
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 3RD, 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 the "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**".

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to report on Tradition 6.

- Dan S. reports on Tradition 6: "A C.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the C.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on an addict to give a report on the 6th Concept.

- Steve C. reports on Concept #6: On behalf of C.A. as a whole, our World Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the World Service Board of Cocaine Anonymous.

⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 7th Tradition for next month.

- Dreia M. volunteers.

⇒ **Chairperson** asks for an addict to give a report on the 7th Concept for next month.

- Tess M. volunteers.

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

Remaining GSO Meeting 2023 Dates:

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 JUNE SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS?

Melanie R.G. June 21st, 2021 & Dan S. June 1st, 1993

⇒ **Chairperson:** entertained 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** 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:** prepared to call roll 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:** called the roll and announced quorum.

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

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

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

- **Steve C. makes a motion to accept the minutes of the last GSO meeting. 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 P. reminds the GSO that it is their responsibility to come prepared to the meeting by reading the minutes and the agenda ahead of time.
- Frank P. requests an update on Meeting of the Month (Change for Change).
 - Nolan O. reports the next Change for Change event is at Starting Point, Thursday at 7:30 PM, and Evan from Huntington Beach will be speaking. There will be shirts for sale, opportunity drawing, and all proceeds are used to send the delegates to World Service.
 - Steve C. asks Nolan O. how much we have raised so far. Donovan B. adds it up to \$967.00 in donations.
 - Frank P. shares that when he was a trustee at the WSOB he encouraged them to operate on their own funds by talking to CA England and others that were not contributing and he is doing the same now at OCCA and as a result the treasury is healthy. Frank P. educates that as chair it is his duty to run CA by practicing fiscal responsibility.
- Update on Ad hoc committee for sponsorship. Laura R.

- Laura R. announces there will be another sponsorship workshop in July possibly at the "Paycheck" meeting. She adds that the workshop is both for sponsors and newcomers and it helps them be better informed on the topic of sponsorship.
- Steve C. tells Laura R. that S&B wants to extend an invitation to her for the next meeting to potentially put together some guidelines and structure for the sponsorship workshop. In response from a question by Doc E. Laura R. affirms that the progress and announcements of when the next sponsorship workshop will be brought to the GSO so that GSR's can announce it at their meetings.
- Frank P. requests an update on Ad hoc committee to investigate option of printing pamphlets on demand: Ron D.
 - Ron D. explains that he did some research and got information from World Service on the licensing agreement to print pamphlets. The quote is \$10 per meeting and since we have 18 meetings in person, we are looking at spending \$1,800 per year. Ron D. adds that he got quotes from different printing services and did the numbers in consultation with the Literature chair. Ron D. concludes that we are better off staying the way we are right now, and that this system of printing licenses was designed for the Europeans in mind to save on the cost of shipping. Ron D. says that it is possible to get a discount with our nonprofit status but currently we do not have a tax-exempt status. Ron D. gave Melanie R.G. and Frank P. a copy of the information regarding this issue.
 - Ron D. clarifies in response to a question from Dan S. that there is a charge simply for the licensing so we would be paying per pamphlet issue. Steve C. wants to clarify for this body that we would be spending more by using the licensing method than continue as we are now. Ron D. further explains the details and again Steve C. wants it to be more explicitly stated for everyone here if Ron D. does not recommend this at this time. Ron D. confirms that.
 - Frank P. thanks Ron D. for his careful research and for helping us make a sound financial decision on the issue of the pamphlets.
 - **Steve C. moves to enter this decision into the minutes to keep a record. Seconded. Passes Unanimously.**
- Frank P. mentions that it is nice having a parliamentarian to remind him of process and in keeping order and thanks Steve C.

⇒ **Vice-Chairperson's Report** -Nick B.- 949.382.9288

- Report: Nick B. has no report but expresses he is happy to see everything that is going on with the workshops, Change for Change, pamphlets, and so on.

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

- Report: Melanie R.G. informs that there was a conversation at the Executive Board because she wants a better assessment on how much printing we must do and assures we do not want to discourage members from getting things on paper as we all have different preferences on how we best work with information but that it's meant to just have a more accurate count. For this purpose, Melanie R.G. created a survey with five questions, and she will pass them around for people to fill out. The survey reads:
Agendas and minutes will continue to be sent via email ahead of the GSO. however, if you would also like to receive printed copies at the meeting, please indicate this below.
 1. Would you like to receive a printed copy of the Agenda at the GSO?
 2. Would you like to receive a printed copy of the Minutes at the GSO?
 3. The printed schedule will be updated monthly and posted as a link on the website. How many copies of the printed schedule would you like to have at the GSO to take back to your meetings?
 4. The Structures and By-laws instructs that GSR's should be a standing member of a committee. If you are a GSR, what committee are you a member of?
 5. If you are not currently a standing member of a committee, what committee are you interested in serving?
- Melanie R.G. makes a plug for the printed calendars as they are up to date, include events like Change for Change and other valuable information. She explains that Steve C. wanted to include questions 4 and 5 in the survey.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Melanie R.G. will follow up with those on Zoom or absent and email them the survey.**
- Melanie R.G. clarifies that any updates done today on the master calendar will be represented on the copies for next month. There is an error in that Ups and Downs is listed on two different days.

- Dan S. confirms he is still doing all the noontime meetings and that the only one he took out was the "Women's Powder Puff" meeting as it was Christy S. who was running that and that her sponsor might take over but until then we will leave it out of the listing.

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

- Report: Donovan B. explains that there was a typo in the contribution of "Not in Vein" and he will make the correction.

Previous Balance	\$ 2,385.19
Donations	\$ 3,120.06
Disbursements	\$ 2,176.61
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Ending Balance	\$ 3,329.08
Prudent Reserve	\$6183.00

- Frank P. asks why our printing expense is high this month and Donovan B. responds it is all the printing for last month including H&I.
- **Treasurer:** asks for 7th tradition donations.
 - OCCA Venmo ID: @Donovan-Block (714-713-8280)

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

- Report: No report.

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

- Report: Steve C. explains that he is reporting for the executive board regarding the "Dramatic Addicts" meeting. The Executive Board, after lengthy discussion wants to recommend that the GSO vote to remove their accreditation given that they are in violation of the S&B and have not sent a representative to the GSO in six months.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to remove "Dramatic Addict's" from the directory. Seconded.**

- Steve C. speaks in favor of the motion by explaining that we adopted the S&B by unanimous consent, and they are not in compliance. He adds that they have had no representation at the GSO all year. Additionally, there is concern that they do not post their address and you must call which can be a little iffy regarding the traditions.
- Dan S. speaks in favor and explains he spoke to Laurie, who oversees the meeting, and told her the importance of the GSR. He messaged her this morning, but he did not get a response regarding sending a GSR. He understands the need to keep the location from being public and he thinks that perhaps they should be a closed meeting rather than a closed meeting. Although CA doesn't have a closed meeting, we could.
- Ron D. asks what we define as a closed or open meeting. Steve C. responds that according to AA a closed meeting is limited to members and allows for no observers and adds that it's not that we think they would be gatekeeping but there is the potential for problems, and they should be above reproach.
- Frank P. asks for a vote.

- **Motion passes unanimously.**

- Matt, vicechair of S&B reports that they are making steady progress addressing all the referrals they have received and are chipping away at the service manual.

- **Matt makes a motion to change the name of the GMRC (Group Meeting Relations Committee) to GRC (Group Relations Committee). Seconded.**

- Dan S. says that he relies on the GSR's to know what is going on and since we are a small area he wonders if a committee is necessary or if we just need a representative. Steve C. responds that this committee is made up of all

the delegates and explains that although it's a committee it is an advisory one as written in the bylaws and thus the only authority they have is to observe and report and make recommendations and thus it is vital to OCCA to make sure meetings are doing well. Steve C. explains that with "Dramatic Addicts" we gave them six months and commends Dan S. for really trying to help them succeed in a spirit of community and compassion. Dan S. does add that the location of "Dramatic Addict's" does change because it might rotate from one home to another.

- Steve C. reads the part of the S&B that pertains to the process to make changes to the bylaws.
- Frank P. reiterates that delegates and alternate delegates benefit from doing the rounds to visit various meetings.
- Frank P. calls for a vote on the motion on the floor.

- **Motion passes unanimously.**

- Steve C. requests that the secretary bold and highlight this in the minutes as it is a significant motion.

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

- Report: No report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

⇒ Address statement of purpose as you give your report.

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

- Report: Dan S. informs that the women's meeting "Powder Puffs" has not been happening since Christy passed and thus, he is recommending that it be removed from the schedule and if Christy's sponsor frees up some time in the near future then she might start it up again. He adds that the "First Friday Night" meeting is doing better and states that if your meeting is struggling you must pound the pavement. Dan S. attended the meeting "The Zoo" and saw that they are doing better financially. They are having a problem with vaping and smoking and that we must preserve out locations so that if someone comes back, they will know where to find it. Dan S. encourages people to attend a new meeting at least once and participate in other people's recovery.
- Doc E. shares that he has attended closed AA meetings and when people identify as addicts, they give out information for them to be referred to CA and endorse CA. This is an excellent way to get people to our fellowship and encourages members to help in this way.

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

- Report: Jason S. reports that calls are down.

Number of Calls: 11 Duration: the average was 2 minutes and 25 seconds and longest was 13 minutes and 58 seconds. No Voicemails.

- Laura R. asks how much time you must have to volunteer to answer the hotline. The answer is nine months.
- Mathew M. asks how he can get CA business cards. Steve C. contributes that Vista Print is inexpensive for an introductory order.
- Frank P. says that he answered 6 of those 11 calls. Jason S. says he has never seen such a low month and speculates it could be because people know where their meetings are.

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

- Report: Tess M. reports that the committee is doing well, and that Melanie R.G. and her are taking on a panel into an adolescent treatment center, and we are filling that roster. It is in Orange and Tess M. requests that if anyone has an interest to please let her know and adds this facility is requiring that anyone going into the facility have at least six months of sobriety, phones or vapes are not allowed and other things that are like what is in our H&I guidelines. Tess M. states that there are many panels that still need speakers and/or leaders. She feels H&I is receiving a lot of support.
- Tess M. continues that we have Nolan O. helping to create a Unity event from H&I.

- **Tess M. makes a motion to request \$250 for mini big books and pamphlets. Seconded. Motion passes.**

- Frank P. thanks H&I and everyone involved with the committee.

⇒ **Public Information Committee**

- Joshua B.-

480.416.1129

- Report: Frankie A. is subbing in for Joshua B. He states that on June 24th PI will have a booth at a recovery festival and it will cost us only \$50. Frankie A. requests funds to resupply us of cards and pens. The business cards are eight cents each and if we order 1,000, they come out to six cents each. Donovan B. suggests that Chris W. can get them donated by an anonymous donor. Frankie A. explains that he has asked Chris W. and he got them at Vista Print. Steve C. believes that asking them from the anonymous donor bumps up against our tradition of being self-sufficient. Frankie wants to make 100 pens for \$1.27 each.
- Steve C. provides parliamentary advise to make a separate request for funds for each item.

- **Frankie A. makes a motion to have a booth at the festival for one whole day for \$50. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- **Frankie A. makes a motion to request \$127 for 100 pens with our logo. Seconded.**

- Nick B. says the pens did not have logos on the past design. Jason S. asked if getting less than 100 pens lowers the cost. Frankie A. does not believe so. Frankie A. explains that he is asking for 100 pens because that is what Nick B. ordered 2 years ago when he was the PI Chair and they have lasted till now.
- Donovan B. states that he sees us spending \$177 for booth and pens and we will not be making any money. Steve C. believes that we are spending the money, but it is addressing our primary mission and adds, in the tradition of Ray G. that if one life is saved it is all worth it. Dan S. opines that he doesn't really know that pens are effective in spreading the message as people don't often read the pen. Donovan B. agrees. Melanie R.G. expresses that for now she is against because she feels we are operating in a data vacuum as we have no real way to know if they are effective or not and simply going by personal opinions. She is all for the business cards. Melanie R.G. wants to make a friendly amendment that we gather some data on their success. Steve C. makes a parliamentary insert and says Melanie R.G. cannot make a friendly amendment to a motion that has already passed and explains she can make one of two motions; to reconsider since she was in the minority or make a motion to amend the previous motion.

- **Melanie R.G. makes a motion to amend the previous motion.**

- Steve C. explains that if it gets seconded it needs a two third majority because it has already passed. Steve C. seconds the motion. The motion is to get an ROI. Jason S. asks if Melanie R.G. has ideas on how to measure the ROI. Melanie R.G. does not, she would need to think about it. Jason S. says that he does not see a way to get data other than setting up a new phone number for these pens to track the calls and he thinks this is overkill. Steve C. says it is hard to track and he recommends making an ad hoc committee working in tandem with the secretary that proposed this and Hotline who can see the phone numbers but warns that would get very complicated and would take time and effort. He is willing to put a motion to do that. Trevor states that we can ask people when they call where they got the number from in a brief survey. Melanie R.G. agrees with that idea as it would give us information on how people are hearing about our Hotline.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to limit debate. Seconded.**

- Nolan O. speaks in favor of giving out the pens, explains PI doesn't ask for funds often and if after June 21st if the Hotline spikes we will know if it works.
- The amendment as stated by Melanie R.G. is repeated. Jason S. opines that the motion is vague. Steve C. objects to consideration of the motion because he believes the motion is ridiculous as it is written, no offense, and has no merit or value and wants to take an immediate vote to even consider the motion. Dan S. says there is no structure to the amendment, there is nothing there. Frank P. clarifies that Melanie R.G. heard what Jason S. said and she agrees, and she also agrees with Nolan O. that they will know if the calls spike and that that is why the motion appears vague.
- Melanie R.G. restates the motion to read that we ask people when they call the Hotline number where they got the number. Steve C. makes a motion to refer this to the Hotline Committee. Jason S. objects because it should also go to website to see our analytics. Steve C. says Jason S. can refer it to them when he is done.

- **Frankie A. makes a motion to request funds for \$64 for 1,000 business cards.**

Seconded. Motion Passes.

- Tess M. asks Frankie A. to change the website because H&I Chair is still listed under Niko B. and now Tess M. is chair and Liz is vicechair.

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

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

⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
- Report: No report.

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

- Report: Dreia M. reports that T-shirts are in at the price of \$20 and will be available for the rest of the year, in case you missed Change for Change.
- Request for funds: None.
- Steve C. tells Dreia that he wants her to be at the next S&B meeting and to let him know when the next Unity Committee meeting will take place.

⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
Report:

- Nolan O. reports that he is working on doing an H&I event at the beach since it is free and will be asking for funds next month. He explains it is an event done previously on Zoom and now it will happen quarterly with a cookout, games and two speakers who will draw cards to determine topics. He will present the Board with a flyer for approval at mid-month. Nolan O. is also working on a comedy night like the one that was held last year at the Fountain Valley Alano Club but in a bigger facility with a small entrance fee.
- Nolan O. states that Activities is looking for volunteers and asks that GSR make that announcement at their meetings. Nolan O. is grateful to Joshua B. and others who have helped with Change for Change. Dan S. knows a comedian and a good facility that can hold up to 200 people. Doc E. says they just built an event center that is very cheap for nonprofits, and it is large and in Costa Mesa. Nolan O. says they will be using that venue for "Unity of the Valley" event.

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

- Report: Mathew M. reports that \$ 347.00 in literature were sold today and that he needs some funds to replenish ten "Hope, Faith and Courage Books", ten "A Quiet Peace", twelve "12 and 12" books, and some pamphlets.

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to request \$420 to replenish the supply. Seconded. Motion passes.**

- Mathew M. explains that the prices will be going up.

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to have a group conscience to agree to put price of the Big Books at \$13 and the "12 and 12" at \$11. Seconded.**

- Doc E. opposes this in the grounds that we should sell them at cost. Donovan B. agrees with Doc E. Nolan O. agrees with Doc E as well.

- **Dan S. makes a motion to reconsider as he thinks we should not be making money on these. Steve C. seconds as part of the majority opinion.**

- Dreia M. asks for clarification on the cost with taxes because it is different by county and thinks that if we request the bump, we are asking basically to cover tax. Steve C. makes a parliamentary interjection and explains that we reconsider this motion because right now the motion is a yes or no and asks if we want to reconsider the previous motion or not.

Chris J. asks Mathew M. that when he makes a motion that he include the tax.

Mathew M. informs that he was told at central office that if we get a tax id where we don't pay tax but it would be resell.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to sell the books at cost. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **Workshop Committee**

-Nick B.-

949.382.9288

- Report: Nick B. reports that last month he had 3 people attend the workshop and one signed up for June 17th. \$25 is the cost to pay for printing and food. Cut off to sign up is June 14th and the reason for the cut off is because he needs to know how to prepare as in May people said they would pay at the workshop and only half of them showed up and the food cost was lost. Ryan S. has been helping him facilitate it.

**Capo Beach Church: 25976 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624
Call Nick B. 949.382.9288**

⇒ **Chip Committee**

-Carlo P.-

714.587.1258

- Report:

Amount of Sales:	\$ 181.00
Request for Funds:	\$ 220.00
- Carlo P. explains that if we go over \$200 we get a discount and that he also needs funds for July 2022 because of some confusion with the payment.
 - **Carlo P. makes a motion to request funds in the amount of \$460. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**
- There is a discussion about putting a stop payment to the check and Donovan B. explains that we do not have to as it would only be good for six months.
- Carlo P. says they have a new chip supplier and will have English language chips.
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to table the rest of the agenda for the next month. Seconded. Motion Passes.**
 - **Chris J. makes a motion to donate \$500 to world service. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - **Steve C. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion Passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.