



# Greater Houston CoDA

## Fellowship Service

## Committee Meeting

## Approved Minutes

Date: 4/11/15 9:00 AM

Attendees: Pete (CoDA North), David (Monday Night CoDA), Gary (Wed Night CoDA), Cara (The Woodlands Group), Amy (The Woodlands Group), Lisa (Sunshine Group), Jason (The Woodlands Group), Ellen (The Woodlands Group)

Ellen began the meeting by leading the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions were read by Jason

### Community Committee Reports/Recent Past & Ongoing Business

Chair & Chair Ad Hoc Bylaws Subcommittee-Ellen S. Reported on our 120-day start up plan, we are on schedule, looking at mid June to be fully operational as a Community Committee. Today's meeting focus is largely Bylaws. May's meeting will largely be Community Outreach; June's meeting focus will be Community Communications. Work to develop the Committee's annual budget has begun. Bylaws Committee: Completed Bylaw draft is derived from existing bylaws and input from 3 CoDA and 1 AA active and successful Community Committees/Intergroups. Thanks Ellen!

Vice Chair & Chair Ad Hoc Communications Subcommittee-Linda B, presented by Ellen S. Work is underway on communication plan. Plan proposals include a Greater Houston CoDA website and local phone number to receive CoDA interest calls. To join the Communications Committee, contact Linda at [greaterhoustonvchair@gmail.com](mailto:greaterhoustonvchair@gmail.com) Other: Linda B is a delegate & planning to attend the CoDA Service Conference this summer in San Francisco, CA. Looking forward to hearing more Linda, thanks!

Secretary & Chair Ad Hoc Location Subcommittee – Cara R. Minutes from February 22, 2015 were distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jason, seconded by Ellen, all voted to approve. Meeting Location Committee: progress was reported. Many locations were researched including Montgomery Co Library, Friendship Center, Trinity Episcopal, Wood's Edge Church, and Creative Life Spiritual Center. Sunday was preferred by most. The Friendship Center is available on Sunday's and there is a reservation for May 17 at 2:00-4:00pm currently. It was suggested to try the Methodist Church in The Woodlands. Thanks Cara!

Treasurer- Ellen S reported. David L relinquished duties as Treasurer. Thanks David for your service! The remaining officers (Ellen, Cara, and Linda) appointed Erika D, Conroe Group, Acting Treasurer through January 2016 when the position will be available for election. Welcome & Thanks Erika! Other: There is interest in finding a new bank. There is approximately \$1800 in the account presently.

Community Outreach Ad Hoc Subcommittee-Lisa C. She reported she is working on community involvement. Work has begun creating an e-mail list of therapists and physicians and has had a good response. Ideas were presented to attend health fairs and continuing education conferences to distribute CoDA literature and meeting lists. Lisa plans for 2 SSS (Super Seminar

Saturday) per year that include step workshops and possibly lunch. Additional ideas included self esteem workshops. Please get with Lisa if you are interested in joining her exciting committee at [greaterhoustoncodaoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:greaterhoustoncodaoutreach@gmail.com) Thanks Lisa!!!

### Discussion & Group Conscience

Fellowship Service Manual. The manual pages 1-21 was distributed. It is highly recommended that all members read this manual as it presents the CoDA Service Conference Group Conscience decisions for All of CoDA by All of CoDA. A few understandings Ellen called attention to:

- Section 04, page 19-Intergroup or Community Service Group: "A strong CoDA intergroup (community service group) (CSG) is key to the success of CoDA in general."
- Section 02, page 16 – Limits of Autonomy: When a Group Conscience Decision Affects other Groups or CoDA as a Whole: "...The Steps, Traditions or will of the Fellowship as expressed by decisions made at the CoDA Service Conference can not simply be suspended by group conscience decision in the meeting or service group."
- November 1, 2011 CoDA.org Announcement explaining the Group's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition practice and the CoDA Service Conference decision on where/percentage plan and how 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition receipts are to be invested and spent.
- <http://codependents.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/archive/main/20111101205112/>

Bylaws. The bylaws draft was distributed and reviewed at length. Proposal to amend the word "elected" to "selected" was not approved by the group. Highlights include: CoDA structure, officers, elections, voting, subcommittees. A motion was made by Cara R to approve bylaws for advancement. Lisa seconded. All voted for adoption with a few modifications. Final adoption in May with approval of these minutes. A copy of the final Bylaws is attached. Congratulations Greater Houston CoDA!!!

Sunday Meeting Plan. Motion to spend \$25 on a meeting room in May at the Friendship Center was made by Cara. Lisa seconded. All voted to pass the meeting room fee.

Greater Houston CoDA Cell Phone. Proposed to try an "add-on" phone to a group member's existing plan that would cost \$10 for the phone and \$20/month for service. A motion was made by David. Cara seconded. All voted to approve purchase of the phone and service.

\$300 Gift to Regional Voting Entity-CoDA Texas. Cara made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded. All voted to approve.

Travel Advance. Ellen S will be traveling to Waco in April to attend the CoDA Texas board meeting. \$60 was requested for travel fees. Cara made a motion to approve. Lisa seconded. All voted to approve.

### Announcements & Other Business

Regional Voting Entity- CoDA Texas April 25, 2015 Meeting, Waco, TX.

Voting Entity Issue Development. Gary made a call for any issues that could be presented by CoDA Texas Delegates at the CoDA Service Conference in July. Example: Louis B is developing a Voting Entity Issue (VEI) for a CoDA literature shipping cost reduction. Please send VEI ideas to [Garygriff0925@yahoo.com](mailto:Garygriff0925@yahoo.com) Related: Ellen will explore adding Louis B to a future Meeting Agenda that Louis might give a presentation on his experience developing a VEI. In the Fall, we will explore forming an Ad Hoc Committee that VEI development in our area might be strengthened by Committee and cross group input, resources and support.

Lisa led the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM