requirements state that the four foundational documents must be read as written. Changes have been made from time to time. She is glad it will move up the chain for further discussion.

Carol reported that her meeting is going to be a hybrid. They have the facilities to run zoom and in person.

Rita reported that they are continuing to get Zoom participants from out of the area to their meetings.

Gary reported the same and that people seem to be seeking out the San Diego meetings for their quality.

Break was called at 10:42am

The meeting resumed at 10:52am. It was determined that we have 26 meetings. Roll call was taken and quorum was met by 8 voting members.

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

Approval of the minutes: Michelle made a motion to approve the February minutes and Sonya seconded the motion. The minutes were proposed with two corrections: tradition 2 was read, not tradition 12 and one correction in Diane's section.

Voting: 9 - yes, 0 - no, 5 - abstain. The motion passes.

Michelle announced that Sonya has volunteered to transcribe the March and April meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Open Positions: Diane listed the currently open positions of Alternative Community Representative, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Workshops, Panels and Seminars, and Outreach. Diane asked if all could go back to their groups and let them know what we are missing. Michelle will be updating the flyer for open positions. There are descriptions of the positions on the website. Diane expressed gratitude for those stepping up to cove the responsibilities of the open positions. Laurine spoke briefly about the outreach position. Erin expressed interest in the Treasurer position and asked if she could discuss it with someone for more information. Diane asked if Gary could talk to Erin about the treasurer position and he agreed.

Time expired for this discussion item. Michelle moved to extend the discussion for two minutes, Tina seconded.

Voting: 5 - yes, motion does not pass.

Voting on Webmaster agreement - tabled until next meeting. Michelle will ask Joe to email agreement to the group.

New Business

7th Tradition with no Treasurer: Sharleen withdrew her item.

How do we get the important positions of Treasurer and Secretary filled? Tina wondered how we get folks to attend this meeting and find service important. Could GRS's add a sentence to their report to entice people to come?

Mika is curious whether folks could come for the second half of the meeting if the time seems too long.

Catherine wondered if the meeting could be shortened to accommodate people's schedules especially those still working and commented that service is a great exercise in boundaries.

Gary thinks that perhaps reminding folks that this group makes decisions on all the activities and conferences and how 7th tradition is spent might help entice folks.

Nancy suggested implementing a "topic" meeting from time to time to open avenues of discussion and possibly attract additional attendees.

Csilla did include a piece in the newsletter on how service can help in recovery.

Sharleen would share with the groups that we are able to have discussion rather than just a sharing meeting and that might appeal to people.

Online, In Person and Hybrid Meetings: Sharleen reported that her meeting is going back in person and is fortunate enough to have a facility already set up to do hybrid meetings. Zoom has been putting out information on hybrid meetings and how to do them, including what equipment is needed. There is information on Google. Zoom will walk you through. Ask in your groups if you have a technologically proficient person that can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am, followed by the Serenity Prayer.