

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF
Co-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Minutes from the December 1, 2007 Meeting

Attendance: Hal, Michelle, Corey, Barbara, Katie, France, Lesa, Joe, Carole, Judy, Alan, Nancy and Trevor

I. Opening followed by Serenity Prayer, Introductions, Purpose of SoCAL CoDA & the 12 Traditions.

II. Meeting Minutes:

a. Minutes from September 8, 2007 Quarterly Meeting were moved to accept. Motion was seconded. 1 change was amended that the new Historian is Lesa and not Carole. The minutes were seconded with the 1 change and passed.

III. Reports:

a. Chair- The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008, probably at this same location at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held at the conference. Hal reported receiving positive feedback from the 2007 conference. He expressed his appreciation for the feedback and the service-work of the 2007 SoCAL Conference Committee and asked that an announcement for service positions for SoCAL's elections at the assembly be made at the conference.

b. Vice Chair- Katie expressed her gratitude to Hal, nothing more to report.

c. Treasurer- Alan mentioned that the November bank statements had not yet arrived for his report. He has deposited \$465.25 into the checking account. There is a check for \$17.25 which has not yet been deposited. The question arose where a check for \$344.30 came from. It was reported to have come from Marlene. The issue regarding anonymity of 7th Tradition donations was raised and Alan assured it would be maintained. Katie mentioned she will check again on the updates with the Equalization Board with the new officers. The report from Alan shows a beginning Cash Balance of \$7,581.98; Total Income of \$3,448.60; Expenses of \$424.72 leaving the checking account with \$5,194.90, the savings account with \$5,412.30 and a total Cash Balance after the prudent reserve amounting to \$6,801.20.

d. CoDA Sr. Conference Delegates/Alternate Delegate- Barbara & Michelle presented their reports from attending the World Service Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Barbara reviewed the information provided in the Fellowship Service Manual and recommended the use of it. The manual can be reviewed at www.coda.org/serviceman and will also provide information and descriptions of all the CSC Committees' functions which can be found in Section 10 of the manual. There is also a new task force formed to improve communication throughout the levels of CoDA which is looking for volunteers. H & I and Outreach are seeking additional volunteers and aid. Plans are underway for the CoDA Convention to be held in Seattle, WA from July 2-5, 2009. The theme will be Independent and Free. Volunteers are needed, the tentative costs to include meals are estimated at

\$125-140.00 for pre-registration and \$175.00 for regular registration. The Connections newsletter is still alive and doing well on-line at www.coda.org. Core is active and has increased revenue with expenses reduced and is also working toward a form of e-commerce. They are also working on materials for the learning & visually impaired and the Newcomers Handbook is now available in Spanish. The H & I committee is doing very well and a letter has been sent from Sandra C. regarding an invitation from the Principle Librarian of the Correctional Education Office for any CoDA members to attend a staff/training meeting to discuss how CoDA literature and meetings might be helpful in a prison situation. Sandra is encouraging volunteers for this service and is also putting together a list of institutions for the H & I service. The Outreach Committee is doing very well and has put together a Spanish Outreach subcommittee to assist Spanish speaking codependents worldwide. CoDA Teen no longer exists due to a variety of problems. The Fellowship Literature Committee is in the process of going through the CoDA Teen literature and looking where any of it can be incorporated with CoDA literature as appropriate while eliminating any references to CoDA Teen. A proposal has been submitted by Arizona CoDA to add a list of "Exaggerated Sense of Self-Worth Patterns" to the list of Patterns and Characteristics. Arizona is asking for feedback from meetings on these patterns. The Translation Mgmt. Committee is looking for new members. The Core-Board needs one more alternate member to help with publishing. Other committees that need members include: The Literature Committee, Service & Structure Committee, the Connections Committee and the Finance Committee. The C.S.C. committee is looking for a new location for the 2008 Service Conference. The Outreach Committee needs volunteers to help with Spanish Translation. H & I is looking for lots of help. The proposed changes to Tradition 3, the Preamble and the Welcome were not brought back to the table so they are no longer open issues. The Texas Group Conscious issue has been sent to the Service Structure Committee. The CoDA seal can only be altered outside the perimeter. The Literature Committee is looking into restoring pages that were removed from the CoDA Book. As for questions over the use of non-CoDA approved literature, there are no real restrictions on the use of it. The Step 4 Workbook has been re-vamped and the Literature Committee is working on a new project of gathering more stories for a new Story Book. Also, the Affirmation booklet is being revised. The question was raised regarding a review of the state of CoDA in general and what actions can be done to improve and spread the message. Barbara replied that it is being explored at CoDA World Services.

e. Newsletter- Position is still open.

f. Corresponding Secretary- Cheryl was not here to give a report.

g. 2008 Conference Committee Report- France provided some handouts with information showing that the Town and Country Inn & Resort in San Diego has been chosen for the site. The dates selected are May 30 – June 1, 2008. Reservations are available now. The handouts provided information on the room rates and the proposed schedule for the event along with a proposed budget. The theme for the conference is "Transformations Through Recovery". The questions presented to the SoCAL committee included using Virgil from TLC Tapes, Inc. for all taping and sales along with obtaining consent forms from the speakers. After discussion there were no objections from SoCAL CoDA on taping at the conference. France also provided a proposed registration fees for the event, \$40.00 for pre-reg. and

\$50.00 for regular. \$30.00 pre-reg. for Saturday only and \$40.00 for Sat. at the door or after pre-reg. The projected excess funds from the event amount to \$3,163.80 based on a registration of 150 people for early registration, 15 for regular reg., 10 for early Sat.-only reg. and 5 for regular Sat. registration. The question was raised for creating an on-line registration system with Paypal. Per discussion it was shown that it's possible and no objections were raised. France present 3 choices for a preliminary "Mark Your Calendar" flyer for SoCAL to approve one for distribution. Upon review and discussion a motion was made to approve the 2nd flyer presented which only lists the first names of the speakers. The motion was seconded and passed.

- i. Historian- Lesa reported she has the Historian's box with her if anyone wishes to see anything from it.
- j. SoCAL Website Chair- Joe reported he has not had much time to work on the website due to other service-commitments. He needs to do e-mail forms for the site. The SoCAL site is now linked with other CoDA websites. The minutes are posted on it. A motion was made to not put the Treasurer's report on the site at this time. The motion was seconded and after discussion was passed. The "Save the Date" flyer for the 2008 SoCAL Conference will be placed on the website.
- k. Hospitals and Institutions- Carole reported she will correspond with the various SoCAL communities over a list of institutions.

l. Community Reports:

- i. Desert Communities- Katie reported there is no real change going on with meetings. Their community is hanging in there. The quarterly speakers meeting is going well.
- ii. Inland Empire- Judy reported there are no real changes. The Redlands meeting has to be checked on due to last contact person is no longer involved.
- iii. LACoDA- Barbara reported the LACoDA Community meeting is scheduled for next week. There is a new Men's meeting and a new Spanish meeting. They are having their elections at next week's meeting. There is a candidate for almost every position at LACoDA. Marathon meetings are planned for the Share Center for Christmas and New Year's. There may be a baseball event soon.
- iv. Mountain Communities- Judy reported she should have more information on their meetings by the next SoCAL meeting.
- v. OCCC- Alan reported a new community committee has formed after the folding of the last one. The meetings are doing well. New website is www.occoda.com.
- vi. SDCC- Nancy reported the Super Seminar Saturday broke even despite low attendance. They had a Thanksgiving potluck as part of the Sunday Speakers meeting. Their elections will be held in January. They rotate ½ of their positions every year and there are new people involved in their committee.
- vii. Santa Barbara- No representative present. The question arose of how far north the community covers and it was reported to be up to San Luis Obispo.
- viii. TVCC- Corey reported TVCC had their last quarterly meeting for 2007 on October 5, 2007. May have lost 2 meetings but otherwise are doing ok. TVCC held a special meeting for the annual elections on Friday, November 2, 2007. The next meeting will be on the first Friday of January 2008 and a group-conscious will be taken on

whether or not to continue meeting quarterly or return to meeting monthly. The monthly workshops on the 3rd Sunday are still going on. Five people attended the October and November workshops. Fellowship chair is open but anyone interested in putting on an event is welcome to present it to TVCC.

IV. Unfinished Business:

- a. Sales Tax Review- Completed at last meeting.
- b. SoCAL Hosting the 2009 CSC Conference- Hal and Barbara reported that LACoDA is willing to assist with it. A motion was made for SoCAL to host it and after discussion was seconded and passed.

V. New Business:

- a. Motion for a Proposal for By-Laws Amendment to Article IX, Item I to add the words, ... “while participating in a SoCAL CoDA business event/meeting outside of the SoCAL region, reimbursement will be up to \$30.00 per day per diem”. Seconded and after discussion this item was tabled for next meeting. A motion was made to reimburse the SoCAL delegates & alt.-delegates \$30.00 each for the last CSC conference. The motion was seconded and passed.
- b. A request made for the members of SoCAL CoDA to inquire with their communities and find out if they are interested in having the first 164 pages of the Alcoholics Anonymous big book presented to the next CSC conference for approval as CoDA endorsed literature. The motion was seconded and passed.
- c. Corey asked if he could be removed from the www.CoDA.org site as the contact for SoCAL CoDA meetings. Hal said that he would go about changing it to be himself.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey L.
Recording Secretary