

**Greater Sacramento Area CoDA Community**  
**Minutes for Monthly Business Meeting**  
**October 10, 2011**

Opened with the Serenity prayer at 6:55 PM.

**In Attendance were:**

Marily B. - Chairperson and Grp Rep/Sunday/Heritage Oak  
John G. - Treasurer/Conference Chairperson  
Amy G. - Grp Rep/Tuesday/Rancho Cordova  
Christine M. - Acting Secretary - Grp Rep/ Thursday/CH  
Dorothy W. - Website  
Keir J. - Grp Rep/Sat/Davis  
Naomi G - Grp Rep/Thurs/Kaiser.  
Diane S. - Grp Rep/Thurs/Kaiser  
Alan M. - Grp Rep/Grass Valley

**REPORTS**

**Vice Chair:** Service Opportunity – Someone is needed (by) for the October, 2012 meeting (when Chair Marily won't be here).

**Recording Secretary:** Service Opportunity - Christine M.

**Minutes from last meeting:** Minutes from 9/12/11 meeting were approved as corrected. Minutes will be available at GSACC Yahoo group.

**Treasurer's Report:** John G. - John distributed a written monthly report. Amy G. inquired about guidelines for submitting donations to GSACC. The disbursement of this is 60% GSACC, 30% NorCal, and 10% world. Marily added that she has seen groups (as potential guideline) make the donations after quarterly review. Dorothy referred to the "Giving Back" menu-tab on the website for clarification. Marily reported she is officially cleared with the bank as a back-up check signer

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Literature report:** per John : Colleen H. continues to fill meeting orders and reported selling a lot of Blue Books.

**Phone Line:** Amy G. co chair - No additional comment - see 9/12/11 minutes.

**Website:** Dorothy W. - Dorothy reported that “sponsorship” is now broken out of “giving back” and in the GSACC site menu bars. Keir has volunteered to receive forwarded email from the sponsorship and information request links. Kudos.

Marilyn asked if the draft for 4th Step Questions was on the web. A discussion followed about getting feedback for finalization of the questions through linking with Coda at a national level. Questions are accessible through GSACC groups.yahoo.com (under “gardening”). Moderator Dorothy must clear anyone seeking access to yahoo group. Discussion re criteria for yahoo group clearance - attendance at GSACC meetings put forth. Keir spoke for transparency in this regard and those active and organizationally contributing members in Coda meetings to be given access as well. Marilyn asked that, if for security purposes (to protect the confidentiality and intended use of the site), whether the moderator could delete email addresses/and block site access. Dorothy will follow-up.

Available on the yahoo group is a topic search through five years of coda history.

**Outreach report:** Service Opportunity

**Hospitals and Institutions:** Service Opportunity

**CoDA World Fellowship** Quarterly service report is available at [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org)

**NorCal CoDA**

The NorCal CoDA website is: <http://norcalcoda.org>.

### **Regional Mini-Conferences:**

- **Summer MC**
- **Fall MC** - The Fall mini-conference is in Oakland at a Kaiser facility - see the web for directions. \$10 online registration, plus \$1 processing fee, and \$20 at the door.
- **Winter MC** - John and Amy confirmed the date of Sacramento Winter conference as January 28 at Fremont Presbyterian Church. 15 to 20 people are needed to do the preconference work and planning. Conference planning

meetings are held at 5:45 p.m. prior to and at the same location as the Coda board meeting.

- **Spring MC**

**Old Business** – Dorothy distributed several disks of the data and images from the old website.

**New Business** – Marily met with Debbie W. and will forward a comprehensive notebook re conference implementation and a box of supplies to John. She reported the possibility that Debbie W. will accept the honor of being the opening speaker at the conference.

### **Sponsorship**

Keir introduced a sponsorship sign-up sheet (for use as an availability and selection tool at meetings). Keir is working with at the NorCal level to form a sponsorship committee. Keir cited accessibility, familiarity with community issues, an updated website and cross-meeting availability of sponsors as essentials in sponsorship availability. He told us the 30 Questions are going international and playing a key part in the Texas State Coda conference. He emphasized that an important formulative tool for the 30 Questions process is the NorCal survey link for the 30 Questions (found in “History and Call for Feedback”). Anyone using the process or sponsoring or cosponsoring is encouraged to contribute via the survey.

Amy will share her ESH and success with co-sponsorship and accountability partnering as a resource for the yahoo group.

Discussion of obtaining non-coda 12-Step sponsors for a specific step or issue. (A potential hook-up place is the 12-Step coffee house on Auburn in Sacramento.)

NorCal has “how to be a sponsor” packet on its website (draft ).

Amy is exploring the possibility of a sponsor support group

### **GSACC Meetings**

Marily contacted Kaiser regarding retaining use of the room for GSACC monthly meetings.

## Group Rep Reports:

If you do not see your group's report here, please email, phone or send a representative to the Community meeting. We want to hear from you!

Name of Group	Monthly report of group activity
Sunday Heritage Oaks Sac CA935 Marily B.	Needs website changed deleting "newcomers" meeting. Service positions are filled. Attendance is average of 7 - 10 and they are making improvements and restructuring. Group is struggling financially to make up for loss of \$100 via absconding literature person, so they need supplies - coins, especially newcomer ones.
Sunday Davis Lutheran Church CA1230 ( <i>GR Needed</i> )	Thriving. Sunday meeting is one month in with a Step Study Group and that will close to newcomers 10/15/11 (9:30 am to 10:30 will continue to be an open meeting). During this report there was a brief discussion of the impact of <u>how</u> "cross talk" guidelines are introduced to newcomers.
Monday Folsom CA1135 Charlie G.	
Monday Men's Kaiser Fair Oaks Blvd. Sac CA1155 David C	
Monday Sac. Friends Church E St. CA015 a ( <u>GR needed</u> )	
Monday Georgetown Sheli K.	
Monday Yuba/Sutter Yuba City CA488	

Melissa	
Auburn Step Study Kristin C.	
Tuesday Rancho Cordova CA103 <i>Amy G</i>	The meeting has moved to a bigger room to accommodate increased attendance. The meeting has agreed via group conscience to hold a newcomers meeting for 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting - for the purpose of welcoming, answering questions, and putting at ease newcomers. This process is working well. Service positions are filled .
Wednesday Davis CA <i>Barbara</i>	Marily received an email from Barbara reporting a Wednesday pm meeting is starting at the Davis Lutheran Church.
Wednesday Sac Kaiser South CA861 Tracey L	
Wednesday Friends Church E St Sacramento CA055 Sonja M	
Wednesday. Grass Valley CA637 <i>Alan M.</i>	Meeting has core 3 - 5 people who keep it going. Group has started working with the 30 Questions. Service positions are being rotated among regulars.

Wednesday Kaiser  
Watt

CA0861

Thursday Auburn

CA449 (*GR needed*)

Thursday Kaiser

Meeting is growing - up to 25 attendees at some

Watt CA996.

*Diane S. and Naomi G.*

meetings with 5-10 old-timers regular and may new-timers who “keep coming back.” Their business positions are filled and they are solvent.

Thursday AM Citrus Heights

CA694

*Christine M.*

Attendance is growing; rent is paid; Amy G.’s on-going writing group the first two Thursdays of the month is a continued draw and effective tool for newcomers. Service positions are filling. Group is able to pay rent. Asking for literature donations when available (coins needed), and thanking Amy G. for a literature contribution.

Thursday

Murphys/Amador

CA1165 Sheena B

Thursday North Lake

Tahoe

Friday Woodland

CA1256

Woodland meetings continue - no specifics reported.

Lisa C.

Friday Women’s Sac

Heritage Oaks CA018

(Del A.)

Saturday Davis

CA1230

Core group forming at this new meeting. Service positions are rotating. Meeting needs literature and coin donations, and Coda community supportive attendance.

*Keir*

Saturday-San  
Joaquin/Tracy  
Fresno

Next meeting is November 14, 2011 – 5:45 PM – Conference Committee  
6:45 PM - Board

**Serenity Prayer**  
**Close Meeting 8:35 PM**

These topics have been suggested as AGENDA ITEMS for our upcoming GSACC meeting. If you have any other agenda items that you would like to have discussed, please send email to gsacc yahoo group to have it put on the agenda.

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- 1) Has the Saturday am journaling group moved?
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UPCOMING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE/EVENTS:

October 29 - Fall Conference - Oakland

