
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023

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

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

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

- Russell reads the traditions.

⇒ **Chairperson:** calls on an addict to report on Tradition 2.

- Doc E. reports on Tradition 2: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

⇒ **Chairperson:** calls on a Board Member/Delegate to give a report on the 2nd Concept

- Nick B. reports on Concept #2: "The C.A. Groups delegate to the World Service Conference the complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby make the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Fellowship."

⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 3rd Tradition for next month.

- Joshua B. volunteers to give a report on the 3rd Tradition next month.

⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 3rd Concept for next month.

- Melanie R.G. volunteers to give a report on the 3rd Concept next month.

⇒ **Chairperson**

- Coming up meeting of the Month (change for change) is **RETURNING 2023!**
 - Nolan mentions that he tried to get a hold of Eric did not get a response.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Nolan will get with Dreia to get this moving.**
 - Frank asserts that we need to get this started.

- ⇒ Sponsorship Ad hoc Committee: Laura R. comments that she has asked Paul Anderson from Oceanside who runs a great sponsorship workshop to come up and run it for us before a meeting and Laura will run it with him so we can learn from his format. Laura will invite people to learn how to be facilitators. Have not confirmed a date yet but hoping for end of February.
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for statement of purpose from committee chairs.

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 FEBRUARY SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS?

Carlo Pappano 2/24/20 and 2/19/22 ?

- ⇒ **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."
 - Before the roll is finished being called Steve C. requests Point of Order stating that the GSO needs to vote in any new GSR's before they can be counted in the roll.
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to approve all the new GSR's. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - New GSR's are welcome.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** reads **GSR Duties** for new 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:** finishes calling the roll and announces quorum. 23 Present/15 is quorum, we have quorum.
 - **Present:** Frank P., Nick B., Melanie R.G., Chris J., Steve C., Frankie A., Daniel S., Nolan O., Josh B., Dreia M., Carlo P., Mathew M., Ron D., Doc E., Jose Angel G., Rick F., Laura R., Kiley K., Evan L., Jose A., Art W., Jannik S., Frankie A. sitting in for Jason S.
 - **Absent:** Donovan B., Niko B., Rick F.
 - Melanie R.G. makes an announcement that we will be approving the minutes of the previous meeting at the GSO. They were sent through email and will be sent in a timelier fashion in the future so people can read them ahead of the meeting to save having to read them at the meeting and that any changes can be emailed to her.
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** entertains a motion to approve the minutes for the last GSO meeting.
 - **Frank P. makes a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded. Passes Unanimously.**

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

- Report: Reported previously in Donovan B.'s place.

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

- Report: Steve C. shares that they have been working diligently on creating an OCCA service manual. Steve C.: "We have begun the layout with a statement of purpose to explain step by step what the job of the GSR is. In summary the GSR is the backbone of CA in the inverted pyramid of service. The manual clarifies what your main purpose is, what you should do once you get elected and familiarize yourself with 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts and how to conduct yourself at the meeting. It is meant to be easy to understand."
- Matt is a new member and was approved to bring the perspective of a GSR and he helped to make it readable.
- Steve C. urges that we need writers and diverse perspectives. He mentions the committee is collaborative and encourages robust debate and in the end, everything made is the sum of the collective work.
- S&B has received many referrals and out of 10, 5 have been taken care of. There is a voting clarification for subcommittee chair, and the committee is still deciding whether they get a vote or not. Steve C. requests that if you have a strong opinion about that issue to please let him know. Steve C. mentions: "also, a question of a person like him who is the first to have held two Board positions at the same time. Should he get two votes? The answer was no because it is illegal in California and federal law."
- Steve C. mentions changing the Activities Sub-committee to Activities and Fundraising to have a better structure to generate funds. Please let us know if you want to be a part of that.
- Steve C. continues that they are outlining a procedure for acceptance of minutes, and it was approved by S&B as beneficial and further approved by the Executive Board. In addition, the final referral is concerning a conflict-of-interest policy to protect us toward the future.
- Matt A. member of the S&B committee mentions the creation of a section in S&B for Article Three, Section 9 regarding minutes, passed by the committee. Matt A. reads the proposed wording.
 - **Matt A. makes motion to accept the wording regarding the minutes in the S&B as presented. Seconded. Passes nearly unanimously.**
- Frank P. finds a text from Bart Grosse which describes Ray G.'s dedication to CA as his first love. All the documents will now go to the archives.

⇒ **Archivist's Report** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080

- Report: Frankie A. informs that we got 6 boxes of documents that represent Ray G.'s life work among them some World Service Board minutes back from 1989, 1988, 1987, and 1984. They will be scanned and sent to the CA digital museum.
- On Jan 27th there was a little bit of CA history hosted by Jennifer K. from Ontario, outreach chair for World Service. Frankie A. continues that there is a new publication coming out with the title "Recalling the early days of CA" which consists of 26 interviews with the early members and founders. "It is now with the trustees, and it will soon be on the floor for approval."
- On April 12, 1983, will be the birth of OCCA so Ups and Downs at the Fountain Valley Alano Club on the 13th is hosting a potluck and speaker meeting with guests Frank P. and Laurie F.
- Chris W. comments that we now have 99% of all documents coming together, a world class archive.
- Frank P. mentions Cameron has done a great job in archives and how important it is for people to turn things over to the archives so they can be useful to the fellowship. We need to let people know that there is a place for them to be.

- **ACTION ITEM: Frankie A. offers to spearhead the effort to make the event on April 13th at Ups and Downs an area wide event. Clarify**

- Frank P. passes over to Nick B. to do the Committee reports.
- Nick B. says that statement of purpose for the committees to be done before the committee's report and asks committee chairs to check out the S&B for your statements of purpose to be prepared next month.

⇒ **Group Meeting Relations Committee** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326

- Report: Dan S. made the rounds last month and found meetings to be complaint. He urges that people attend a different meeting a month to get to know the community and that World service delegates are on this committee and should be doing the work as well.

⇒ **Hotline Committee** - Jason S. - 818.263.3500

- Report: Frankie A. substitute

Number of Calls: 26 Average Duration: 3 minutes 11 seconds, longest 35 minutes 7 seconds

Caller Hung Up: None No Answer: None Voicemails: None

- Nolan O. notices there are no records in the minutes of Dan S. being voted in as GMRC.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to accept Dan S. as chair of GMRC. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** - Niko B. - 949.278.3784

- Report: Steve C. as S&B officer is also the member at large so he chaired the H&I meeting and a qualified vicechair, Tess was elected.
- Tess shared about the current panels.
- Steve offers her all the help and support H&I needs and encourages others to do the same.
- Request for funds is \$300 for books.

- **Motion by Tess for \$300 for literature. Seconded. Passes with substantial unanimity.**

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

- Report: Reads statement of purpose.

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

- Report: Joshua B. asks that if you notice anything that needs to be changed on the website, please let him know so he can fix it promptly.
- Chris W. mentions all GSO officers have not been updated.
- **ACTION ITEM: Chris W. will text Joshua B. regarding this.**

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

- Report: Kiley K. asks that she be sent flyers to post on Instagram and Facebook.

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

- Report: Frankie A. states CPC started two weeks ago, and two emails got sent out to two teachers for a health class. CPC stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community to inform the community that we are here to help.

Request for Funds: \$ None

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

- Report: Dreia M. reads the statement of purpose.
- Dreia M. mentions we oversee the “celebrate around the world” fundraiser and we are taking care of insurance for our events. He announces the Chili Cook Off on March 19th at Miles Square Park. Groups that want to enter cook off please reach out to Dreia M. contact is on the website and flyer. Unity needs more volunteers.

Request for funds: None at this moment.

⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Alex S.- 949.520.9599
 Report: Alex S. has not responded to communications with her.

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

- Report: Mathew M. states we bought 20 “Big Books”; we have 11 left. 6 “Hope, Faith, and Courage VII”, 6 “A Quiet Peace”, 6 “12&12”, and 13 “Twelve Step Companion Guides”.
- Mathew M. reports that “Hope, Faith and Courage Volume I” is being reprinted in 1,000 copies and suggest we order some at \$12.50 a piece.

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to open the floor for discussion of buying some of the Hope, Faith and Courage Volume I books. Seconded.**

- Discussion centers on ordering 20 at \$250 total and the vice treasurer states that is negligible on the accounts. There is no discount. It is suggested that they get pushed to sell at the meetings.

- **Steve C. makes a motion that we buy a case of 20 “Hope, Faith, and Courage Volume 1” for \$250. Seconded.**

- Discussion: Chris J. expresses concern that they are going to sit around and suggests making a flyer announcing the books and guiding people to buy them from World Service. Ron D. mentions that the special editions of “A Quiet Peace” are still in stock and suggests buying a partial case to see how it goes. Doc E. supports that since it is more of a collector’s item then that it is best to direct people to buy them. There is a comment that people learn about these books at meetings and thus the need to bring the books to them.

- **Art W. makes a motion to reconsider. Seconded. Motion passes.**

- Debate is reopened about this motion.

- **Dan S. make an amendment to make the number of books we order ten to the cost of \$140 with tax. Seconded. Motion passes.**

Number of Sales: \$ 225.00
 Request for Funds: \$ 125.00 towards AA

\$ 175.00 towards CA

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to approve \$300 in funds for literature. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Mathew M. inform us that he received a letter stating pamphlets are going to go from 35 Cents to 50 Cents and chips are going from 45 Cents to 60 Cents effective March 1st, 2023.

Ron D. suggests that we pay a royalty fee and print our own.

- **ACTION ITEM: Nick B. creates an ad hoc committee chaired by Ron D. to investigate this issue of printing on demand.**

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

- Report:

**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:

Amount of Sales: \$ 157.00
Request for Funds: \$ 180.00

- **Carlo P. makes a motion to change pricing for chips since the cost is going up to make a profit, to 70 Cents a chip. Seconded. 7 for, 12 against. Motion declined.**
- Debate: There is discussion on why we need to make money off chips considering that small meetings have a hard time affording them. There is a suggestion that we stock up now at the price of 45 Cents a chip. Carlo P. adds that once you add handling and tax to chips, we pay 52 Cents and explains the need to take into consideration that the new cost without making a profit will be 68 Cents.
- Nick B. asks if there is a fifth concept.
- Frank P. brings to our attention the many ways in which people are donating out of their pocket for things such as donuts or the gas to go pick up chips and that this should remain in mind should that person not be in that position in the future.
- **Carlo P. makes a new motion that takes the chip to 68 Cents without making a profit. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- **Carlo P. makes a motion to request funds for \$180 to buy chips for the March GSO meeting. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- **Steve C. moves to skip until new business to end meeting on time. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

Nick B. reads statement of purpose for 4th step workshop coming up February 15th with a cost of \$ 25 which covers breakfast and lunch and materials, please announce this at your meetings.

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

⇒ DELEGATE	-Dan S.-	714.403.8326
	Dan S. reports the conventions hotel is the Atlanta Marquee and overflow is the Hyatt.	
⇒ 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. Event Insurance
2. Alternate Delegate elections moved to February—tabled till March.
3. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C.

⇒ **New Business**

- Announcement regarding C.A. Area Convention – Chris W.
 - Chris W. informs unity of the valleys are two areas getting together the San Gabriel, Pomona, San Fernando Valley to put on a convention 14 months from now. He suggested the Hilton hotel in Costa Mesa and clarifies he is not promoting or representing the group; he is simply sharing his involvement. He wishes to have us consider having a convention here. Lives will be saved.
- **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$ 250 to World Service. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- Nolan O. shares that the Messenger meeting does a cook off every month and Laura R. says that it is already being announced area wide by other GSR's, in an intent to make it an area wide event, particularly in the summer.
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to approve the flyer to the Chili cook off. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
 - **Nick B. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passes Unanimously.**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.
- Upon adjournment, **Chairperson** calls for a moment of silent meditation and requests an individual to lead the GSO in a prayer of their choice.