
OCCA REGULAR GSO MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6TH, 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 5.

- Doc E. reports on Tradition 5: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the addict who still suffers."

⇒ **Chairperson:** called on a Board Member/Delegate to give a report on the 5th Concept.

- Steve C. reports on Concept #5: Throughout our World Service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 6th Tradition for next month.

- Dan S. volunteered.

⇒ **Chairperson** asked for an addict to give a report on the 6th Concept for next month.

- Steve C. volunteered.

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

Remaining GSO Meeting 2023 Dates:

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 MAY SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS?

Frank P.: May 5th, 1989

Matt M.: May 26th, 2022

Rick G. May 10th, 2017

- **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:

New GSRs: The Zoo has an alternate GSR Anthony P.

- **Steve C. motions to approve the GSR's and alternate GSR's presented to vote at this meeting. Seconded. Motion Passes.**

⇒ **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.

- Frank P. mentions that as an alternate GSR Anthony P. can vote as a proxy member and commends him on his participation in the fellowship and for his interest in convention planning.

⇒ **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., Steve C., Frankie A., Dan S., Nolan O., Dreia M., Carlo P., Mathew M., Tess M., Ron D., Doc E., Angel G., Matt A., Laura R., Kiley K., and Jason S.

Absent: Joshua B., Riley M., Evan L., Jose A., Art W., Russell, Stacy, and Jannik S.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to affirm the GSR from "Not in Vein" Nick to fulfill his duty. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

- Secretary announces that 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 approve the minutes of the last GSO meeting. Seconded. Motion Passes.**

⇒ **Parliamentarian: Steve C.** states that he is glad that we have an alternate GSR and reminds the GSR's to please take back to your meeting the importance of having an alternate GSR since they can represent you at this meeting, your meeting keeps their vote and in the spirit of rotation it trains the future GSR.

- Steve C. 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 GSO members of the responsibility to come prepared to the meeting by reading the minutes and agenda ahead of time.
- Frank P. invokes article 6, section 6, subsection 6 of the S&B manual.
- Steve C. reads that article and explains that the reason the board has invoked this last subsection is because upon the departure of the last H&I Chair, S&B stepped in to revamp that committee which is now thriving and after providing this kind of support to this committee we will offer our help to any other struggling committees. At this moment it is decided that the Unity Committee is in such need. Steve C. adds that if any other committee would like the same support, S&B would be glad to provide it as they have an excellent recruiting team. He adds that Laura R., Tess M., and Anthony P. have done great work in this regard.
- Frank P. asks for an update on Meeting of the Month (Change for Change).
 - Nolan O. announces the next one is scheduled to take place at the next "Ups and Downs" meeting starting at 7:30.
- Frank P. requests an update on the Ad hoc committee for sponsorship from Laura R.
 - Laura R. reports that we had great turnout for our first sponsorship workshop and received very positive feedback. She adds that you need not already be a sponsor to attend. It was completely free and the next one will be in about 8 weeks with the goal of doing them quarterly. Laura R. intends to bring back the same leader for the next one, who is Earl H. from Oceanside. She will bring back more information to the GSO.
- **Steve C. makes a motion to have this body make a referral to S&B to allow them to create guidelines and structures to be added to the S&B manual for the official creation of the sponsorship workshop committee. Seconded.**
- Debate:
 - Donovan B. asks if it is the first time, we do this workshop. Laura R. responds that the facilitator Earl H. has done this many times, he has a complete curriculum and

it's very structured and organized. Donovan B. opines that we table including it into S&B until a further report.

- Steve C. states that the S&B allows for a referral that will explore its viability but the body of the GSO needs to approve it. What his motion does is allow S&B to look into its viability. It then is presented to the Board and consequently to the GSO for a vote to authorize it to be added to the bylaws.

- **Motion restated. Seconded. Passes Unanimously.**

- Frank P. expresses appreciation for all the help he has received in celebrating his 34 birthday and shares that in a conversation with Randy recently he realized that when people see that you are at a meeting after such a long time, they respect this and it has an impact on others. Frank P. shared his experience, strength, and hope at the "Back to Basic" meeting. Frank P. attributes that he has reached the age of 75 thanks to Cocaine Anonymous. He expresses that it is great fun to be involved with all that is happening at CA, and he is pleased to see young people getting involved.
- Frank P. requests an update on Ad hoc committee to investigate option of printing pamphlets on demand from Ron D.
 - Ron D. is actively working on this but has run into some major challenges getting a response from WSO as he has tried relentlessly. There is a conversation of contacting some people higher up.

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

- Report: No Report.

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

- Report: Melanie R.G. explains the new printed meeting schedule with the updates, including the contact numbers for CA in other areas in California. It will be posted on the website as a link and a QR code will be created for it as well. Melanie R.G. continues that we will be conducting a survey to know how many agendas, minutes and schedule people will want to have printed to get a more accurate count and save on printing costs.
- Ron D. asks if we will have schedules for H&I without our phone numbers because we are not supposed to give out our personal information. Melanie R.G. says she can make such a version. Donovan B. believes we might not need to make too many copies as the QR code will give access to everyone on their phones. He adds that our phone numbers are public anyway because they are online. Dan S. comments that it could be a good thing to leave some printed schedules in treatment centers as people are likely to see them if they are around and that that is a great way to spread the message.

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

- Report:

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| Previous Balance | \$ 899.39 |
| Donations | \$ 2,517.55 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>\$ 1,031.75</u> |
| Ending Balance | \$ 2,385.19 |

- Ron D. asks about how much it will cost to send delegates to conference and if we need a larger amount. Frank P. responds that we have in reserve \$ 6,001.83 for the delegates to travel.
- **Treasurer:** asks for 7th tradition donations.
 - OCCA Venmo ID: @Donovan-Block (714-713-8280)

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

- No Report.
- Chris J. explains that we have made new banners that are specific for CA with our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. They are used on Tuesday, Thursday and at the GSO meeting. He asks for a partial reimbursement for \$120 from the GSO. He also did print our treasurer's copy and also for literature with the corrections, 100 copies of each for a cost \$85. The total request is for \$205.46.

- **Melanie R.G. makes a motion to reimburse Chris J. for this.**

- Steve C. asks a clarifying question regarding if the cost was split three ways and that Chris J. is only asking for one third. Chris J. responds that that is the case.

- **Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

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

- Report: Vicechair, Matt A. reports that they have been working on the service manuals that describe the duties and responsibilities of service positions and will be helpful for people assuming a new position. The committee will meet again on May 15th in person at Steve C.'s home and all are invited to join.

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

- Report: Frankie A. reports that on April 12th and 13th CA celebrated its 40th anniversary and thank you to Frank P. for inviting some of the original members of CA. They shared what it was liked and what happened and what their lives are like now. Cameron P. who is archive chair for World Service blessed us in one of the meetings with information from Ray Grosse and Jason Segal.
- Frankie A. adds that this past Wednesday Chris W. did a two-hour interview with Laura P. where she told her story in detail.
- Frank P. thanks Frankie A. for helping and mentions that many people did not know what Ray Grosse looked like and that was put up there as well.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

- Report: Dan S. informs us the meetings have been doing well with only an issue about a person that has been disruptive and thus he made a call to that individual. He will start making the rounds again this month.
- Matt A. from "The Zoo" explains that this meeting is having trouble getting funds and is barely getting by as most people who attend are in treatment and the rent is very high in

the church. However, it is important to have this meeting as it is the only meeting in San Clemente. He adds they don't currently need any funds.

- Nick B. comments that it might be good to bring up this matter at new business because the GMRC is like the "police of CA" and this is not a GMRC issue. He adds that the wellbeing of the meeting could be threatened without funding, but it is not in GMRC's jurisdiction. Dan S. recommends passing the basket twice and offers to help in finding another meeting place if needed. Steve C. states that according to S&B's the GMRC is an appropriate place to bring that up as the GMRC is in the position to advise all groups including providing materials and explains to Dan S. that if he has a meeting asking for help, he can offer advice and help.
- Frank P. brings up the issue that we do not have representation from "Dramatic Addicts". Melanie R.G. explains that she called Stacy who came to the GSO via Zoom last month as a stand in. Dan S. explains that he did talk to that meeting and quite a few people were sick and unable to attend. The possible candidates for a GSR are busy on Saturdays so they are having trouble finding a GSR. He adds that the address is not published because it is in a private home. Steve C. explains that a meeting is free by the traditions to conduct their meetings as they wish, they only need to have a GSR if they want to be included in the directory however it is in violation of S&B to not be attending the GSO and it also is a violation of our group conscious. Steve C. recommends pulling them from the directory.

- **ACTION ITEM: Dan S. will make a phone call to the group to request they're presence at the GSO.**

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

- Report: Jason S. mentions that we are down a little in the number of calls received.

Number of Calls: 25 Duration: 1 minute 11 seconds as the average with 5 minutes 40 seconds being the longest.

He mentions a couple of people were added to the roster.

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

- Report: Tess M. reports that things are going well as they have followed up with all the panel leaders. There are a few more panels that are looking for speakers and leaders and there are two new panels. There is now a H&I WhatsApp chat and if GSR's wish to be added they will do so.

- **Tess wants to request for funding of \$ 150 for little big books to take to the panels. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

- Chris J. asks if there is a new vice chair. Tess M. exclaims that yes, Liz is our new vicechair and she is looking forward to working with her.
- Frank congratulates Tess M., Liz, and Anthony P. for being very involved in service.

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

- Report: Joshua B. is absent.

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

- ⇒ **Social Media Subcommittee Report:** -Kiley K.- 714.925.1520
- Report: No report.
 - Dan S. asks mentions that his "First Friday" meeting is struggling and asks how to post. Kiley K. clarifies that it is up on the Facebook page and once posted there it automatically posts on Instagram. Frank P. makes the same request for the "Clean and Serene" meeting and "Keep it Simple".
 - Steve C. asks Kiley K. how her subcommittee is going and if we can we support her right now. Kiley K. responds that she doesn't get a lot of flyers, that Chris W. sends her a lot of area posters. She adds that we do not have the ability to "promote" ourselves because we get flagged for the word "cocaine" and we are out of appeals. Kiley K. says the only way we can do is by making a whole new page which might not be a big deal as we have only 300 followers both on Facebook and Instagram.

- **Steve C. makes a motion to explore making new media accounts for the two platforms with an ability to boost. Seconded.**

- Steve C. speaks to his motion because he believes the boost is so important for social media, and considers the cost to be for a good cause.
- Nick B. explains that some time back he and Shawn researched this and found the cost to be very reasonable and that by simply deciding on an amount to spend we can get results.

- **One abstention. Motion passes.**

- ⇒ **CPC Subcommittee Report:** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
- Report: No report for CPC.
 - Frankie A. reports, however, that for PI, through May 1-7 we are doing a poster blitz for all of PI called Color the World. (Happening now.)
 - Steve C. inquires if he is getting the support he needs form the chair of his main committee and if there anything we can offer or do for the subcommittee to help. Frankie A. responds that there is not currently any need.

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

- Report: No report but activities are coming down the pike.

- ⇒ **Activities Subcommittee** - Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
- Report: Nolan O. informs that "Change for Change" is going well averaging \$200-\$300 a meeting and that we have raised \$837 so far. There have been 5 meetings with 10 more to go. Nolan O. shares that we sold all the shirts and that he wants to order more.

- **Nolan O. makes a motion to requesting \$265 for more T-shirts. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

Nolan O. says that the next one will be at the Fountain Valley Alano Club and thanks the guys and girls that have been rolling with him to all the events.

- Steve C. asks Nolan O. if there is anything S&B can help him with.
- Frank P. appreciates Nolan O. for all his help in doing this.
- Donovan B. explains that \$527 has been donated by "Change for Change" and Dreia M. just donated \$620 from the shirt sales. Dreia M. explains that the shirts are of good quality, and they do raise money.
- Donovan B. and Frank P. express thanks for all their good work.

⇒ **Literature Committee**

- Matthew M. -

714.585.1829

- Report:

Number of Sales: \$ 255.00

Mathew M. explains that they ran out of 12 & 12's and Big Books and that they have gone up in price to \$12. We do have Companion Guides and Pamphlets.

- **Mathew M. makes a motion to get 10 of the 12&12 and Big Books for now at \$252. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Dan S. suggests that if you are a GSR of a meeting and don't have a Companion Guide you should have one.

⇒ **Workshop Committee**

-Nick B.-

949.382.9288

- Report: Nick B. states the workshop is going well with 3 attendees in April and 3 signed up for this month. The workshop will be on May 20. They are breaking even. He shares that he enjoys doing it. Ryan S. is helping facilitate the workshop this time. Donovan B. shares that he sends his guys there and gets great feedback.

**Capo Beach Church: 25976 Domingo Ave, Dana Point, CA 92624
Call Nick B. (main contact) or Nolan O. 407-687-8656**

⇒ **Chip Committee**

-Carlo P.-

714.587.1258

- Report:

Amount of Sales: \$ 413.00

Request for Funds: \$ 420.00

- Carlo P. reports that he is having trouble finding chips and that we often get them in other languages. Of difficulty are the French chips because, of course, when they spell the number out it becomes very confusing. If he must get the foreign ones, he will select those that have the numerals on them. Carlo P. wants to put to the group that as a policy that the chips have numbers on them. The only consequence is that we might sometimes be out of chips but that happens mostly with the higher numbers. Carlo P. explains the shortage started during Covid.
- There is discussion about the committee itself to have the discretion to make that decision.
- Nick B. believes this vote is not a committee decision because it will affect all meetings in the area. Steve C. asks what the impact will be if the decision doesn't get made. Carlo P. explains that they might be out of one or two of the higher numbers. Steve C. speaks

in favor of the motion since the impact is minimum. Dan S. speaks in favor of the motion and thinks it's cool to have a memorable chip in a different language.

- **Carlo P. makes a motion to have a policy that he will only get chips in a foreign language if they have the numeral and not the number in words.
Seconded. Motion Passes.**

- Frank P. thanks Carlo P. for his service, for the donuts and the coffee.

WORLD SERVICE DELEGATES

- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Dan S.- 714.403.8326
- Dan S. states that he missed his committee meeting at area but has been keeping up and all is well there. There will be a launch for the Amsterdam convention at the Atlantic convention as well as an opportunity drawing for rooms. Dan S. will be attending the World Service convention at the end of the month. He will be part of the "Serenity Keepers" group. He has kept himself involved locally and attended the Chili-Cook Off last weekend, Change for Change at this meeting, and the Chili Cook-Off in the West Inland Empire where he met our trustee. He also headed up to "Who wants to be a crackhead" event in Simi Valley and there is talk of doing an event down here for their convention which will be in Orange County on St. Patrick's Day weekend next year and encourages people to be of service for that event. Dan S. shares that he was nominated to be the "Serenity Keepers" chair and he is trying to stay involved in outside areas and encourages people to find out what is happening in our neighboring areas and building community to get outside yourself and experience the fellowship in a wider area.
 - Steve C. explains that we have lost people during the meeting so the only motion we can pass is a motion to adjourn.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Nolan O.- 407.687.8656
- Nolan O. explains that the committee he sits on at World Service is not very active, they cancel their meeting calls often. He is on the Lifeline committee and the H&I committee and hopes to jump into the Concepts as it is the suggestion of this commitment. His next meeting with his world service commitment is next Saturday where they are updating the introduction letters for treatment centers. He is looking forward to going to the convention.
 - Frank P. thanks Nolan O. for his service as a delegate and for his efforts in the Change for Change events.
 - Steve C. explains that with Melanie R.G. we were trying to calculate if we still have a quorum since several people have dropped off the meeting meaning we cannot pass motions and asks people to stay.
 - Melanie R.G. advises that we do have quorum.
- ⇒ **DELEGATE** -Steve C.- 714.330.0416

- Steve C. reports that he is the vicechair of the mapping subcommittee of the S&B and they have put together almost every single response for the Pacific South Region which is the only hold out region for the mapping committee. He adds that they intend to pass a compromise and if it does not work they will try to move it forward forcefully. Because of his work on that committee, he was nominated for chair of S&B committee for World Service, with the vote taking place in August. If he is elected, he might have to step down from some of his commitments in the area. Now S&B is putting forward a proposal to make a change to Tradition 11. They will be polling all the groups by asking area chair for every single area around the world and the groups will vote for or against the change. Steve C. explains the change will include "all public media" to cover any mediums that would show up in the future.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Frankie A.- 714.487.3080
 • Frankie A. has no report.

⇒ **ALTERNATE** -Joshua B- 949.280.8511

BUSINESS

⇒ **Old Business**

1. Tax Status: Donovan B. explains that we will have to reapply for our tax-exempt status.
2. Robert's Rules Workshop –Steve C. encourages all to reach out to him if you would like to learn more about Robert's Rules of order and better understand how business is conducted at this meeting.

- **Donovan B. makes a motion that we donate \$500 to CAWS. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

⇒ **New Business**

1. Frank P. explains that regarding our new storage area there will be an added \$4 because they changed insurance. However, he checked with them, and they will not pass the cost to us.

⇒ **Chairperson** entertained a motion to Adjourn.

- **Chris J. makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passes unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.