Co-NNections Meeting January 7, 2017 Minutes as corrected submitted by Laurel

1. Request Volunteer to take minutes--Laurel will record minutes

2. Note Round Robin Order--Nancy suggested doing it alphabetically rather than in order of joining the call

3. Serenity Prayer

4. Approval of October and December, 2016 Co-NNections Meeting minutes--Unanimously approved

5. CoDA Board of Trustees approval of Co-NNections book of recovery stories. Please see our Board Liaison, Madeline R's attached email. - Don wishes to create a work group for this book project. Requests a GC to proceed.

Geff: Will Literature Committee be upset because this is usually their area? How would this project be different from the existing publication "Peeling the Onion"?

Nancy: Sounds like a lot of work--would it make sense to collaborate with Literature committee to share workload?

Don: Maybe. That may be a compromise solution. I will put out a call for volunteers.

Andreas, Beth, Laurel: Yes

6. Committee Group Conscience to remove from the Co-NNections page on coda.org the linked workshop--Unanimous approval to remove

7. Committee Group Conscience to delete the word "newsletter" and replace it with Co-NNections mission appropriate language from the committee's Policy and Procedures Manual. -- Unanimous approval to replace "newsletter"

8. Introduction of Mark T; a possible new member. Mark will observe the meeting and we will vet each other. Please see Mark T's application attached.

9. Geff: Did Zach create the archive for MiP yet? Don: I'll check and send an email later this week.

10. Committee Group Conscience to approve the 4th Quarter Co-NNections Report to the CoDA Board of Trustees. -- Unanimous approval

11. Committee Group Conscience audio visual recovery stories on the Co-NNections page. Please See email to Chairs Forum from Chuck J Former Chair of Co-NNections Committee attached.

Geff: Putting up CDS is already in motion, and we should stay away from that. I don't feel this is the Chairs Forums decision, should be brought to the Board. Originally the website was set up to accept audio/visual submissions. When the Committee was restarted, Lisa and I requested it be removed due to potential computer virus issues. There may be costs involved to deal with A/V, our website is already expensive, so cost of redesign will be contentious. Anyone receiving the submissions may be exposed to receiving viruses.

Don: We won't know until we try.

Nancy: Should we do a pilot or assessment to see what the costs would be and how we could protect ourselves before asking for permission?

Beth: Do we need a separate sub-committee? Couldn't the A/V just go to MiP?

Nancy: I'm interested in Audio

Geff: There is potential virus risk with just about any file other than plain text file.

I will ask the Board about reinstating MiP's capacity for producing Audio files, which MiP will add to their meetings, contingent on an assessment of costs and web security

ALL (except Beth, who had been disconnected from the call) - Yes

12. December Co-NNections report to the CoDA Board of Trustees by the Chair, see attached report. Should Don send it by email for GC? Yes.

13. Meetings in Print: report. Full committee member's questions and comments? Nancy: Have broadcast two MiP, it has taken us I believe two years to get to this point. Planning another three quarterly issues and reevaluating in Fall of 2017 to see if we can step up production to a monthly issue. We'd like to create an archive of issues we can distribute. There have been some formatting discrepancies when it gets posted to the web. GefF: the easiest way to preserve formatting is to use PDF but that's not as end-user-friendly as the current format. Do you need more members? Would you like to write a blast? I'd be happy to
send it. Andreas/Nancy: Yes

14. Weekly Readings: report. Full Committee questions and comments?
Geff: We have four active members so we're in good shape. Don: We are getting great contributions, all in all.

15. Call for New Business:

16. Next meeting February 4, 2017, 11 AM PST and meeting medium. We will continue to use Zoom.

17. Serenity Prayer