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# OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

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JANUARY 7TH, 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**".
  - Steve C. reads the Twelve Traditions.
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** calls on an addict to report on Tradition 1
  - Dan S. reports on Tradition 1: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. unity."
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson:** calls on a a Board Member/Delegate to give a report on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Concept
  - Dreia M. reports on Concept #1: "The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for C.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tradition for next month.
  - Doc volunteers to report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tradition next month.
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept for next month.
  - Nick B. volunteers to report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Concept next month.
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson**
  - Coming up meeting of the Month (change for change) is **RETURNING 2023!**
  - Frank P. asks if someone will be heading that up.
  - Nolan O. responds that he and Eric might head it up.
  - Steve C. suggests that they check in with Dreia M. as chair of Unity and coordinate as Dreia M. will be happy to have them take over that event.

- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks about ad hoc sponsorship committee.
  - Laura R. responds that they are considering running for 30 min-1 hour duration for a session in meetings before meetings, it will be free and run by Laura and a male, so it is coed. Hopefully it will start next month, and they hope to try to hit one meeting a month educating on how to be a sponsor. It will be advertised with flyers.
  - Ron D. brings up the issue of meetings having rented space for a specific time needing to be taken into consideration.
  
- ⇒ **Chairperson** asks for statement of purpose from committee chairs.
  - **ACTION ITEM: Frank P. asks for all committee chairs to have their statement of purpose by February.**

**Remaining GSO Meeting 2023 Dates:**

Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Jun 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

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**ARE THERE ANY JANUARY SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS?**

- Ron D. January 19, 2003
- Dreia M. January 13, 2022
- Doc January 8, 2000
  
- ⇒ **Secretary:** called role and reminded 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:** announced that we have quorum. 19 Present, 13 is quorum.
  
- ⇒ **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:** No new meetings
  - New GSRs:** Matt from the Zoo
  
- \*Steve C. makes a motion to confirm Matt as a GSR for The Zoo. Seconded. Passed unanimously.\***
  
- ⇒ **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:** Requested any changes or updates to the Roll, Schedule, and Website.
- ⇒ **Parliamentarian:** Explains that we will be tightening up our procedures and once we learn Robert's Rules of Order things will flow more easily. He 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." If on Zoom put your hand up and I'll try to keep an eye on it.

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### BOARD OFFICER'S REPORTS

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- ⇒ **Chairperson's Report** - Frank P.- 714.514.4150
  - Report: Is honored to be of service. Explains the need for a parliamentarian so there are no disruptions or controversies and that you'll see it happen with learning Robert's rules. He shares that he has served as a trustee, the lowest position and is still a member, the highest position. He went with Frankie to archives to take Ray Gross' materials to the repository. Ray was Frank's sponsor. Frank spent some years building a business and a family and he came back because of his son, now in the program. He served from year 17-33 of his sobriety. He encourages members to volunteer and give back what was freely given to them and reminds us that service will save your life.
- ⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288
  - Report: Grateful to be here and mentions service is big part of his sobriety and offers assistance to people in the room.
- ⇒ **Secretary's Report** -Melanie R.G. - 714.675.2731
  - Report: Honored to serve and being "part of" is a huge part of recovery, please feel free to reach out to the email [areasecretaryocca@gmail.com](mailto:areasecretaryocca@gmail.com).
- ⇒ **Treasurer's Report** -Donovan B.- 949.910.0901
  - Report: Changed up the report to show what H&I is bringing in year to date and as of December H&I brought in \$146.

Previous Balance	<u>\$ 2,352.50</u>
Donations	<u>\$ 937.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$ 1,085.63</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 2,203.87</u>
  - Donovan B. asks what our prudent reserve should be and what we voted on?
  - Nick B. remembers we voted on \$6,000 with a plan to add \$500 per month if financially feasible and responsible to be done at the treasurer's discretion.
  - Steve C. confirms this.



- Dan S., Frankie A. and Josh reported no issues.

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

- Report:

Number of Calls: 14 Duration: average of 1.7 minutes and 8.24 minutes being the longest.

Caller Hung Up: 0 No Answer: 0 Voicemails: 0

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

- Report: 18 active facilities and 59 active panels.
- Nico B. invites people to join panels or being a panel leader.

Request for Funds: \$ None

**\*Steve C. makes a motion to elect Niko B. ask H&I Chair. Seconded. Passes unanimously.\***

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

- Report: CPC week is coming up and there are opportunities to participate mainly in outreach but also in PI events and activities.

⇒ **Webervant Subcommittee Report:** -Joshua B.-  
480.416.1129  
- Nothing to report.

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

- Kiley K. comments she does not get many flyers to post so she pulls things off the website, but they are only text and less attractive.

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

- On the third week of January, we reach out to professionals to let them know that CA is here to help.

Request for Funds: \$ None

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

- Report: Dreia states that she is planning out the chili cook off as it is a couple of months away and wants to consider its previous success. Now they are considering locations and would like people's input offline. They need volunteers. Dates under consideration are the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March.

No request for funds

⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Alex S.- 949.520.9599  
Report: Not present

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

- Number of Sales: \$ 115.00

Request for Funds: \$ 104.00

**\*Steve C. makes a motion to amend previous motion of the request to buy Big Books so that we end up with a total of 20 big Books giving \$104 additional dollars to Mathew to buy another ten books. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.\***

**ACTION ITEM: Mathew will investigate if we get a better price for buying a case.**

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

- Report: Nick reports we had a workshop in December with 3 attendees and explains that the \$25 cost covers supplies, breakfast and lunch and he can be contacted for questions. In response to Chris J. asking when registration must happen Nick responds that it need to be three days before the workshop to make all the preparations. He explains that the workshop runs on a slight deficit the goal being to break even. There is a prudent reserve of 100 dollars and if it runs out, he will reach out to people with 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations to keep workshop accessible.

**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: \$ 113.00  
Request for Funds: \$ None

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

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⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326

- Dan S. explains he has not much to report because he has needed personal time because of his wife's death. He will report back on the subcommittee he joined in the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Snow family.

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656

- Nolan O. states there is an H&I Committee World service meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. He joined the Lifeline Committee at word service and is also the chair for H&I for the area. He is compiling a list of people who are willing to help with Lifeline by stating their gender, whether they can sponsor, if they are willing to take calls, and give rides to people by meeting them at a detox center and/or treatment centers so they can connect with CA. Nola encouraged people to get on the list. There is also a list for panelists that Coleman had, and he asks to have people be added to that list if willing. Nolan also jumped on the Structure and Bylaws committee of World Service.

⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416

- Steve C. is on the World Service S&B committee and vice chair of the map subcommittee. Steve is tasked to go out to see if there can be an agreement on borders in the South Pacific. He has been working with some prominent members of the WSO and after 17 years of infighting they are finally making progress by using cooperative inter-area dialogue. The map is an important part of Unity. S&B committee is preparing for conference because there have been a lot of changes to the bylaws. We had our caucus last month; with some difficulty the agenda did get done and there is nothing relevant to the OC area.
- Frank P. asks why it is important to have boundaries. Steve C. responds that we are trying to get physical representation of what these areas look like to have clarity as to where they can expand and consolidate. He mentions they are working on an app that will tell you where you can find meetings according to your location anywhere in the world in addition to being an exercise in unity.

- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
- Frankie A. informs that he joined a member of the PI committee and there will be a summit next month for North America, for February 14-16 and Europe announced dates for March.
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Joshua B- 949.280.8511
- No report
- ⇒ **ALTERNATE** -VACANT TBD-

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BUSINESS

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⇒ **Old Business**

1. Event Insurance
  - Dreia still needs to get the list of activities from the bylaws to send to Donovan so he can email it to our insurance provider.
2. Alternate Delegate elections
  - Steve C. explains there are two nominations for alternate delegates being Alex and Laura. Since Alex is not present, we cannot vote on her nomination. Laura accepts the nomination. If we have funds available, we can pay \$500 to send Frankie as an alternate to provide them with floor experience. Laura confirms her sobriety time as 9 months 20 days, and Steve explained the time requirement was waived last meeting. Laura is excused. Discussion concludes the desire for her to have more experience.

**\*Frank P. calls the question for Laura to be voted alternate delegate. Does not pass.\***

- Steve C. encourages Laura to gain more experience and this body and to keep coming back.
3. GMRC Nominations
    - Steve C. nominates Dan S. for delegate.

**\*Frank makes a motion to have Dan S. be a delegate. Seconded. Passed nearly unanimously.\***

**\*Nick B. makes a motion to table more nominations to the February meeting. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.\***

⇒ **New Business**

1. Discuss Service: Frank P. encourages people to volunteer for positions, do things in the meeting, to be of service.
2. Donovan B. reports that he has received fake 20's and advice caution. Nico contributes that you can check for fakes by touching the edge which should turn to green at the bottom.
3. Robert's Rules Workshop (Parliamentarian) Steve C. announces a workshop at 8:30 AM on the day before the GSO on Robert's rules, basic motion, basic procedure, today he is leading from example, next meeting by correction.
4. Any other New Business?
  - Dan S. announces Women's Powder Puff meeting needs a new leader now that Christy Snow has passed, and they can move it to another time if wished.

**\*Steve C. motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed unanimously.\***

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Meeting adjourned at: 11:25 AM