

Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting May 15, 2021

Present: Diane, Erin, Gary, Csilla, Tina, Sharleen, Marlene, Laurine, Mika, Joe, Nancy, Catherine, Nathan, Rita, Carol, Monty, Allison, Healy

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 Fifth Service Concept. Diane also read the Fifth Tradition.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Diane, Community Rep: Diane thanked Sonya for transcribing the minutes and Csilla for the return of the newsletter, which can be found on the website. She also reminded the group that there are still four open positions, Recording Secretary, Alternative Community Rep, Workshop, Panels & Seminars, and Outreach. She encouraged any that are interested to indicate in the chat in order for discussion in the second half of the meeting.

Michelle, Parliamentarian: Not Present, Laurine is standing in as acting parliamentarian for this meeting. Laurine 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. Laurine also said that anyone having a motion or discussion item, can write it in the Zoom chat box.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

Secretary: Open

Erin/Gary, Treasurer: Gary reported: All items have been recovered from our previous Treasurer Susan. All main was received from Sonya. All checks have now been deposited. Gary will get together with Erin to turn over the treasurer's items and train her. The payment for the PO box is due. Gary will get together with Sonya to set up online access to pay for that. The cost of the box has increased to \$146.00.

Marlene, Regional Representative: Marlene informed the group that the next SoCal meeting is on May 22 if anyone wishes to attend. This is the last meeting before the worldwide CoDA Service Conference (CSC) which takes place virtually July 26-30, 2021 from 7am to 1:30pm local time. The meeting will be livestreamed via YouTube and anyone can attend but registration is required. The Service Conference is where items are voted on that concern CoDA as a whole such, as proposals from local and regional CoDA organizations. This is a huge business meeting, no workshops, speakers, at this meeting. Delegates are the only ones that vote at that meeting. Southern California has 2 delegates and one alternative delegate which are voted on at the SoCal meeting. Sharleen reminded the group that the business meeting held during the SoCal Conference is the SoCal Assembly. Joe reminded the group that anyone can vote during the SoCal Assembly during the SoCal Conference.

Csilla & Isis, Newsletter & Meeting List: Csilla reported that the May newsletter has been posted at the SD CoDA website. She is still working out the ideal release date to encompass any upcoming activities. No update on the mailing list as Isis was not present but Csilla will reach out to her about the update and it will be included as the back page of the next newsletter. Csilla also asked for submissions for upcoming newsletters and is open to any guidance on the direction the newsletter might take in the future. She also reminded the GSR's to check out CoDA World and to share it to their meetings along with the newsletter for a wealth of great information. Csilla also gave specific directions on where to find the newsletter on the website.

Laurene, Alt. Reg. Rep: No report.

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Sonya, Public Information Mail: Not Present but Diane read her previously submitted report that all mail had been collected and given to Gary and that she would volunteer to transcribe this meeting for minutes if no secretary was chosen.

Gary, Public Information Phones: Gary reported that there have been 11 calls this month. 8 from folks wanting meeting information and clarification of in-person versus virtual, and what to expect from a meeting. 3 asked for changes to the meeting schedule for updated contacts for certain meetings. Also asked was, how will hybrid meetings be listed on the website and meeting list going forward. Marlene volunteered to ask at the SoCal level for advice on how to list those meetings.

Mika, Hospitals and Institutions: Mika has been trying to reach out to the institutions but until the mask mandate is lifted she hasn't gotten much traction. She will reach out to Las Colinas this month. Mika also asked for clarification on the Outreach position and how it will work with her position. Sharleen mentioned that it has come to her attention that patients in some treatment facilities have been accessing local meetings via Zoom.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharlene reported

\$24.00 in sales, \$110.00 in petty cash, \$2104.20 in inventory.

Sharleen is still available to any person who is willing to come pick up orders in person, in addition to all local meetings and literature chairs. Prices are less than orders placed directly with CoDA.

Outreach: Open

Tina, Activities: Tina reported that the Meditation was very relaxing but was not highly attended. If the facilitator does another event for us, the times will have to be clarified in the flyer. The Panel/Workshop was well attended and the 5 panelists spoke on different ways to work the program. It was very well attended. One of the items that came up was the need for facilitators for step studies which can be a great alternative to working with a sponsor. There is an in-person fellowship at Lake Murray on May 26.

Joe, Webmaster: Joe reported that he does not have all the current board members information and asked that it be submitted to him in order to update the webpage. He reminded the group that he has sent his agreement to all members for review. The SoCal Conference information is updated on our webpage.

Sharleen, Southern California Conference Facilitator: Sharleen shared here screen to show the group the SDC CoDA website and where all the items discussed today can be found. She highlighted the link to the SoCal Conference and reminded the group that registration is required for participation. Donations are suggested but not required to register. All workshops and the full schedule is now live. The conference volunteers have tried very hard to instill a sense of community in the conference this year even though it is virtual. She also mentioned that the SoCal Assembly meeting that will take place on June 5 from noon to 2pm is a great way for all of the community to participate in the business of our SoCal region.

Laurine, ad hoc committee: No report.

Michelle, Email ad hoc: Not present

GSR Reports: Diane asked for a group conscious vote to extend the meeting to accommodate the GSR reports today.

Voting 3 - yes, 7 - no. Motion did not pass.

Break was called at 11:00 am

The meeting resumed at 11:10am. It was determined that we have 27 meetings. Roll call was taken and quorum was met by 9 voting members.

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

Approval of the minutes: Laurine made a motion to approve the March & April minutes and Sonya seconded the motion. March minutes should reflect that the voting on webmaster agreement was tabled. Sharleen moved that both months minutes be approved with the noted change, Rita seconded.

March Voting: 10 yes. April Voting: 11 yes. The motions passed.

Old Business:

Voting on Treasurer - A vote was held to confirm Erin as Treasurer.

Voting: 11 yes, 0 nay, 3 abstain. The motion passed. Congratulations Erin.

Voting on Webmaster agreement - Gary wondered if the contract was just to protect both parties and would Joe be as easy to work with as he has always been? Joe clarified that all conflicts or extras will be determined by the group conscious at this community level. Catherine admired how Joe has set boundaries through this contract and feels that this position should always be a paid position. A group conscious was taken to extend the discussion a further 5 minutes.

Voting: 9 yes

Nancy asked for clarification that Joe can continue to volunteer as a GSR or committee member. Joe has no plans to do so. Gary asked for format and due dates that pertain to the Treasurer position. Sharleen moved to accept the webmaster agreement. Gary seconded.

Voting: 14 yes. The motion passed unanimously. Congratulations Joe.

Open Positions: Diane listed the currently open positions of Alternative Community Representative, 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. There are descriptions of the positions on the website. Diane expressed gratitude for those stepping up to cover the responsibilities of the open positions.

New Business

Hybrid Meetings: Gary asked how we want to see hybrid meetings on our meeting schedule. Will we maintain the virtual schedule? What needs to be submitted to list the hybrid meeting. Sharleen shared her screen from CoDA.org that showed how hybrids can be listed. Her meeting took a group consensus to decide whether to move back to in-person or to become hybrid and they decided to hybridize. Each meeting has an assigned meeting number at the local, SoCal, and world level for 7th tradition tracking. This should be kept in mind. Diane reported that her meeting will be holding both an in-person and a separate zoom meeting as their location does not support a hybrid model. Joe mentioned that the PDF of the current meetings need to be updated as it currently shows meetings that no longer exist. A new web page should be created in its place that can be printed as a PDF that will show current meetings that indicate what type of meeting it is. Meetings need to have their contacts updated. Gary moved and Rita seconded to extend the discussion 3 minutes

Voting: 11 yes. 0 no. 1 abstain.

Sharleen asked what the best way to get updated meeting information to the group. Joe asked who would make the changes to CoDA.org. Normally the newsletter chair would be in charge of this. Csilla emailed Isis to find out if she needed help with updating the meeting list and has not received a response. Isis can submit her work directly to Joe.

Step Study Coordination: Healy joined the meeting as a guest and spoke about joining step studies and has volunteered to assist newcomers with setting up step studies. Gary mentioned that our outreach person could coordinate with Healy. Nancy thanked Healy for volunteering and wondered if she could submit a paragraph to the newsletter. Healy would simply help newcomers make the connections with the appropriate people to assist with the process. Rita mentioned that CoDA world might have resources to assist with this process. She thanked Healy for volunteering. She will connect Healy with Addie at CoDA world.

Suggested Activities for fellowship: Please pass along any activities ideas to Tina via the meeting chat or after the meeting via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am, followed by the Serenity Prayer.