

**Minutes of the San Diego County CoDA Business Meeting
August 20, 2022**

Present: Shar, Aaron, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Marlene, Sonya, Bryna, Joe, Erin, Ken, Debra, David, Jimi, Lori, Elisa, Friday

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Sharleene, Community Rep. Attendees introduced themselves, their position (Group Service Representative, GSR, officer or chairperson) and their meeting. The meeting purpose & function were read. The meeting serves the CoDA fellowship and carries the message to those who suffer. The meeting coordinates intergroup recovery, serves as voice of the group to state & national organizations, provides information and starter materials to new groups. The 8th Tradition and Service Concept were read.

Officer/Chair Reports:

Sharleene, Community Rep: Sharleene expressed her thanks for everyone who is participating in this meeting.

Sonya, Alternate Community Rep: No report

Recording Secretary: Not present.

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 there is 28,862 in our combined accounts as of July. Checking account is \$12,359. Savings account is \$7601. Our Jan-July expenses are \$4934 and our she noted that our income is -\$1333 at this time and she will investigate further. Michelle volunteered to review the accounts as that is her background to try and determine the negative number. Erin will send the updated balance sheet to Sonya for the minutes. (included at the end of this document). Sharleene mentioned that we have still been unable to get to the bank due to a series of COVID infections among the necessary parties. We have agreed to let it be until the next officers take over in January.

Gary, Literature: Not present but Erin presented the following report: Sales \$483, \$110 petty cash, \$2513.55 inventory. Deposit \$375. No CORE orders were placed this month.

Aaron, Regional Representative: Aaron reported that the next regional meeting is September 10, 2022 from 10am -1pm. The CoDA World Conference starts Monday through Thursday and people can attend online, please visit CoDA.org for more information. The outgoing SoCal webmaster completed the new website. Aaron will send the link to anyone who wants to see it. He was asked at the last meeting for a report on the So Cal Conference status and if San Diego has committed to hosting the 2023 event. (discussion in second half of this meeting). Nancy inquired if the pre-conference survey had been sent and Sharleene responded that it came out on Wednesday of last week and was due yesterday (Aug 19)

Diane, Alt. Reg. Rep: Not present.

Joe, Webmaster: Joe has been working on the meeting list and there have been lots of changes. We have 14 Zoom-only meetings now on the schedule. Joe added to WW meetings that are online only. He has completed web updates but the email blast was not sent. Mika sent a request for her meeting for an ID change and has not received a response. Joe has it and will update it and get back to her. Sharleene mentioned that the Zoom passcode for this meeting is incorrect, Joe will make the correction.

Csilla, Newsletter & Meeting List: Not present

Activities: Open

Aaron gave a short report on the camp out. There were 20+ campers plus folks that came up just for the potluck. They hope for it to become an annual event. There were requests to hold it in a cooler month, perhaps June next year.

Workshops, Panels, and Seminars: Open

Public Info Mail: Sonya reported that all mail has been collected and sent to Erin.

Gary, Public Information Phones: Not present.

Mika, Hospitals and Institutions & Outreach: Mika received one outreach call this month from an individual wanting to join the group and wondering how. Received communication looking for inmate sponsors from CoDA.org. If anyone is interested they can reach out directly. Marlene is there any information about becoming a sponsor and what the criteria is. Sharleene wondered if that information was local or from CoDA.org. Mika still hasn't heard from the contact person at Las Colinas.

Michelle, Email ad hoc: Seeking GRS and Open Positions flyers sent via email this week. Michelle is working on a GSR guide and hopes to finalize before the September meeting

Laurine, Insurance ad hoc committee: Not present

GSR Reports:

Marlene: Sunday Speakers Meeting (CA0859) Laurine had mentioned about getting ideas from the community regarding the conference at the last speakers meeting. This will be a further discussion later in the meeting.

Bryna: Mira Mesa Serenity Lifers ((CA0975) Serenity Lifers would welcome support and attendance

Friday: Tuesday Loving Support (CA0037) Friday wondered who can lead a meeting? Sharleene commented that leading is open to anyone, there is no guideline regarding this. Marlene reminded the group that no outside materials are allowed. Mika asked to change the verbiage from discouraged to prohibited to further remind folks about this at their meeting. Nancy commented that all meetings are autonomous and can make a policy about meeting leading. As it is just reading a script it is easy and open to everyone.

Jimi: CoDA Warriors (WW406). Meetings are going well with great comradery. They are starting a step study, is that connected to the meeting or separate? Sharleene responded that each study can decide to be open or closed.

Break was called at 10:57am

The meeting resumed at 11:07am. It was determined that we have 30 meetings. Roll call was taken and quorum was met by 9 voting members.

Michelle reiterated the procedure for submitting motions and discussion items.

Approval of the minutes:

Sonya moved to approve the July minutes as presented. Mika seconded.

VOTE: 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain **The motion passed.**

Old Business:

1. SoCal Conference

Sharlene proposed that we agree to host the upcoming conference. San Diego was planning to take a vote this month. There have already been submission of themes and workshops. The conference committee will decide whether to be in person or virtual. Nancy questioned whether Sharlene can make a motion as a non-voting member. Joe commented that he would love to have the conference in San Diego but he is not sure that Sharlene can move.

Nancy moved that we agree to host the 2023 So Cal Conference. Joe seconded.

Mika queried how committee is chosen. Sharlene clarified that there will be a call for volunteers. Right now we just have to decide whether or not to host.

VOTE: 10 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain **The motion passed.**

2. Outreach to Meetings

Sharlene reminded the group that we had decided to reach out to “dark” meetings that have no GSRs representing them. 3 people had volunteered last meeting and Sharlene will revisit with them. Marlene will be willing to share this information at the speakers meeting. Use Michelle’s flyer. Joe asked if we want him to include the GSR flyer in the eblast and if there is a contact person for the conference. Sharlene will be the contact until a chair is chosen. Michelle confirmed that the GSR flyer should be included in the eblast.

New Business:

1. Which Meetings are Included for Quorum

Michelle and Nancy are needing clarification on which meetings to include for Quorum for this meeting and are the virtual meetings included. Nancy reported that CoDA World has notified her that if a meeting is online only, it should change its registration from a CA meeting to a WW meeting identification. If a meeting is WW, can it still be part of the San Diego/SoCal Community? Groups can only be represented by one inter-group. Online meetings can have members from other state and countries and even allow them to hold service positions. Joe wondered if secretary and GSR are in San Diego we can list them but if GSR is from elsewhere, it might preclude San Diego area membership. This is a new layer of complexity. Sonya mentioned that 3 WW meetings are included on our meeting schedule and all are San Diego based. There are at least 3 GSRs from virtual only meetings that are currently part of this group that would cease to be depending on the steps taken here today and she is not sure we are ready for that yet. Michelle wondered if the “founder” of the meeting is in San Diego if that would count. Sharlene wonders if the person hosting the Zoom is in San Diego if that would qualify them to.

Sonya moved to extend the discussion a further 5 minutes. Aaron seconded.

VOTE: 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. **The motion passed.**

Nancy wondered if the online meetings have their own community inter-group? Possibly the WW meetings would join that. Sharlene noted that the meetings on our list donate 7th Tradition to SDCCoDA and all originated here. Michelle noted that all WW meetings are associated with specific regions. Elisa is a GSR for a San Diego meeting but lives in Connecticut. It is an active online meeting with service people around the country. That meeting was formed in San Diego and has its roots here. Her meeting requires the literature

person to be local to San Diego. If we move WW meeting off the San Diego list, it will affect 7th Tradition coming to SDCCoDA.

Sonya moved to extend the discussion a further two minutes. Nancy seconded

VOTE: 10 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain **The motion passed.**

Bryna mentioned that her meeting had this exact question as they are fully online now. If you follow the money via Zoom hosting, donations to 7th Tradition it will confirm where the group "lives". Michelle feels that more discussion and research is necessary. We will continue this discussion in September.

2. Outreach Ideas

Bryna reported that one of their members had an idea to create short videos of healthy vs. unhealthy behaviors. They would be the patterns and characteristics in video form to be used for outreach purposes. Marlene commented that this is a great idea but anonymity must be preserved so possibly to use animation. Elisa loved the idea and commented that short videos are the media of the day. Sharleene mentioned that it needs approval at CoDA.org first. Aaron stated that he is uncomfortable with this idea. It butts up against the 11th tradition. Bryna thanked everyone for their input and will reach out to CoDA world directly.

3. Speakers Meeting

Aaron is looking for speakers for the October meeting either from the group or recommendations for possible speakers. They have to come in person and share their story.

Mika moved to adjourn the meeting. Sonya seconded.

VOTE:: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. **The motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 pm, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

A clarification was made during the meeting that non-voting members (Chair, Parliamentarian) cannot make motions to be voted on by the group.

San Diego County CoDA

Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
COGS Petty Cash	0.20
Union Bank Checking	11,987.58
Union Bank Savings	7,601.76
Total Bank Accounts	\$19,589.54
Other Current Assets	
Literature Inventory	3,491.57
Petty Cash - Literature	110.00
Uncategorized Asset	300.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$3,901.57
Total Current Assets	\$23,491.11
Other Assets	
Key Deposit	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$23,491.11
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	25,196.40
Net Income	-1,705.29
Total Equity	\$23,491.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$23,491.11