

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

Present: Diane, Gary, Michelle, Sonya, Marlene, Sharleene, Csilla, Erin, Laurine, Mika, Isis, Aaron, Nathan, Nancy, Catherine, Tina, David, Allison

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. Gary read the Seventh Service Concept. Sharleene read the Seventh Tradition.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Diane, Community Rep: She reminded the group that there are still four open positions, Recording Secretary, Alternative Community Rep, Workshop, Panels & Seminars, and Outreach. All are posted on the website and in the most recent newsletter. She encouraged everyone to pass these open items along to their individual meetings.

Alternate Community Rep: Open

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 is encouraged to write it in the Zoom chat box.

Erin, Treasurer: Erin reported that she has reconciled the bank statements through May and is working with Gary to gain online access to the bank accounts for ease of accessing the information. She gave the bank account balance as of May 31. She also informed the group that there is a need for 4 signatures on the bank information card to add her to the accounts and we currently only have two of those positions filled.

Marlene, Regional Representative: Marlene informed the group that the 2021 CSC (CoDA Service Conference) survey which details all possible motions to be brought forward at the CSC, is ready and now up on the SoCal website. She encouraged everyone to take the survey info back to their groups. They are hoping for a large number of folks participating in the group conscience. Voting will be open to members of all CoDA groups until July 25. She also reminded everyone that the service conference will be held July 27-30 and that everyone is welcome to register and view the conference via YouTube.

She also reported that her meeting on Tuesday attempted hybrid for the first time but had technical issues and ended up having separate live and zoom meetings.

Sonya commented that she had received the survey via email. Sharleene added links to the survey to the chat for members to copy.

Laurene, Alt. Reg. Rep: Not present.

Secretary: Open

Csilla & Isis, Newsletter & Meeting List: Csilla informed the group that she forgot to include the informal Sunday gathering before sending the newsletter to Joe for posting and it has already been posted without that piece of information. She will send out a correction to include that item as well as the Save The Date for the upcoming Beach Party in August.

Isis reported that there have been more meeting changes since last meeting. She detailed those changes for the group. She will continue to report on the changes at this meeting each month. She asked the GSRs for any changes they are aware of to their individual meetings. Sharleene mentioned that her meeting is now in-person as well as Zoom. Nathan reported that the Sunday Speaker's meeting is testing a hybrid scenario this week and if it goes well, hopes to have the August Speaker's Meeting available in person as well as on Zoom. Rita reported that the Friday Peace & Serenity meeting is in person as well as Zoom and all will send their reported information along to Isis for the meeting list.

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Sonya, Public Information Mail: Sonya reported that all mail has been collected weekly and that the most recent statements were scanned and sent to Erin. She reported that she and Erin have met in person to hand of mail and to set up a system that works for both to get collected mail to Erin for processing. She also mentioned that there was no 7th Tradition in this month's mail.

Gary, Public Information Phones: Gary reported that there were 12 calls this month to the info line asking for meeting information, meeting descriptions (what is a meeting like), Gary's opinion on whether CoDA is for them. All have been great.

Mika, Hospitals and Institutions: Mika is working with Sharleene to decide what literature is best to take along to leave with the institutions. She is still waiting to hear from the jail on when CoDA can return.

Sharleene, Literature: Sharleene reported

\$174.60 in sales, \$110.00 in petty cash, \$1945.00 in inventory.

Sharleene place a literature order in July for blue books in a smaller quantity than in previous orders but still was able to obtain a small discount. She is still available for folks to come get literature directly from her.

Outreach: Open

Tina, Activities: Tina reported that the San Elijo hike was good and attended by 6 people. There is a beach party planned for August 14th at Crown Point from 4-7pm. She will include a map in the flyer and will post 3 signs at the entry points on the Crown Point parking lot and will have blue and yellow balloons to mark the location of the party.

Joe, Webmaster: Not present.

Laurine, ad hoc committee: Not present.

Michelle, Email ad hoc: No report.

GSR Reports:

David reported that the Seaside meeting is back in person. Their new room is great and 4 folks attended the first meeting back. They are still unsure of the mask requirements for their space.

Nathan reported that the July 4th Speaker's Meeting was attended by 12 people. During a group conscious vote, it became clear that some folks are upset by the the idea of returning to in-person and that the concept of a hybrid meeting had to be explained to people. They are testing their hybrid technology this week. He also mentioned that the church requires masks and distancing and requires all attendees to fill out a form. They are trying to establish whether the form can be filled out and still preserve anonymity.

Break was called at 10:52 am

The meeting resumed at 11:04am. It was determined that we have 23 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: The June minutes were not distributed so voting on them is tabled until the August meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Michelle asked for input on giving the Newsletter Chair and the Meeting List Chair each 5 minutes for their reports or continuing to have them share the allotted 5 minutes. Marlene mentioned that the addition of time would affect the GSR report time allotment. Sonya commented that the 5 minutes could be increased to 6 and the chairs could split the time as needed. Csilla mentioned that Isis is using more time currently as the meetings are all in flux but feels that they can continue to share the 5 minutes allotted.
2. Diane asked if the number of signers on the bank account can be changed from 4 down to 2 as 2 of the signer offices are currently empty. Michelle shared that there are 4 signers on the card (Community Rep, Alternative Community Rep, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary) at the bank but only 3 are signers on the checking account (Recording Secretary is not). Gary shared that the bank requires the 4 signatures and those requirements have not changed. Mika asked if the Recording Secretary has to be present at the meetings or can they just produce the minutes from the recordings. Diane answered that yes, the Secretary has to be present. Gary commented that we are at an impasse on this until we will the 2 open positions that are related to this matter.
3. Michelle inquired if this group is interested in moving back to an in-person meeting or investigating a hybrid scenario or continuing on Zoom. Erin commented that Zoom is her preference as she is in Oceanside. Mika would prefer hybrid as she is in the Northernmost part of the county. Allison also would prefer hybrid due to her location. Nancy feels that the meetings run much more smoothly on Zoom and would like to continue this way. Catherine would also prefer Zoom. Gary asked if we should discontinue paying rent if we go forward on Zoom rather than with an in-person component. Aaron misses being able to buy literature at in-person meetings but likes Zoom otherwise.

Rita moved to extend the discussion a further 2 minutes. Gary seconded the motion.
Vote: 10 yes, 4 no, 1 abstain

Nathan shared that the Thursday night meeting in Mira Mesa (the same location where this community meeting takes place in person) is back in person. That location also requires masks, distancing, and for each person to sign a form. He feels that Zoom is more equal and that given the current pandemic situation it might be too soon to be moving back to in person. Sharleene asked Nathan to share his contact information for the church where our in-person meetings have been held. Michelle suggested that the group table this discussion until our next meeting.

Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting. Catherine seconded the motion.

Vote: 10 yes, 1 no, 7 abstain. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29am, followed by the Serenity Prayer.