

## LICoDA Intergroup Business Meeting MINUTES for: Saturday 11/21/2020

- I. Opening Greeting & Welcome to all
- II. Meeting called to order with Serenity Prayer LICoDA chair Jeff J. @ 2:06
- III. **Meeting Roll Call: Members Present:**
  - Jeff J. – LICoDA Chair
  - Grace C. – Treasurer/Bellerose
  - David A. – LICoDA Communication Chair & NY CoDA Delegate/Tuesday Melville, Tuesday Sayville, Friday Hauppauge
  - Linda C. – LICoDA Secretary/Tuesday Melville
  - Harry D. – Tuesday Melville
  - Jack B. – Friday Night Zoom Online
  - Lorraine – Tuesday Melville
- IV. Jeff Reviewed the proposed agenda  
**Motion:** To approve meeting agenda as written **Vote:** Motion carried (unanimous)
- V. **Treasury Report: Grace C. Treasurer**
  - Grace C – March Balance - \$780.00
  - Donation to World Coda - \$100.00 9/9/2020 – Balance \$680.00
  - Payment to be made to David A. for Hosting of Website - \$195.00

**Current Treasury Balance as of 11/21/20 - \$485.00**

**Motion:** Accept the treasury report

**Vote:** Treasury Report Motion carried (unanimous)
- VI. **Communications Report: David A. Chair**
  - a. LI Coda Questions with Simone stepping down has been redirected to go to David's Cell. – LI Coda receives on average 2 calls and or emails a week with meeting and CODA related questions. All were responded to and information was provided. In addition to this service, LI CoDA has countless communication with CODA.org. World Coda has asked that the meetings in our area be updated to include Zoom information. If

your meeting still needs to be updated, it can be done on the Coda.org website.

- b. The LI Coda.org website has had over 10,000 hits this year this represents a doubling of hits and traffic from last year. Traffic is up in a good way! We have been putting up information relating to LI and sometimes the information is outside of LI as well. There has been a lot of positive feedback from many that there is a lot of great information and it is extremely easy to use. David brought the home page up for review of some of its features and specifically the zoom meeting information. The new layout has all the meeting information and zoom login info. Most meetings now have a zoom platform and when we go back to face to face the new layout will allow a distinction between meetings that have returned to face to face as well as any meeting that continues with a zoom presence.

Discussion about zoom and that it is here to stay, meetings that go back to face to face may even consider being hybrid.

- c. LI CoDA website updates are done regularly with new information and events posted. All new phone and virtual meetings are also added. Any group can provide real time updates to [info@licoda.org](mailto:info@licoda.org). The website has grown, and appreciation expressed by all to David for all his service. Jack comments that when our website first started it was small and only offered a phone number. Thank you, DAVID, !!!!!!! Great Work.

Discussion about donations on the website began. As it stands any 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donation that comes through the LI Coda website goes only to World Coda. Jack suggested that a donation's portal such as PayPal be made available on the LICoda.org. site for members to make donations to LICoda instead of only sending donations to World Coda through our website.

Jeff asked Jack to hold the floor and made a motion to hold this discussion for new business.

**Motion** accepted, voted on and approved.

**Motion** to accept the communications report – approved-unanimous

**VII. Old Business** – Jeff brought up the minutes for last meeting, Linda read through the minutes.

**Motion** – David made a motion accept the minutes, Grace seconds, voted on accepted unanimous

**VIII. LI CoDA Activities Reports:**

- a. 2020 Ottawa CSC was rescheduled for June, it was 3 day zoom event. David reported a lot of work was done. The structure of World Coda was discussed as well as changes being made to the 4 fundamental documents. David let everyone know that if anyone was interested in all or any of the information discussed, it is posted on the World Coda website. David went on to say that being it was only a zoom event all in all it went very well. There were about 70 observers located all around the world.

Jeff asked to hold off on any further discussion on the next CSC and table the discussion for next meeting. All agreed.

**IX. New Business:**

- a. F2F format/virtual/health status go around the room and get feedback on how the meetings are going.

Grace – Bellerose zoom info. Is on LI Coda and it has been wonderful getting a lot of hits and new people coming through. They have setup a Venmo for 7<sup>th</sup> traditions for Bellerose and it is working out very well.

Jack – Freeport, library no events for remainder of the winter. They are on zoom for now however they are setup for Hybrid Meetings with a conference room. It would be interesting once Face to Face joins again.

Jeff – Thrive in Westbury is available for meetings, fully internet setup with monitors a turnkey room for Hybrid/Face to Face meetings. David shared the same with Thrive in Hauppauge if anyone wants to get into

Thrive in Hauppauge to start a meeting to reach out to him, he has a good relationship with them

Linda – Melville Tuesday night has combined both meetings into a zoom meeting that runs from 7 -830. It is well attended with about 25 people regularly. Sweet Hollow is now open however they are only allowing 30 people at a time, a safety plan, \$35 an hour and sanitizing of the room and rest room. We have had ongoing discussions about us as a group even being ready to go back to Face to Face we will continue to discuss as our monthly business meetings.

- b. LICoda shared zoom account to support multiple meetings. LI meetings are spending \$15 a month every month. If they could use the LI Coda zoom as a general account, it would make money at those groups available for donation. Currently LI Coda has a zoom account that is \$15 a month and can be used by multiple groups. Discussion about how each group is currently zooming. Most groups have a member that has a zoom account. All spending \$15 a month to host their individual meetings. All agree that it would be a good idea to have the groups use the LICoda account. More discussion about how to make that work, some concerns expressed how we would get the groups to join on. Would it be available to anyone? Who would get the host ID# at the group, and who would ensure that the group requesting it is not only registered as a CODA meeting but that the code would not be shared? Discussion about the LICoda board approving the group prior to offering the code. Discussion about Tradition One, each group will make their own way with Zoom and going forward. David will make the zoom account available to each group. Jeff asked Jack to hold the floor. Jeff made a proposal to have the zoom account available to LI meetings. Asked that David be the contact to give out the Host ID. David suggested an offline discussion to discuss the best way to get the Host ID given out to other groups. Motion was seconded and passed
- c. New meeting in Westbury thrive? Further discussion about an additional meeting maybe on Monday or Wednesday step. Discussion to be taken offline.

- d. Request/discussion about written story/share from members to be read at a meeting. Harry started the discussion with the stories in the blue book being outdated and that it would be great to have LI Coda members submit their stories to be available to be read at meetings. Grace asked if the stories would be anonymous. Harry said it could be anonymous, or not it would depend on the person's preference. It would be in lieu of them perhaps not being comfortable speaking however would like to read own story. David asked Harry to reach out to the literature committee at World Coda to get more current stories. Lorraine suggested the stories that are sent out weekly from CODA. They are usually 1-page letters that seem appropriate to be read in lieu of the blue book readings or a speaker. World services suggested that each group could create a commitment to have a group member pick one and bring it to the group. They are currently mailed out on Tuesday afternoon. David said that the letter could be used in lieu of no speaker at a speaker meeting. Lorraine suggested that each group ask their intergroup rep to have somebody at each meeting to discuss in their weekly meetings. Jack said it would be great to create a LI Coda newsletter with stories sent in. Jeff suggested an AD Hoc committee. David said he could put something on the website asking for stories to see if it sparks and interest. Harry appreciated the ideas and wanted to give it more thought. He was looking for stories that were local like grass roots. Grace thinks it's a personal group decision. David made a motion that he will start to develop a page for submissions. Motion seconded by Jack, voted on approved unanimous.
- e. Will there be meetings on Thanksgiving and Christmas? Jeff will see if there are any Thursday meetings for Thanksgiving and contact everyone. Christmas is on a Friday and the Freeport has their Friday meeting for all to join.
- f. Electronic/7<sup>th</sup> Traditions- Grace started the conversation being that she is the treasurer with a question. Would she have to setup the Venmo. Also, if it uses a Gmail account would her Gmail need to be used. Jack said that you can use a different email. For example, Licoda email etc. that is how PayPal works. The discussions about Venmo all that is needed is a Gmail account and a bank account. A PayPal account with

direct deposit also into a bank account. PayPal also takes a service charge. We could have both, Venmo seems to be most popular because it is on your cell. Jack suggested that the website announcement would be simple it could just be text on the website. Jack made a motion that he would help Grace look into setting up a Venmo and PayPal account for LICoda, the motion was second and voted on unanimous. David added that once it is setup to let him know and he would set it up on the website.

**X. Open Positions, nominations, and elections:**

Jeff announces that all positions are available. Calls for any nominations and or volunteers. Jeff has been the chair for the past year. Simone has officially stepped down as vice chair. Grace has been our treasurer for 2 years. Linda has been our secretary for the past year. Jeff volunteers to continue being Chair, Grace will continue as our treasurer. Linda will continue as secretary. Jack nominated Harry and Lorraine. Harry respectfully declined; Lorraine respectfully declines. Jack was nominated as Vice Chair and he respectfully declined. The group agrees to shelve the Vice Chair position until the next meeting in March.

**XI. Next LICoDa Business Meeting / Phone Call**

a. Proposed Date: 2 PM, Saturday March 20,2021 with location To Be Determined

**XII. CoDA Announcements & Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion** to Adjourn the meeting at 5:16 the meeting is closed with the Serenity Prayer.

The complete recording of the meeting is archived and is available upon request. Email [info@licoda.org](mailto:info@licoda.org)