

CoDA Literature Committee  
February 6, 2021, 4:00 pm EST  
Minutes

Attendance Terry (Chair), Salle, Barbara, Gillian, Alyse, Leslie, Abbey, Sara (Secretary), Nick (Guest)

Absent: Teresa

1. Opened with the Serenity Prayer at 4:06 EST
2. January minutes. Accepted
3. **Motion from TX:** Patterns and Characteristics, In Recovery. "I" vs "Codependents often..."

Meet with Nick for extended discussion. The VEI was unanimous in TX.

Nick:

Not trying to change any literature or subtract anything, just to create another option to be in the tab of meeting materials on the website of what can be read at meetings.

As is it has two different perspective. Preferably both "I" statements.

It would be nice if they were all on the same page, like *Codedency and Recovery: The Differences* (which is all "I" statements).

More options for people to start meetings either way. Some people like it the way it is, the idea is not to change.

CLC:

Website would be more confusing with so many options.

When new list was written, someone in CA used "I" in both. CSC heartily voted against. Didn't want "In Recovery" to be affirmations. Don't like "them". Don't like to affirm that "In Recovery" is the only option. I statements endorse that this is how we should be, which isn't always true.

Need it to be general and global for interpretation.

The current version is too long and people fall asleep.

If CSC doesn't endorse it if TX Group Conscience wants to use it, fine.

Suggestion to bring as a pamphlet with the TX version.

Nick:

Not against the pamphlet idea – how is this done?

The website is already full of things, just want the option – not everybody will like it.

CLC:

**Our role is to help TX and refine the motion or vote it down.**

Don't need to have it done this year, just need a decision.

**Nick will take these ideas back to TX with Salle in attendance.**

4. GC reading the Service Concept of the month (after catching up in February) at each CLC meeting Tabled
5. **Coloring Book** Updates by Kathy by March 13th. Will finish GCing title
6. **Growing Up in CoDA** Pleased with edits by CLC, made a few. Still working on the last chapter and received a few submissions for the last chapter.  
**CLC continue to make suggestions**
7. **Newcomers Handbook, Second Edition** Set date for second review (2 hours) and review the motion for CSC 2021

**Need more time for full committee to edit. 2/27, 4:00 – 6:00pm EST.**

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8. **Making Choices** Leslie: Yvonne is cost conscious but may have to do a short run and then switch over.  
**CLC review document and CSC motion on 3/6/21, 4:00 EST**
9. **New Daily Reader** Invite done. . Quotes, Twelve Steps, Traditions, Concepts, Promises. Debbie plans to come to next CLC.  
Will meet monthly the week before CLC meeting.
10. **Story Gatherers** 10 new stories. Need copyright info. More came to Growing up that would be appropriate. Now have 20 - 22. Mostly from UK & Europe, hoping for other countries, including the U.S. May have to go with 2022 to go through all the content. Look at everything that is on the Google Drive. Alyse will help after other project.  
Copyright 2013 form is correct. Why is it in the workbook and Toolkit?
11. **Twelve Concepts Booklet** Gillian, Leslie, and Sara met to write suggested improvements and got up to Service Concept Three. Will meet weekly (Fridays at 5:30 EST). motion for CSC 2021. CLC and other suggestions may or may not be accepted.
12. **TX Motion** Patterns and Characteristics: see above.
13. **CoRe Reprints good.**
14. Concern: Discussion about other people writing literature without CLC involvement.
15. **New Literature Task Force** passed at last CSC, but the main person on CoRe who wanted it is no longer there. CLC was not in the motion. Yvonne spoke with the Board and they want CLC members to be on the Task Force. Board gave the Task Force their own Zoom account.
16. **“Codependency and Recovery: The Differences.”** Gillian, question of provenance. It was on the coda.org website.
17. **Extended Serenity Prayer**, (not “long” version that’s a different one) Don B: looking into “extended” version of the Serenity Prayer’s provenance for copyright. It was in the Newcomer’s Handbook, but could be Quaker or something.
18. **Policies and Procedures** update after CSC Terry and one or two other volunteers. TABLED
19. **Style Sheet** update after CSC TABLED
20. CoRe and CLC could put together a Motion for vetting new VEI literature. New Boundaries may be presented but it’s similar to what we have.
21. **Leslie will contact Yvonne about CoRE about only using CoDA endorsed literature**
22. Terry to send Website updates to board TABLED
23. Google Docs Document Manager to keep tabs on the folders. Leslie will mentor. Abbey, Alyse and Leslie will get together to discuss. TABLED
24. **Terry will send the copyright release to Gillian.**
25. **Terry will contact Pam W/Connections for stories.** TABLED
26. Ended around 5:50 pm EST
27. Next meeting, Saturday, March 13, 4:00 pm EST (1:00 pm Pacific)