

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF
Co-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUSE

Minutes from the September 8, 2007 Meeting

Attendance: Hal, Michelle, Corey, Barbara, Katie, France, Lesa, Joe, Carol, Judy, Cheryl, Marlene, Phil, Lori, Alan, Nancy and Trevor

I. Opening followed by Serenity Prayer, Introductions & the 12 Traditions.

II. Meeting Minutes:

a. Minutes from June 8, 2007 Quarterly Meeting were moved to accept. Motion was seconded and passed.

b. Minutes from June 9, 2007 Regional Assembly were moved to accept. Motion was seconded and passed.

III. Reports:

a. Chair- The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007, location and time to be announced. Hal welcomed any newcomers to today's meeting and thanked the 2007 conference committee along with those who stepped-up to do service at SoCAL for the up-coming year. He also presented some new information he had come across in the new fellowship service manual concerning the group-conscious process and various concepts of service.

b. Vice Chair- Katie had nothing to report at this time.

c. Treasurer- Alan submitted his report for June 1, 2007 to September 8, 2007. He will be depositing \$393.79 which includes an addition \$113.00 he has received in 7th Tradition contributions. Cash Balance of checking and savings combined started out at \$9,619.35. Income totaled \$280.66, Expenses amounted to \$2,198.97 giving a negative income of – \$1,918.31. Checking Account Balance ended at \$2,295.55; Current Savings Account is \$5,408.21. Available funds less Prudent Reserve total \$3,897.76. A request was made for sources listed as making donations to not show last names on the report in the interest of anonymity.

d. CoDA Sr. Conference Delegates/Alternate Delegate- Barbara reported she has begun preparing for the World Service Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. She has received her information packet and reviewed it. There are reportedly 2 kinds of services. (a) Recovery Related Service (at meetings) and (b) Service Related Recovery (at community levels). She also presented copies of some pages from the CoDA Service Manual regarding "Guidelines for Presenting Fellowship Issues to the CoDA Service Conference" and recommended each meeting have this information. She also brought documentation on the "Guidelines for Hosting a CoDA Service Conference". CoDA Colorado may be interested in hosting the 2008 CoDA Service Conference. Barbara has suggested that SoCAL host the 2009 Service Conference. Michelle and Marlene are also preparing for the conference. A new prayer is being offered by Colorado. CoDA Texas has raised issues regarding the process of bringing issues to the CoDA Fellowship that are handed to a committee

which are then denied. Texas does not like a committee having a final group-conscious and wants the matters voted on by the Service Board. There is also a request from CoDA Texas to shorten the Preamble and Welcome to allow for more sharing time at meetings. Barbara has reviewed the conference schedule. The translation of Spanish literature will also be reviewed at the conference along with Tradition 2 among other items. CoDA Fellowship also offers scholarships to delegates from CoDA Communities outside the U.S. who can't afford to come to the Service Conference.

e. Newsletter- Position is still open.

f. Corresponding Secretary- Cheryl is in the process of learning her position in view of changes involving e-mail. Asked if anything being sent to her for an electronic mailing could have the word CoDA put in the subject.

g. 2007 Conference/Retreat Committee Report- Michelle provided a budget showing the final accounting for the conference. She also reported that there were approximately 185 people who attended the event. The final income received amounted to \$10,505.37, final expenses amounted to \$7,083.94. The excess funds amount to \$3,421.43. She has checks to turn over to the SoCAL treasury for the return of the seed money and the excess funds. A question was raised regarding the feedback from the survey forms. Michelle reported she did not have that information with her, the co-chairs have it.

h. 2008 Conference Report- Nancy reported that Bette Jo has had to step-down as conference chair for health reasons. The San Diego CoDA community is still interested in hosting the conference and the conference committee is still intact but in need of a new chair or co-chairs. France volunteered to be the conference chair. Her nomination was seconded and passed. "Thank you, France".

i. Historian- Carole had no report.

j. SoCAL Website Chair- Joe reported he has not had much time to work on the website. Hal went over the items to be listed on it. There was some discussion regarding the creation of a form for communication in the program and business issues while at the same time avoiding spam. Joe will explore this further.

k. Hospitals and Institutions- Position has been open. Carole stepped forward for H & I chair. Her nomination was seconded and passed. "Congratulations, Carole".

l. Community Reports:

i. Desert Communities- Katie reported there is a new Speaker's Meeting starting on Sept. 27th. Their community has wanted to start doing speaker's meetings and will alternate them once a quarter to see the community's response to them.

ii. Inland Empire- The Women's Marino Valley Meeting has ended. All other meetings are going well.

iii. LACoDA- Barbara and Hal reported the meetings are going well. Their committee is interested in doing marathon meetings at the Share center for the holidays. Anyone who is interested in volunteering can contact events@lacoda.org. Barbara reminded everyone about the Sunday morning Beach meeting on Santa Monica Beach at the foot of Ocean Park by Lifeguard Station #26 from 9:30 a.m to 11:00 a.m.

iv. Mountain Communities- Carole reported the same 3 meetings are still going.

v. OCCC- Alan reported their community-committee has decimated, needs new officers. The meetings are doing well.

The Men's Stag meeting needs a new location. Alan will be attending the next OCCC business meeting on September 10th. OCCC had a very sparse amount of volunteers for the Orange County Health Fair.

- vi. SDCC- Nancy reported the San Diego community is very busy. The Fallbrook meeting is still viable. They are doing a Super Seminar Saturday on the first Saturday of November, the 3rd. Their H & I is doing well and is looking into Spanish panels. San Diego's treasurer expressed gratitude to the LACoDA community for their assistance in budgeting their funds. The speaker meeting is celebrating its 5th year with a potluck in the first week of October. The San Diego website has a link with the Spanish CoDA community along with an online newsletter. Their 7th Trad. donations are down but literature sales are up and their meetings are growing. They've had a lot of discussion and debating regarding the interpretation of the traditions. There is also a new meeting starting in Ramona.
- vii. Santa Barbara- No representative present.
- viii. TVCC- Corey reported TVCC is meeting quarterly for the remainder of 2007. At the January 2008 a vote will be taken whether to continue meeting quarterly or return to meeting monthly. A special meeting will be held on Friday, November 2, 2007 only for holding the annual elections for 2008. The committee is still functioning but still struggling to fill all service positions. The monthly workshop is still being held on the 3rd Sunday of every month at Encino Hospital from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the First Floor Classroom. There are not any Fellowship Events planned at this time due to no Fellowship Chair but the committee welcomes anyone who would like put on an event for the fellowship. There are between 20 and 25 meetings going on TVCC's directory. Corey inquired if anyone knew how to contact Dean from the ACA community who was at the 2007 CoDA Conference regarding a donation of \$100.00 from ACA for their recent Camp Recovery. TVCC feels it conflicts with the 7th Tradition for them to accept this check and has voted to return it. Dean's e-mail address was provided to Corey.

IV. Unfinished Business:

- a. Sales Tax Review- Katie reported that according to the Calif. Equalization Board, a Sales permit is required to sell CoDA literature regardless of what circumstances. She explained about a procedure to obtain a temporary permit. Katie also spoke with someone from the equalization board who provided her and the committee with an "Update Form" to use annually after the SoCAL CoDA elections. The tax forms will be mailed to the SoCAL P.O. box from now on. A motion was made and seconded to keep the Seller's permit and passed.

V. New Business:

- a. Understanding of How CoDA Can Use A/A Literature at Meetings- An inquiry was made regarding the approval of the use of this literature in CoDA meetings. Discussion followed on the process for approving the use of it along with the criteria for the approval of non-CoDA literature. It must be approved at the CoDA Service Conference. Each meeting can vote whether or not to keep it in their literature as non-approved literature. Barbara reviewed the process for addressing issues such as this at the Service Conference from the Fellowship Service Manual. A request for this literature to be approved as CoDA literature needs to be

made at the CoDA Service Conference.

b. Motion to Have the Corresponding Secretary Continue to Send Thank You Letters for Literature Contributions- This motion was seconded and after discussion of pros and cons was passed.

c. SoCAL Host the 2009 Service Conference- Barbara requested that all attending today's meeting discuss this idea at their community meetings for feedback and whether the communities are in-favor of this. Item to be reviewed at the next SoCAL Regional meeting.

After all business was completed the meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey L.
Recording Secretary