

**Greater Sacramento Area CoDA Community
Minutes for Monthly Business Meeting
January 12, 2009**

Opened with the Serenity prayer at 6:47 PM

In Attendance were:

Debbie W Chair

John G. Treasurer

Julie L Recording Secretary

Mike M. GR CA055 Weds. Sacramento

Sharon N. Phone line and GR CA1029 Saturday Sacramento

David C. GR CA1155 Monday Sacramento

Kristin C GR CA449 Auburn

Richard C Auburn

REPORTS

Chair: Debbie continues as Chair of GSACC

Vice Chair: Position vacant. Service opportunity. If you are interested in serving in this position, see or talk to Debbie W. 916 536-1911

Recording Secretary Julie L.

Minutes from last meeting: Minutes from December, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected. Minutes will be available online at GSACC Yahoo group.

Treasurer's Report: John G Checking balance on 12/31/08 was \$1,812.30. An additional \$260 from conference registrations, literature and 7th Tradition contributions has been received, but not recorded yet. John provided the checking account activity record with the year to date income and expenses summary on the opposite page. Debbie W. requested a projections for 2009 budget for the next meeting. The monthly treasurer's report will be available online at GSACC Yahoo group.

Literature report: Colleen H. None available

Outreach report: *Volunteer needed Service opportunity* Debbie W. reported that she is creating a space on our Yahoo Group site to maintain a database of contacts that we can send information to about Greater Sacramento CoDA meetings and special events.

Phone Line: Sharon N. will follow up on the One Box phone system after the conference when she has more time. (\$49 per month for 4 lines with 5 minutes each of recording time. Much more than we have now). Sharon also has an idea about asking for volunteers to provide phone contact info. for people who call in and have questions.

Hospitals and Institutions: Volunteer needed Service opportunity Discussion of sending the \$50 plus the \$10 that Julie L. has for Books for Prisons. Folsom was the obvious choice, need the librarian's contact info. To provide to CoDA World H&I.

CoDA World Fellowship

Flier available at <http://coda.org/convention.php>: The CoDA International Convention to be held July 9-12, 2009 in Seattle, WA.

Fourth Quarterly Service Report is available at coda.org website

NorCal CoDA

Debbie W. Chair of NorCal CoDA reported on the Bay Area CoDA Servic Group meeting on Dec. 14, 2008 in Oakland. About 18 CoDA members from Bay Area and Sacramento attended. There was good representation-NorCAL officers, mini-conference organizers as well as local trusted servants and members. This meeting had been called to discuss concerns about anonymity of conference presenters and adherence to the guidelines for presenters in not promoting their own books, projects, practices, etc. Issues addressed were:

- 1) Suggested an Ad Hoc Committee with members from all four groups of NorCal CoDA to review the Guidelines for Presenters to assure that they are aligned with the 12 Traditions and that they meet our current needs.
- 2) Going back to original purpose of Quarterly Conference: to hold NCC Business meeting and provide some of funds to send our three delegates to CoDA World fellowship annual CoDA Service Conference (5 days hotel, food, transportation x 3 delegates=approximately \$3,000) Ending a recent trend of "competition" between mini-conferences for presenters .

The next NorCal business meeting will be held at the winter mini conference see below.

Regional Mini-Conferences:

- **Winter MC** Sacramento, Jan. 24, 2009 at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr. Debbie reported her plans for the continental breakfast. Lunch, beverages and snacks. Julie reported that the presenters are all on board plus one back up if we need her. John says registrations have been coming in steadily. Sharon has a list of volunteers that she is contacting by email and phone.
Debbie W. requested that we allow time in the opening at the conference to introduce the NorCal officers and delegates to CoDA World. I
- **Spring MC** Santa Clara, Mar. 21,2009. Fliers should be available at the Jan. 24 conference
- **Summer MC** Happy Valley Conference Center near Santa Cruz, July 31, August, 1 and 2, 2009. This is a 3 day retreat. More information will be on the NorCal website: <http://norcalCoDA.org>
- **Fall MC** They will be looking for an East Bay location, possibly at a Kaiser facility.

Group Rep Reports:

Sunday Heritage Oaks Sac CA935 (GR needed)	Sharon N. attended 2 weeks ago. 15 people were present. New people in some service postions
Sunday Davis Lutheran Church CA1230	4-5 people attending per Sharon N. and Erinn
Monday Folsom CA1135 Isabel O.	No report
Monday Men's Kaiser Fair Oaks Blvd. Sac CA1155 David C	They are now meeting in Room B (may need change on schedule). There are new people in service positions. David had question about reimbursing Kaiser in some way for their "no rent". Several members present suggested purchasing literature, possibly for Chemical Dependency Recoveery Programs ? in local Kaiser facilities or made available to therapists. David will follow up and report back to the group. .
Monday Sac. Friends Church E St. CA015 a (GR needed)	Debbie W. reporting: Attendance is up a bit, and the 3 newcomers stayed for the business meeting. One issue discussed was applause and thank yous after shares. Group conscience decision was for "thank you", but no applause.
Monday Yuba/Sutter Yuba City CA488 Melissa	No report
Tuesday Rancho Cordova CA103 (GR needed)	Sharon N reports. Attended recently. 8-10 attending for birthday night with cake!
Wednesday Modesto CA941 Michael V	No report
Wednesday Sac Kaiser South CA861 Tracey L	Debbie W. reported that she had phone calls with Bill And Tracey. Meeting going well per Tracey. Bill asked about the form to send in 7 th Tradition contributions.
Wednesday Friends Church E St Sacramento CA055 Mike M	Mike reported attendance of 12 at last mmeting and 4 on New Years Eve. They had a business meeting last week. Discussed the phone list clip board procedure and "purging" the list every 3 months.
Wednesday. Grass Valley CA637 Howie/Darrel	No report
Wednesday Kaiser Watt Newcomers meeting NEW!	Sharon N reporting: Six people attended the first meeting. One actual newcomer.
Thursday Citrus Heights CA694. Andy O.	No report
Thursday Auburn CA449 Kristin C	Kristin C and Richard C attending community meeting tonight. The meeting has 4-5 core group with 6-12

	attending on any particular day. Service positions need to be filled: secretary, literature and a new birthday person. This group is also sponsoring a 12 step/traditions writing group on Mondays 5-6pm, same location. They are about ready to close the group, as it would be too hard for anyone to catch up.
Thursday Kaiser Watt CA996. Kathy E	No report
Thursday Murphys/Amador CA1165 Sheena B	No report Need to check on this meeting to see if it is still active
Friday Women's Sac Heritage Oaks CA018 (GR needed)	No report
Saturday Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento CA1029 Sharon N.	Attendance is steady at about 10. Still have rotating secretary "sign-ups". Group is still considering a move to location with a dedicated room. Will be discussing at business meeting later this month.

Old Business --

- The newcomer meeting for the Wednesday night time slot at Kaiser CHEMICAL Dependency Recovery Program, 2829 Watt Av. First meeting was Jan. 7 Time is 7:30-8:30. Debbie has designed a rotating format and provided a copy to the Kaiser contact person, Mike Hanehan 979-3527
- New writing group to start in Feb. 09. Sharon will have an "interest" sign up at the Jan. 24 conference. She would prefer that it meet on Thursday night. Debbie has gotten confirmation of a room on Weds. Night from 7-9 pm. at Point West 1650 Response Rd. Sac. 95815. Conference Rm 8 Sharon cannot do that and the Newcomers meeting on Wednesday.

GSACC Monthly business meeting will now be in Rm 4 at Kaiser Facility 3240 Ardon Way.

New Business

Next meeting:

- Conference Report
- What prison to donate books
- Increasing available Sponsors for CoDA members

Serenity Prayer

Close Meeting 8:40 PM

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