
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4TH, 2023

****NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON CHURCH PROPERTY****

⇒ **Chairperson:** called the meeting to order, requesting all cell phones be turned off or silenced.

⇒ **Chairperson:** read "CA Preamble".

Cocaine Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to read: "**The Twelve Traditions**".

- Laura R. reads The Twelve Traditions.

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition 3.

- Joshua B. reports on Tradition 3: "The only requirement for CA membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all mind-altering substances."

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on a Board Member/Delegate to give a report on the 3rd Concept.

- Melanie R.G. reports on Concept #3: As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the Groups, the Conference, the World Service Board of Trustees and its service corporation, staffs, and committees, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of World Service with a traditional "**Right of Decision.**"

⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 4th Tradition for next month.

- Anthony P. volunteers.

⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 4th Concept for next month.

- Riley M. volunteers.

- ⇒ **Chairperson: Committees Statement of Purpose:** as per Nick request, we ask Committee Chair's to read their statement of purpose at the time of their report.

Remaining GSO Meeting 2023 Dates:

Apr 1st, May 6th, Jun 3rd, July 1st, Aug 5th, Sep 9th, Oct 7th, Nov 4th, and Dec 2nd

Location: Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church
2845 Mesa Verde Dr. E Costa Mesa CA, 92627 Suite 8

ARE THERE MARCH SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS?

Laura R. March 18th, 2022,

Chris W. March 30, 2020,

Liz M. March 17th, 2022

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains a motion to affirm the new GSRs or confirm a new meeting, if any, as Directors of OCCA and arrange for them to receive a new GSRs packet.

New Meetings Petitioning to Join Area: None

New GSRs: None

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** read **GSR Duties** to all GSRs.

GSR Duties: The G.S.R. (General Service Representative) is a very important position. One year of sobriety is required to hold this position and it is a one-year commitment. The G.S.R. is required to attend the monthly business meeting, the G.S.O. (General Service Organization) to get chips, literature, schedules, flyers, and any other pertinent info, to bring back to the meeting.

- ⇒ **Secretary:** prepares to call roll and reminds members that "During Roll Call, when you hear your name, announce "Present", your current Position (if carrying more than one, state positions following this precedent: Officer, Delegate/Alternate, Committee Chairperson, GSR.) and if you are carrying a Proxy vote. If you are a proxy, please announce your principal for the record."

- ⇒ **Secretary:** called the roll and announces quorum.

- **Present:** Frank P., Nick B., Melanie R.G., Donovan B., Chris J., Steve C., Frankie A., Nolan O., Jason S., Joshua B., Dreia M., Carlo P., Ron D., Doc E., Jose Angel G., Matt A., Laura R., Kiley K., Evan L., Jose A., Tess M., Riley M., and Russell A.
- **Absent:** Dan S., Mathew M., Alex S., Art W., and Jannik S.

- ⇒ **Secretary:** passed the Master Contact list for any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website.

- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains a motion to accept the minutes for the last GSO meeting.

- **Frank P. makes a motion to accept the minutes from the GSO meeting on February 4th, 2023.**

Seconded. Passes unanimously.

⇒ **Parliamentarian:** reminds members to “State your name and highest position for the record after being recognized by the Chair, and before engaging in debate or making a motion. To keep things orderly, when wishing to engage in debate/make motions, you will be placed on a list after being acknowledged by the chair, it will then be your turn to debate or make motions when you are called upon relative to your spot on the list. When in debate, please state if you are in favor, not in favor, or asking a question. For any questions of procedure, call for a Point of Parliamentary Inquiry (waiting till someone is done speaking) to ask the Parliamentarian directly.”

BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

⇒ **Chairperson's Report**

- Frank P.-

714.514.4150

- Report:
 - Frank announces that Dan S. and Nick B. both called him to let him know they are not feeling well.
 - Frank P. announces he is relinquishing his position as vicechair of S&B and Matt A. has been elected.
 - **Update on Meeting of the Month (Change for Change).**
 - Dreia M. reports he worked with Nola O. and Frankie A. and that this month Change for Change will take place at the “Not in Vein” meeting on Sunday the 12th and on the 27th at the “Lady Cane” meeting. April 5th will be at The Zoo meeting.
 - **Update on ad hoc committee for sponsorship.**
 - Laura R. report on the Ad hoc committee on sponsorship. The first one will take place an hour before “Messenger” meeting as it seems there are many people there who sponsor. It will be run by Earl H. from Oceanside and Laura R. will be in training. Then the plan is that it will move meetings every month. Laura R. states that she plans to write a report and assessment about how that first one went to share with this body and that will inform our next steps.
 - **Update on Ad hoc committee regarding printing pamphlets led by Ron D.**
 - Ron D. informs that it is still in process, that printing on demand is not approved yet but there is a royalty agreement, and he will calculate if this is a good option for us and by next meeting will have an answer.
 - **Request for Proposal for WSOB offices.**
 - Frank P. talks about the RFP (Request for Proposal) to move the WSOB office to Orange County and informs we turned down the invitation to submit an RFP partly due to expense, part of it is needing volunteers. Frank P. believes it is fine in Long Beach. It seems to be pointing to Arizona.

- **Update on Robert's Rules of Order by Steve C.**
 - Steve C. is willing to have a workshop on Robert's Rules of Order and to help others learn to apply them in a meeting. Steve C. believes it's a good system to keep order and get business done quickly and efficiently. There are six basic things you need to know as a GSR for the rest you need a parliamentarian. If you are interested let him know and he will give a workshop ahead of the H&I meeting for half an hour or at any other time.

- Frank P. gives a C.A. history update by announcing that in February Tom Kenny passed away and he credits him for where we are now. Tom K. ran the motion pictures arts and sciences clinics, and he facilitated the very first meeting called the "Whatever" meeting which was an AA meeting, were they allowed talk about all mind-altering substances. During that meeting they tried to change it to a Cocaine Anonymous meeting, but it failed because it was a Tradition violation. They had to close that meeting and two days later opened the very first Cocaine Anonymous meeting and the person who led that meeting was Veronica. There were only 12 people at the meeting despite talks otherwise. It was Tom K. going to Johnny Segal that led to the establishing of Cocaine Anonymous. At Beverly Glenn hospital there was a private Cocaine Anonymous clinic sponsored by a doctor. They were running Cocaine Anonymous clinics, but they were not the original founders because they didn't bring it together. Then that doctor opened the clinic to the meeting and that was the second Cocaine Anonymous meeting.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to suspend the rules to insert something into our agenda for special guests to make an announcement. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Special announcement:** Elizabeth is a convention chair for two areas, for San Gabriel, Pomona Valley and San Fernando Valley and they are hosting a convention called "Unity of the Valley" in March 2024 and it is a courtesy to let the area know that it will be at the Hilton in Costa Mesa. She asks for people to get involved and participate and announces the next meeting on March 26th in the Pasadena area. They are having their first pre-convention fundraiser with Bingo on April Fool's Day. She asks people to take back the flyers to their meetings and help to sell \$20 tickets.

- Elizabeth also announces that they are organizing a big New Year's Eve party. It's about Unity in the Pacific South region. She says there are many open slots for positions and ask that we contact her at 626-689-6999. Spread the word!
- Chris W. comments that we are going to need help to bring newcomers and that CA offers something special in H&I for newcomers.
- Steve C. announces that in the S&B we have a committee without a chair—the convention committee so urges us to get involved..

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report**

-Nick B.-

949.382.9288

- Report: No report.

⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Melanie R.G. - 714.675.2731

- Report: No report.

⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Donovan B.- 949.910.0901

- Report:

Previous Balance	<u>\$ 2,607.94</u>
Donations	<u>\$ 1,736.26</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,500.64</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,843.56</u>

- **Rick G. makes a motion to donate \$500 to World Service. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Treasurer:** will ask for 7th tradition donations.
 - OCCA Venmo ID: @Donovan-Block (714-713-8280)

⇒ **Vice-Treasurer's Report** -Chris J.- 714.713.8280

- Report: Stopped by the PO Box and in the mail was a \$ 166 invoice to pay for the PO Box.

⇒ **Structure and Bylaws Officer's Report** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416

- Report: Steve C. reports that last month they did not meet as a committee, but they elected a new vice chair Matt A. Steve C. appreciates the people who have helped. Some referrals were handled and will come to the body in the future. S&B is still working on the GSR service manual and hopes to bring it to the next meeting. If you want to be a voting member of the committee, you need to be approved by the GSO.
- In his capacity of the chair of S&B and therefore member at large, Steve C. announces the H&I chair, Niko B. has stepped down and confirms we do have a vice chair, Tess M. Steve C. has been taking on those duties and supporting H&I, and when Tess M. is ready, he will put forward a nomination for Tess M. Since it is a nomination, we must accept other nominations.
- Frank P. reminds the body that we have a duty to pass it on to the next member because we are about service.

- **Vice-chair Nick B. makes a call for a vote. Seconded.**

- Steve C. makes a nomination that Tess M. be the next Chair of H&I and he reads the qualifications which she fulfills.
- Tess M. states her case by expressing that CA has been part of her sobriety from the beginning and gives credit to H&I for helping her recovery. She looks forward to continuing to learn and grow and to give back what has so freely been given to her.

- Tess M. steps outside.

- **Motion to approve Tess M. as the new H&I chair is on the floor.
Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Archivist's Report**

-Frankie A.-

714.487.3080

- Report: Archives is interviewing the main members like Chip P., Allan H. and the late Tom K. and encouraging them to donate their material to the archive.
- Frankie A. also announces that if you have interest in being an archivist there will be a workshop in April, beginning of May hosted by Jennifer. Contact him after the meeting.
- Frank P. meets with Frankie A. regularly and teaches him how things are passed down. Frank P. interviewed Tom Kenny and Ray Grosse, and it started this desire to preserve our history.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ Address statement of purpose as you give your report.

⇒ **Group Meeting Relations Committee** - Dan S.-

- Report: As Dan S. is absent, Steve C. member at large, requests from the members if there are any meeting violations and there are non-observed.

⇒ **Hotline Committee**

- Jason S. -

818.263.3500

- Report:
Number of Calls: 20 Duration: 1.46 average longest 4.30 seconds
Caller Hung Up: None No Answer: None Voicemails: None
- Melanie R.G. inquires what the numbers mean for us and some context. She expresses her gratitude to the Hotline for the role it played in her recovery. She wonders if there is a way to contrast the numbers against similar times in other years and how to attach it to how the Hotline is advertised in PI.
- Jason S. can give us a three- or six-month average and he mentions data from past years and expresses that the numbers are somewhat all over the place and as for those questions he really feels it needs to fall on the committees responsible for advertising the Hotline on flyers and at events, including social media and website.
- Laura R. asks if there is training for people who answer the hotline and asked in the context of the H&I committee meeting where a discussion was had about putting together some more guidelines for people going on panels.
- Jason S. mentions that there is such a document with Hotline guidelines as put out by the WSO that links up to our website. Laura R. asks if we can do a training for people answering the Hotline.
- Chris W. offers that PI.CA.org. has a document "So you want to answer the Hotline?". He adds that the Hotline number comes up when you Google CA and that when our numbers were higher, we had an agreement to have the number on all the flyers and most of our communications materials before we

restructured. He mentions that Colorado has a \$7,000 budget and if we are not spending much on PI that is part of the reason.

- Riley M. asked if the Hotline number is given out at H&I panels, not just our personal number. Chris W. reminds us that we have business card. There is discussion about having the Hotline number on the schedule and delete the GSR's number there. Steve C. says we can revive that. Riley M. already agreed to handle our meeting schedules. Nick B. suggests that panel leaders write their own numbers on the business cards and thus people will have both Hotline and personal numbers.
- Kiley K. asks if there is a flyer for the Hotline to post. Dreia M. informs that we do have posters that has the website and the Hotline on it, and it has worked.

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Tess M. – 949.370.5827

- Report: Tess M. shares that everything is going well with H&I and that they have been collaborating on guidelines for people who want to lead panels and invites people that want to speak at a panel to attend orientation at 9 a.m. and you can also come at 8:35 a.m. to get materials. Tess M. suggest that every meeting have an H&I representative and they would attend the H&I meeting to help more people get involved.
- Frank P. backs up to GRC noting the "Dramatic Addicts" meeting doesn't have a GSR and has not been attending the GSO. Steve C. clarifies that by the S&B if a group is not participatory, we cannot have them in our directory yet pulling them out of the directory is something the GSO must decide.
- Chris W. has been to visit the meeting and offers to represent them. The discussion centers on the belief that the GSO is not a punitive body, it wants to be inclusive and give them a heads up. Joshua B. is concerned that there is some gatekeeping going on with that meeting because it is at a private residency and they do not publicize the address. Chris W. clarifies that people do not get turned away and therefore they publicize their number. Steve C. opines that intent is irrelevant when it comes to practice because we do not turn an addict away and urges openness and transparency. Riley M. reminds us that the most important person is the newcomer which prompts support for making it as accessible as possible for newcomers. Joshua B. believes that the fact that they do not show up to GSO is a serious concern.
- **Steve C. makes a motion that the GSR to suspend them from the website this month contingent on trying to reach out to them and revisit it next month.**
- **Laura R. makes a friendly amendment to add that we can readd them if they send a GSR and publish the address. Steve C. accepts the friendly amendment. Doc E. rejects the motion since he feels there are few meetings to begin with and we should wait and not do anything prior to talking to them.**
- **Steve C. amends the motion on the table and says we should appoint an ambassador to reach out to them and report back next month. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **ACTION ITEM: Chris W. volunteers to visit the “Dramatic Addict’s” meeting and report back.**

⇒ **Public Information Committee** - Joshua B.- 480.416.1129

- Report: Joshua B. informs that Public Information will be at the Chili Cook Off to share information on CA and Frankie A. is planning a blitz poster campaign.

⇒ **Webervant Subcommittee Report:** -Joshua B.- 480.416.1129

- Report: No report.

⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Kiley K.- 714.925.1520

- Report: Kiley K. mentions that it is difficult to keep up a social media presence when she doesn't have flyers or materials sent to her and encourages people to send what they can and she is willing to screen shot the website, although this option is not preferable.
- Steve C. makes a Point of Privilege informing that Zoom is down and asks if we can we get it back and running.
- Frank P. asks Joshua B. to get posters to Kiley of the “Clean and Serene” and “Keep it Simple” meeting.

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080

- Report:
Request for Funds: \$

⇒ **Unity Committee** - Dreia M.- 909.446.2647

- Report: Dreia M. shares that the planning of the Chili Cook Off is in full swing including retrieving things from the storage unit and has recruited some volunteers and encourages others to reach out to her. Dreia M. adds that although maybe a point for committee work, he has an unresponsive Activities sub-committee chair.

- **Dreia M. makes a motion to nominate Nolan O. to be the activities Sub-committee chair. (Members of the Unity committee may vote.)
Seconded. Motion passes.**

- Request for funds: Dreia M. makes a request for \$624 to be used for t-shirts that say “Celebrate around the World” to sell at the Chili Cook Off and to be used for the rest of the year at \$13 per shirt and to be sold for \$20. There is an additional request of \$276 for food and beverages to back up the chili at the Cook Off. Total request of funds is \$900. Dreia M. shares that the order of the t-shirts has been discussed and well thought out.
- Steve C. calls a Point of Privilege as we have a motion on the floor, so we need to cease debate.
- There is some discussion about people liking a t-shirt to be specific to the Chili Cook Off. Ron D. offers that we can also promote the t-shirts at events like Change for Change.

- **Frank P. calls a vote. One opposed. Motion passes. Fifth Concept is given to Chris J. who explains how he and others have an attachment to collecting them year after year but expresses respect for the group vote.**

⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Alex S.- 949.520.9599
Report:

⇒ **Literature Committee** - Matthew M. - 714.585.1829

- Report: by Jose G. Sitting in for Mathew M.
Number of Sales: \$ 140.00
Request for Funds: \$ None

⇒ **Workshop Committee** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- Report: Nick B. informs there were two participants this past month and the next one will be on, March 18th at the same \$25 cost.

**Capo Beach Church: 25975 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624
Call Nick B. or Nolan O. 407-687-8656**

⇒ **Chip Committee** -Carlo P.- 714.587.1258

- Report:
Number of Sales: \$ 201.00
Request for Funds: \$ 215.00

- **Laura R. makes a motion to approve the request for funds for the Chip Committee. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Steve C. makes a motion to suspend the rules to move over agenda items not addressed to next month as we are out of time. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Steve C. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Agenda items to be moved to next month's GSO meeting:

⇒ DELEGATE	-Dan S.-	714.403.8326
⇒ DELEGATE	-Nolan O.-	407.687.8656
⇒ DELEGATE	-Steve C.-	714.330.0416
⇒ ALTERNATE	-Frankie A.-	714.487.3080
⇒ ALTERNATE	-Joshua B-	949.280.8511
⇒ ALTERNATE	-VACANT TBD-	

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**
1. Report back on fraudulent checks?

2. Event Insurance
3. Alternate Delegate elections
4. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C.

⇒ **New Business**

1. Any other New Business?